

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**February 25, 2020**  
**Duvall, WA 98019**  
**Educational Service Center – Board Room**

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Ms. Lori Oviatt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher (via Zoom)  
Student Representatives: Cedric Nagata, Sierra Owens

**RIVERVIEW LEARNING CENTER STUDENT PRESENTATION**

John Bomar, Principal of the Riverview Learning Center, introduced CLIP (Contracted Learning for Individual Pacing) students, who came to talk about the importance of the CLIP Program. Dana Koukol, CLIP Teacher, had the students introduce themselves. Amelia Shockley, senior, said the program is important to her because last year as a junior at CLIP, she was able to pass 10 credits, when you usually only have 6 credits. Because of this, she is able to graduate early. Raina Vazquez, junior, is in her third year in the CLIP Program and it has offered students lots of opportunities and options to finish their schooling at their own pace. Everyone is so open to new students. Andrew Mathis, junior, said you get more one-on-one time with the teacher and individual help. There is more support and help in general. Andrew has been in online classes for middle school and just prefers smaller classes and less people. Raina struggled through middle school and had difficulty asking for help. Now it is easier to ask for help. Amelia suffers from major anxiety and had problems grasping the information and couldn't concentrate in a normal setting. This gives her and others a safe place and support so you can be successful in a smaller setting. I formed families with the other students and the teachers are like our parents. That creates bonding, normal arguing, and that needs to be in many more classrooms. Raina said everyone knows everyone, so you can't stay mad at each other too long. Andrew commented that had had trouble making friends at first, because he didn't interact much in middle school. It was hard not having friends, so it brings you all together. Ms. Koukol said the Class of 2020 will be the largest CLIP graduating class for Riverview.

Ms. Oviatt thanked the students for sharing their personal stories.

**COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

**Board Communications**

Student Representation Sierra Owens said she and Student Representative Cedric Nagata were invited back to Olympia by Representative Lisa Callan to try to pass a bill. This bill would require all schools around the state to have the Crisis Clinic phone number on their ID cards. Sierra said it was a super cool opportunity and Cedarcrest students have been congratulating them. Ms. Oviatt played the video from their presentation. Representative Callan showed them down on the floor and how they vote, etc. Sierra is getting ready for spring sports and playing baseball, while she has been busy with FFA Week.

## **Board Communications (Continued)**

Mrs. Parnell attended the Board Leadership meeting on Thursday with Ms. Oviatt and Dr. Smith.

Ms. Fletcher said she was home last Tuesday and is now out of town. She said on Friday night she was at the Grand Ole Opry and Austin Jenckes, former Cedarcrest graduate, was performing. It was so unreal!

Mr. Edwards is continuing to attend weekly meeting calls and will cover that during the Legislative Report.

Student Representative Cedric Nagata said they showed up at 8:00 AM to testify before the Legislature but did not actually get to speak until 9:20 AM. It was great to be able to have the experience and it was really great to represent a bill like that. He is honored that Danny Edwards and Logan chose them to talk. He is busy working on Cedarcrest High School March Magnanimous' 3-on-1 basketball game and participating in a Robotics competition at Glacier Peak.

Ms. Bechtel took some time off to celebrate her 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with her husband in Las Vegas.

Ms. Oviatt reported that Ms. Van Noy is excused from tonight's meeting and we hope all goes well with her husband. Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell met with Dr. Smith on board leadership. The Board had a Board Work Study prior to tonight's Board meeting to go over the NSBA (National School Board Association) presentation on the RSD Ambassador Program with Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator. Ms. Oviatt is really proud of our two student representatives that testified on the bill for mental health. When we were in Olympia with the Snoqualmie Valley School District with about 10 people during the Day on the Hill. Their students started talking about mental health and how important it is. That led into our students sharing their story and after saying they have experienced three student suicides, Senator Mark Mullet's jaw dropped. This led to Representative Lisa Callan showing us how passionate she was about this subject. Ms. Oviatt had a nice visit with her daughter in Arizona, which is a nice, warm, place to visit. Thanks to Mike Ward, Meisha Robertson, Dr. Smith and Sandy Bechtel for their work on the bond. We received the majority of votes, but not the super majority that we needed. We will regroup and try again. Primary ballots are out, so please remember to vote.

Ms. Oviatt reported that she led the IAC (Interscholastic Activities Committee)/WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) onboarding meeting with new members. This is a two-year role and this year is her last year on this board. She will be co-presenting on some WSSDA Board Boot Camps and will be busy working with WSSDA, as well as Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell. Ms. Oviatt said she received some really good news. When she worked at Microsoft, every time she worked at a Board meeting or event, they would match her volunteer hours with dollars. Now that she is a Microsoft alumnus, they will match this again. She donates her volunteer hours at \$10 per hour for our Student Representative Senior Scholarship. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Community Forum on Strategic Planning. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, PTSA Council is having their third annual Summer Resource Fair. SVCN (Snoqualmie Valley Community Network) has Love and Logic classes starting and PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) has *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We have made some of our early release Fridays into full days, due to missing another day of school on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Agenda Adjustment**

**Motion 20-17:** To add Consent Agenda Item F. Budget Status Report for December 2019, and add Business Agenda Item D. (Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

## **Student Representative Report**

Student Representatives Cedric Nagata and Sierra Owens reported on the following activities around the district:

### **Clubs**

**ASB (Associated Student Body)** recently finished taking class officer portraits and they are also working on creating a “Club Wall” to showcase all the clubs we have at Cedarcrest. For assemblies, the Annual March Magnanimous Basketball and Ping Pong Tournament is coming up during the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. ASB President Shareni Ojeda and Senior Class President Zeynep Biyikli are planning to host events and activities for Michelle Obama’s “When We All Vote” contest that has a potential \$5,000 reward for high schools that encourage their students to register to vote.

**NHS (National Honor Society)** had to reschedule their induction ceremony multiple times and they are in the process arranging a meeting for new members to get their certificates and shirts. Also, they are making modifications to the rules for new members because it took so long to get them in the club.

**DECA** has their state competition coming up on March 5-7 for role plays and presentations for those who advanced. Also, their Valentine’s Matchmaking Service fundraiser went very well, with positive feedback from all students who participated. They are planning on continuing this for future years.

**TSA (Technology Student Association)** has their state conference coming up and they have a team of eight members attending. Also, as a part of TSA, Maria Arguelles went to Olympia on Friday and talked to our district senators and representatives about the important of CTE (Career and Technical Education).

**FIRST Robotics** has their first competition this weekend starting on Friday and ending on Sunday at Glacier Peak High School. They also have another competition on the weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup> at West Valley High School in Spokane. They are planning on attending a third in Bellingham on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Camerata/Choir** has not had too much going on, but they are continuing to prepare for the district festival and a few other festivals they will be performing at in the next couple months.

**Thespian Society** had their Dinner Theatre show this past Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, and they have their community theatre show coming up soon. The drama department just started rehearsals for the spring musical “Chicago” and they also have the Thespian State Festival coming up in mid-March at Western Washington University.

**Link Crew** did some fun Valentine’s Day activities in their advisories recently, and they are continuing to help the freshmen get used to their new classes this semester to make sure everyone has a smooth transition.

**FFA** is currently celebrating National FFA Week. This week the school is dressing up in the spirit days provided by the officers showing FFA some love. To celebrate this week, this morning the officers with some help of parents gave the members a fun pancake breakfast during the advisory meeting. Then on Friday during lunch, a free barbecue is being provided by the AG teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Lastly, to really send the week off with a blast, Friday night FFA is hosting a barn dance at the Novelty Hill Barn for FFA members only. The officers, members and teachers all love this week and even got to start it off last Friday with a fun night watching the Everett Silvertips take home another victory.

## **Student Representative Report (Continued)**

**RYC (Riverview Youth Council)** has another meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, where they are going to start “flocking,” which is where people order flamingos to be put in people's yards. Other than that, two meetings on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> are coming up after school. Their final meeting of March is the 26<sup>th</sup>, where they will be making more Power Packs!

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** has not been up too much due to scheduling but did have a great meeting two weeks ago where a member shared his testimony with a powerful message relating to recent ties Cedarcrest has faced. President Sierra Owens also shared cool news from Representative Lisa Callan from the first trip to Olympia that made all the members happy!

**RAK (Random Acts of Kindness)** participated in Miracle League Bowling this past weekend. They helped disabled kids and adults participate in different sports, including bowling and baseball. As inspiration by the Cherry Valley Elementary RAK Club, Cedarcrest RAK will be making "be the I in KIND" life-sized posters for students to take pictures in front of. This will happen during their meeting this week, as well as planning for upcoming Kindness Week.

**FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)** is very excited for their state competition in April in Spokane. There will be 17 amazing students competing and presenting for Cedarcrest!

**Equestrian:** WAHSET (Washington High School Equestrian) has been having weekly practices for Gaming, Performance and English sub teams in preparation for the second upcoming meet at the Lynden Fairgrounds. Their recent elected president, vice-president and secretary are all settling into their new positions and are enjoying the season so far.

## **Sports**

**Boys Basketball** held their Senior Night on February 5<sup>th</sup> where they had a huge win against Shorewood, followed by a win against Archbishop Murphy to secure a spot in the playoffs. They put up a huge fight and even though the season is over now, all players felt they grew as a team and had a great run this year.

**Boys Wrestling** had many first-year wrestlers come out for this season and all did amazing. They had three wrestlers compete at state this past weekend and all competitors are excited for the returning young team to keep improving and increasing their success in the coming years.

**Girls Basketball** had an amazing season, varsity ending 15-8 overall. The girls progressively improved and had some close games against tough teams, like Shorecrest. An amazing win against Edmonds-Woodway for senior night showed the true perseverance of the players. Towards the end of the season there were some injuries and missing players, but the girls continued to fight on. They all have worked so hard these past few months and stated, “next year will be killer!” The only senior Helena Van Ess showed great leadership and will be greatly missed.

**Girls Wrestling:** All the girls ended their season off strong. Abby Varady being the only girl to take on state. She was joined by Matthew Weirnert and Evan Reid. Abby made Cedarcrest history by taking 6th place at state, being the first ever here at our high school. The season was full of amazing wrestling and coaching, Cedarcrest amazed from both the girls' and boys' teams and their season this year.

## **Student Representative Report (Continued)**

### **Riverview Highlights**

**Tolt Middle School** has two major events coming up soon. On the 26<sup>th</sup> ASB kids will be joining the leadership class to attend the state SERVUS Conference. ASB kids will also be going to Islander Middle School for an AWSL leadership workshop on March 6th.

**Cherry Valley Elementary** voted on 2 spirit days and approved 2 teacher grants. One was for social emotional learning read alouds for Ms. Abby, their counselor, and the other was for new reading level books for Mrs. Applegate, their new 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.

**Eagle Rock Multi-Age** is starting Random Acts of Kindness Month. During this last week the kids were asked to do something nice for a family member, something nice in the community and then something nice for themselves all without being asked. They were asked to write the good deeds on a kindness wall at our school so we could share the kindness we were spreading.

Sierra:

**Carnation Elementary** has an upcoming spirit day this month with Disney Day on February 28, where everyone dresses up like their favorite Disney character. Also, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will now be participating in a fundraiser for Outdoor Education when they reach 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Stillwater Elementary** Student Council has been busy gearing up for Kindness Week next week. Council members will be handing out paper hearts with positive messages to their peers to kick off the week. All Stillwater students will also contribute to the school kindness tree by recording kind deeds they did on paper leaves. Earlier this month Stillwater hosted a family LEGO night, and they are also having their annual Talent show on Wednesday this week.

**The Riverview Learning Center** The field trip CHOICE had planned on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to DirtFish Rally School in Snoqualmie was unfortunately cancelled because of flooding. However, they are still scheduled to attend two field trips in March. For PARADE, this month has been busy with visits from Lake Washington Vocational Tech and Bellevue College presenting information to the high school students about Running Start. They also had a visit from Sue Heyting to go over how to apply for scholarships through Snoqualmie Valley Dollars for Scholars. CLIP still has 11 seniors on track to graduate and they are currently working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> yearbook for the CLIP/CHOICE programs. Next week, the RLC PTSA will host their general membership meeting and bingo night.

### **Student Life**

Sources of Strength started by the counselors at Cedarcrest was held Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Thursday was for the selected staff to be trained for Friday. Friday was when ten percent of elected students spent the day here at the Educational Service Center to be trained. The students selected are a group of motivated students who were recognized by their peers and staff for their leadership capabilities. Their job will be to empower and bring strength to the student body to help give those a voice who feel like they don't have one. The group will also focus on strengthening all aspects of student's life from positive friends all the way to mental health. The day was said to be a blast as well as impactful coming together to help others. Sources of strength is going to do great things for our community and has everyone excited for it.

Ms. Oviatt thanked the students for their report.

## **Hearing of the Public**

Kim Lisk, Riverview Schools Committee, said she is sorry that the bond did not pass by 60%. She wanted to thank Meisha Robertson, Director of Business and Operations, and Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, for their work. The social media was vile and is a disgrace to our community. Both Meisha and Mike had some many questions they were up against and what they had to endure while keeping their composure was amazing. The Riverview Schools Committee had 11 meet and greets and chose to do more intimate interactions, including some evenings. Sometimes there was only one or two people that showed up. Six people attended the Carnation City Council meeting. This bond had to pass – we need the new school, the improvements, and the safety measure. They are needs, not wants. We were trying to figure out how to tell people to trust the district and it is hard to do when they won't come to a meeting and talk to anyone. I understand that no one wants to be taxed. The one thing that came out loud and clear was using the word, "maintenance" and in the future putting that into a levy rather than a bond. I am disappointed that the bond did not pass, but I wanted to thank Mike and Meisha and appreciate all their help and knowledge. One of them was always at our meet and greets.

Ms. Oviatt thanked her for her comments and for being on the committee.

Dr. Smith thanked Ms. Lisk for her comments and will say that this was one of the better campaigns he has ever seen run. The ask was high with \$1.09 per assessed \$1,000 evaluation. We are going to regroup, take feedback, have a process through the community, and send out a proposal that can get to the 60%. We ended up having over 40% of our voters' vote, which is one of the highest turnouts. The super majority standard in this state is incredibly unfair. Over 53% of our voters voted yes. It was a majority – we need to work very hard to work collaboratively to get a proposal together to get something passed. The hard work on your part brought us to this 53%.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A list of routine agenda items will now be considered in a single motion. Board Members have received and studied background information on all items.

**Motion 20-18:** To approve the February 11, 2020, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mrs. Parnell and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for January 28, 2020; and Board Work Study Minutes for February 7, 2020.

### Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 210204 through No. 210257 in the amount of \$286,471.11; and direct deposits of \$80,969.95. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 210258 through No. 210261 in the amount of \$427,173.81; and direct deposits of \$9,966.00. ASB Fund Warrant No. 210262 through No. 210266 in the amount of \$2,508.22; and direct deposits of \$2,270.31. Total Payroll for January 31, 2020, was \$3,276,565.27 which includes General Fund Warrant No. 210267 through No. 210270 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$4,510.69; and General Fund Warrant No. 210271 through No. 210300 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of \$1,098,645.45; and direct deposits of \$1,576,004.37.

### Approval of Personnel Actions.

Mr. Edwards noted that it is always fun to have former students come back and coach our students.

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.

Ms. Oviatt noted the generous donations from the following:

- Cedarcrest High School PTSA donated \$2,500 to the Cedarcrest High School CTE (Career and Technical Education) to purchase an anatomage table.
- Cedarcrest High School Band Boosters donated \$1,654.90 to Cedarcrest High School Band for Glockenspiel.

Approval of Budget Status Report for December 2019.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Winter Grant Awards**

Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Board members Amy Jacobson, Abigail Antonson, Sue Davenport, Nicole Rohwer, and Mike Ward came forward and briefly told about the grants they have approved for winter grants.

**Motion 20-19:** To approve donation from the Riverview Education Foundation in the amount of \$33,399.69 for 17 winter grant awards, as presented (Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards said thank you for all you do. Sue Davenport reminded Board members that while we do have winter grants, please continue to think of REF as a source of money.

### **2020-2023 Riverview Extracurricular Activities and Coaches Association (REACA) Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Robert Gallagher, Director of Human Resources, came to talk about the REACA (Riverview Extracurricular Activities and Coaches Association Agreement for 2020-2023). He thanked the committee members for their hard work and putting the needs of our district first. They are Scott Petersen, Jason Frederick, Adam Del Rosso, Bruce McDowell, and Dr. Smith. The district provided a 5% increase for the first year of the contract. This process was a very well-run operation with what was best for our district.

**Motion 20-20:** To approve the 2020-2023 Riverview Extracurricular Activities and Coaches Association (REACA) Collective Bargaining Agreement, as presented (Mrs. Parnell and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

### **Strategic Plan Status**

#### **Goal 1: Increase the academic achievement of all students.**

Objective 1A. Further develop curriculum and supports for student learning.

## **Strategic Plan Status (Continued)**

Task 4: Review elements of Learning Management System (LMS) to be implemented. Chris Collins, Director of Information Technology, reported that we changed our Superintendent Cabinet meetings from Mondays to Wednesdays, because it gets all of us into the buildings on Monday. So much has happened in less than one year. We have faced obstacles dealing with inconsistency, lack of standardized systems in our schools (attendance codes, inconsistencies of letter grade percentages and weightings, no standard category sets for gradebooks), lack of privacy policies in an ever-changing technical environment. We are going to look at privacy policies every single year. We are focused on revisions by supporting Skyward staff with data requirements and consistency, modifications of Skooler to support current usage while providing flexibility to adapt to a more consistent model, identifying and supporting staff familiar with integrated systems, and preliminary discussions around standards-based assessment with elementary as the starting point. Our focus areas are Skyward data integrity, PIC (Privacy, Integration, and Connection), unified calendar system, integrating attendance (K-8) models, gradebooks, and assignments. We are looking into possible IEP (Individualized Education Plan) integration and standards application for ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education), Riverview's Outcome and Indicators, Department of Education for Washington, and NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards). We are also continuing to support staff where they are in their growth and implementation of technology and learning.

Dr. Smith commented that we have about 8-10 critical policies that are in progress, including discipline and attendance. One of the 8-10 policies are privacy and integrating what we are going to say to staff about what social media platforms they can use. We could not find one single district nationally that will say these are the platforms we cannot control, thus we will not allow our staff to be using these with student groups because we cannot control what happens within those or how they are accessing student data.

Mr. Collins said we are working on a policy to pilot or implement a policy to be reviewed every three months, so it can be somewhat adapted.

Ms. Oviatt said this could be a Board Work Study on privacy policy. Technology is so ever changing, that we don't even realize the consequences or implications.

Mr. Collins commented that he is not active on social media, but it is a very powerful source. He read the book *The Sentient Machines*, which describes what is next with our artificial intelligence. This is what is happening with this sheer amount of data on Facebook is that it is data sourced and it is being mined.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Mr. Collins for his report.

Objective 1B. Integrate priorities of Information Technology, Student Services, and Teacher and Learning where appropriate and feasible.

Task 4: Continue training on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Superintendent's Cabinet. Molly Lutz, Director of Special Services, reported that we detailed in *The Riverview Way* what Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 are. She worked with Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, and Nathan Rhodes, to create the graphic showing the vision Ms. Lutz had. As we build out as a cabinet, we move from Tier 1 and on. We just completed Tier 1 for all students. We are trying to figure out where we build these out and what where we start first.

## **Strategic Plan Status (Continued)**

### **Goal 3: Provide Human Resources and Communication practices to improve student learning.**

#### **Objective 3B. Management of the Riverview School District's Communications Program.**

Task 4: Create and manage a Bond 2020 marketing campaign. Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, provided a heartfelt report on this (see attached). He equates the process was similar to preparing for a trial. No one took the process for granted. And through meetings with a variety of people, you very quickly understand the gravity of the situation. One of the project management consultants, Sarah Schoening, took him aside and told him to “remember to smile both inside and the out. Positivity, no matter what the result, will be what guides you through this process.” Initial campaign slogans developed with Nathan Rhodes were expanded and cultivated by Dr. Smith, Meisha Robertson, and Mr. Ward which then turned into a wonderful placemat design, made by Katie Pond, an architect with Hutteball + Oremus. Survey numbers were great and the response from our presentations were glowing. Questions we received were solid and well thought out. Then came the week of January 20<sup>th</sup>. Within a five-day span, the Riverview Schools Committee sent their postcards reminding people about the bond, ballots and voters’ pamphlets arrived, our winter mailer dropped in mailboxes with a cover story about the bond, the Fire Commission notified Duvall residents that the levy they approved would be paid for through a property tax increase, and on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, one Facebook post came at seemingly just the right time and sparked just the right amount of attention with just shy of 500 comments. Unfortunately, a vocal minority of community members made things personal, while a majority of people rightfully advocated their support or their fears, or their beliefs and their concerns. The voter turnout tells us that we did our job in notifying our community about our needs, our challenges, and the ways with which we can try and make this district better for the near and projected future. And...a majority of voters agreed with us. A supermajority did not. But we will get there. A new Communications Plan will be drafted, we will hear the people, and we will work with outside organizations and other districts to incorporate for work for them and us. So, we take a deep breath, walk away for a minute, and then come back and try again because, “Positivity, no matter the result, will be what guides you through this process.”

Mr. Edwards said he echoes what Kim Lisk said. As much as we got our need out there, it was matched by a lot of half-truths or no truth at all. What you, Meisha, and others did, it was honorable. Student Representative Cedric Nagata said I could be angry at Facebook posts, but that just falls into their hands.

### **Student Rep Dismissal**

Student Representatives were dismissed at 8:30 PM.

### **New Policy 6972, Memorials – First Reading**

Dr. Smith and Sandy Bechtel have reviewed other districts’ policies on memorials and have created a policy that will work for our school district. Any memorials already installed will not be removed, unless for the items listed: 1) safety concern; 2) age and condition; 3) student capacity; and/or 4) facilities renovation. The Tolt fields were named the Howard Miller Field for good reason and that was done with a process and good intention. There should be a sign that is better than the tiny sign they currently have.

**Motion 20-21:** To approve Policy #6972, Memorials, for First Reading, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Edwards reported that we have less than three weeks left in this short session. We have education fatigue with our legislators, because they feel that they gave that to us last year. Some education bills that are still moving through the process are: SB 2589, requiring contact information for suicide prevention and crisis intervention organizations of student and staff identification cards have been approved by the Senate and are moving to the House of Representatives. Mr. Edwards thanked all the Board members for attending the Legislative Conference in Olympia – we really are making a difference. Our meeting went so well that Senator Mark Mullet spent an additional 30 minutes alone with he and Dr. Smith. He votes for what is best for everybody and is very thoughtful and willing to listen. SB 5395 is the Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Act, which is controversial, and he is not sure if anything will come out before the end of this session. At WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) we are really focused on what we can get done and planning for next year.

Dr. Smith commented that funding for IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) went up slightly last year, but what is happening at the state level?

Mr. Edwards replied that one of the things we lead with is to say thank you for increasing special education funding. There was a nice increase and after meeting with our legislators, they realize that we are not getting the funding at the federal level. We have a moral obligation to educate all children. The law says that special education is basic education and we cannot use levy money for special education, because it is considered basic education. Some districts are spending millions on special education and there is a deep concern that this could be the second McCleary, where districts may be fined and then have their allocations reduced.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- Shout out to our two cities – both city councils and mayors are having human services conversations and in fact, the City of Duvall is allocating money for community resources to help including the SVCN (Snoqualmie Valley Community Network). He commends both of our cities for doing what they can to help.
- I enjoyed putting up hearts up for the Rotary Club of Duvall. My son and I will also be helping take them down. Carnation may start doing this as well.
- He really enjoyed our time in Olympia and thought it had a big impact. He wanted to commend our Student Representatives and those from the Snoqualmie Valley School District. They really carried the show and that is really what our goal is there. They had a huge impact on the legislators.
- Finishing up my third term on WASA (Washington Association of School Administrators) Governing Board and came a day early to the AASA (American Association of School Administrators) Conference in San Diego to help work on scaffolding the national platform for 2020. One of the requests is from Region 1 with six states in the Northwest, to get the Perkins Act and the onerous application process back on this. Others included full funding for IDEA, unfunded mandates, trauma-informed practices, etc.

**Superintendent’s Report (Continued)**

- For the rest of the AASA Conference, Dr. Smith focused on taking sessions on equity, STEM (Science Technology Engineering, Mathematics), and SEL (Social Emotional Learning). He really got a lot out of the conference.
- He is meeting with Larch Counseling and Unified Counseling. We are adding legitimacies to their roles and putting the contracts together for next year.
- Strategic Planning Community Forum is Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and he invited Riverview students through email. One of our stations will be on Equity and he would love to have anyone that represents diversity, race, etc., on this. Breakfast starts at 8:15 AM and kicks off at 8:30 until Noon.
- We are already working on the bones for possibly working on a bond and appreciates the input from Mrs. Parnell and Ms. Oviatt. We will need to provide the Board with more communication and have ways the Board could be more involved. We are planning to involve more people, spread the word out, getting people to help in their expertise, creating an overall plan and process, and make it more public for input.
- He really enjoyed attending the Sources of Strength event on Friday with 80 high school students and 15 advisors, which included teachers, REF (Riverview Education Foundation), PTSA, community members, and two national trainers. Dr. Smith read part of the mission for Sources of Strength: “Our mission recognizes that our voice has great power and we use it to break the silences when someone is struggling, and to connect them to the help they need and deserve. We spread hope by focusing on stories of strength, rather than stories of trauma. We know our most powerful impact comes from our personal actions, conversations, and messages that use our music, our art, our writing, our activities, our social media, our culture, and our voice. This gives life to our efforts. We are Sources of Strength.” Friday was one of the best days of his life and that pretty much says it all. We have the greatest students here in the world. I have every confident with the plans that they have started to finish at the end of this day that this will be a student-led effort with adult guidance, help and support that is exactly what our culture here in the district needs as our next step. This focus on student voice around a well-researched, effective program is just what is needed at this exact time.

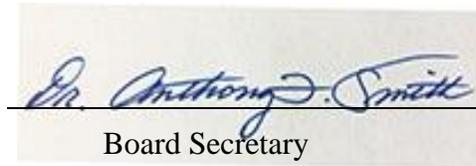
Ms. Oviatt thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the February 25, 2020, Board meeting at 8:55 PM.

*Lori Oviatt*

Board President



Dr. Anthony J. Smith

Board Secretary

**MINUTES PREPARED BY**

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors