

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Zoom Meeting
November 24, 2020 Duvall, WA 98019
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Lori Oviatt called the November 24, 2020 meeting of the Riverview School Board to order in regular session in the virtual Zoom meeting room at 6:00 p.m. and completed roll call. Present along with Ms. Oviatt were Board Directors Sabrina Parnell, Carol Van Noy, Danny Edwards, Jodi Fletcher, and Superintendent Dr. Anthony Smith. Sierra Owens, student representative was absent.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by student Ella Henry.

Ms. Oviatt read the following, “Members of the public will be accessing this meeting by phone access only, per Governors Proclamation 20-28 Open Public Meetings issued on March 24, 2020, restricting public participation to online or phone access, with no oral or public comment -- the public is welcome and encouraged to provide input by emailing the School Board at rsdschoolboard@rsd407.org or Stacy Cook at cooks@rsd407.org.

TOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION

Amie Karkainen, Tolt Middle School Principal, along with Paul Beckel, Assistant Principal, Matt LaBrie, and Natalie Page, Social Studies Teachers, selected a group of students to attend the board meeting to share their morning experience with clubs this school year. With the remote learning schedule, they have set aside time in the mornings when staff have chosen to use this time to offer experiences to the students. The students presenting shared six different morning experiences.

Zoe Vasquez shared her morning experience representing the Breakfast Club led by Ms. Cain and Ms. Thomas, 7th grade math teachers, every Friday morning. She explained how they made scrambled eggs and omelets and a lot of other options. One fun experience Zoe shared was when the teachers gave her a bag with American cheese in it as part of her ingredients to use but she did not like American cheese, so her dad got her some cheddar cheese and she added that to her eggs instead.

Madeline (Maddie) Smith was representing the Breakfast Club and she expressed how she liked the different options for the recipes by adding or subtracting ingredients. The teachers were great at explaining the whole experience and she enjoyed being able to connect with other people and get to know them better by cooking.

Lane Gellner represented the Among Us club. He explained that there is a popular video game named, Among Us that is a murder mystery type game that has a ship with crewmates that go around the ship doing tasks to fix the ship and who are innocent. There are ten people in one game, two are murders and eight are the innocent. There is about eighteen people who play which is a great turnout because you need ten for the game. Lane went on to explain that if you do not have ten friends to play the game, if you join this club you will find more friends to play with who enjoy it as much as you do.

Ella Henry represented the Dungeons and Dragons club led by Mr. McFarland, Mr. Del Rosso, and Ms. McKiernan. Ella explained that you should come to this club if you like adventure, action, fantasy, drama, and role playing. You get to create your own characters and then go on an adventure. The

adventure Ella is on now has giant mosquitos, giant ants, dark druid's, giant spiders, evil and super powerful princesses, and a giant toad. The best part is being able to play it with your friends.

Sebastian Fryc represented Mr. LaBrie's Sports Club. They make NFL predictions, and the goal is to have the most correct NFL predictions and have the highest win percentage by the end of the week. They talk about other sports like basketball, baseball, and football NFL standings. If you are a sports fan, you should join Mr. LaBrie's Sports Club.

Hasitha Chaparala represented the Community Service Club. Ms. Page guides them in choosing projects and shows them some ways they can share with families what they are doing at Tolt Middle School. Hasitha and her friend, Ana Montes are doing a blanket drive. They are asking people to donate to help people stay warm during this winter season. Ms. Page also gives them ideas on how to share their projects to an even wider audience. Ms. Page suggested that her friend, Ana and Hasitha do a video to share with people on what the blanket drive is for and how to donate.

Shannon Davidson represented the Origami Club which she explained is having fun making origami by folding paper and making things you love. Examples are animal shapes, foxes, and dragons. The club is held before school on Thursday mornings at 8:25 a.m. and ends at 8:55 a.m. She explained that she started doing it to help her get up in the morning and get the day started by doing something fun. It is a way to get your brain working in the morning. Her favorite thing to make is dragons.

Ms. Karkainen thanked the students for putting their presentations together and told the students they would be receiving certificates and a gift card in the mail.

The School Board expressed how much they enjoyed seeing all the students and hearing about all the clubs and their different interests. Each student put together a wonderful presentation and they liked seeing the passion each student displayed while talking about their interested club. They were impressed with how the administrators, teachers, and students are making the best of a challenging situation. Ms. Oviatt thanked the students and their families for joining the meeting.

PTSA Presentation

Theresa Tenney, Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) Council President presented the 2020-2022 WSPTSA Top 5 Legislative Priorities. She introduced Salwa Raphael who is the PTSA Council Family and Community Engagement Chair and serves as the Advocacy Chair at Carnation Elementary. The legislative priorities are proposed by the members and go through a process of fine tuning by committee and caucus which then goes to a membership vote at their annual legislative assembly which was held in October via Zoom. They had a record number of delegates from Riverview this year. This Platform will be in effect for two years and a Washington PTSA legislative consultant will be working with Washington legislators to assist with these priorities.

Ms. Tenney believes the top five priorities align with other organizations they work with throughout the state. Read report [Here](#).

The PTSA Council has added a new position on their board which is an Inclusion, Equity and Access Chair. M'liss Moon is the chair for that position. They will be participating with legislators this year. There will be a Mental Health Community Forum next Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Salwa Raphael commented that her family started counseling with United Counseling which is a service coming through the school district. She commented that it is such a relief and great resource for her family

and for our district to have this service during this time is amazing.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Oviatt expressed how grateful she is to everyone who is on the board of directors, student reps, Dr. Smith and Stacy. She went on to say she is also very grateful for our school community as well as the communities of Duvall and Carnation for the support we receive, especially during this time period. On November 17, 2020, the Riverview School District had the Strategic Planning Community Forum via Zoom. They also conducted a board work study and board meeting on November 10, 2020. The School Board Directors and Student Representatives attended the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) Annual Conference on November 25, 2020 through the November 27, 2020. Student Representative, Sierra Owens birthday is on Sunday, November 29, and they all wish her a Happy Birthday. Ms. Oviatt thanked Dr. Smith for sharing Sierra's comment with State Representative Lisa Callan during their session at the annual conference. Ms. Oviatt commented on how all our direct correspondence with legislators over the years have really built strong relationships with them.

Ms. Parnell stated that in addition to the WSSDA Conference, she thanked each board member for being who they are. She attended the Board/Superintendent Leadership meeting on November 12, 2020 and the Strategic Planning Community Forum on November 17, 2020. She was able to attend the first day of the WSSDA Conference and is glad she can go back and watch other sessions later. She Congratulated Mr. Edwards who is the President elect for WSSDA.

Ms. Fletcher mentioned the committee's she has been attending with Inclusionary practices.

Mr. Edwards stated that by watching our student's presentations, the PTSA presentation and the WSSDA conference, it feels like it there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Ms. Van Noy commented how great it was to see a lot of old friends and new school Directors at the WSSDA Annual Conference. Friends from far away watched the Riverview presentation from WSSDA and thought our student representatives rocked it in every session they did. What she loves about being in this community and working with other board of directors is that we take adversity and turn it into an opportunity.

Student representative, Crosby Ostercamp talked about this being her first WSSDA conference. During the conference she was doing finals and could not attend all sessions, but she is looking forward to watching them when she has more time. She also mentioned that Student Representative, Sierra Owens enjoyed her first ever Virtual WSSDA conference and she appreciated the keynote speakers.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative, Crosby Ostercamp gave the following report on events happening in our schools:

FFA (Future Farmers of America) recently finished our trash bash which was very interesting! They wished for more participation but were very grateful for those who went and cleaned up around the community. They had their Thanksgiving chapter meeting over Zoom where everyone brought pie and got instructed by the Thomas's son on how to make the perfect hand turkey!

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) attended the first ever virtual fall conference, it was a success with no technical issues. She is proud of all the hard work President Annika Bauman and Advisor Mr. Kindred put in. She attended sessions on how to lead over the internet and learned a lot that not only benefit her and her position in FBLA, it will also benefit her in her current position as Student Representative.

Student Representatives Sierra Owens and Crosby Ostercamp wanted to give thanks during this Thanksgiving holiday and express what they are truly grateful for: The amazing teachers in our schools, the Board of Directors and Dr. Smith for all the amazing opportunities they have granted them. They commented on how there is always something to be thankful for.

Hearing of the Public

Janelle Vera sent in an email to the School Board. Read email [Here](#)

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 20-59: To approve the November 10, 2020, Consent Agenda, as presented (Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Fletcher). Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Oviatt abstained.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for November 10, 20120; and Board Work Study Minutes for November 10, 2020.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 212393 through No. 212441 in the amount of \$112,270.62; and direct deposits of \$105,599.24 and \$2,317.15 for a total of \$107,916.39. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 212442 through No. 212445 in the amount of \$45,986.08; and direct deposits of \$808.53. ASB Fund Warrant deposits of \$375.27 and \$30.62 for a total of \$405.89. Total Payroll for November 13, 2020 was \$9,204.60, and direct deposits of \$5,617.80.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Status

Dr. Smith mentioned that the Strategic Planning process started last June and due to the pandemic, we could not have our Strategic Planning Community Forum last spring when it was originally scheduled. Before the Strategic Planning Community Forum was held, Dr. Smith was able to meet with four focus groups: Parents of Students with Disabilities, Students with Disabilities, Parents of English Learner/Hispanic students, and English Learner/Hispanic Students, totaling 45 participants. The data from those focus groups were collected and shared at the beginning of the Strategic Planning Community Forum. We had 56 participants in the Community Forum which consisted of 29 community members (8 PTSA), 12 employees, 1 student, 14 facilitator/note takers. There was a good cross section of participants and great ideas that were brought up during the Community Forum.

The next steps will be sorting all the feedback into themes and presenting an amended plan during a School Board Work Study on January 14, 2021 for the School Board to review.

Ms. Oviatt commented that she attended the Strategic Planning Community Forum and thought everything was well organized and she believes the district would not be where we are today if we didn't have the Strategic Plan in place for all of these years with our vision, mission, goals, objectives, and tasks that drive us forward.

REPORTS

WSSDA (WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION) ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Ms. Oviatt explained that her WSSDA experience started three weeks ago when she pre-recorded the New Board Member Boot Camp presentation in Olympia. The presentation went very well and now they will be able to direct new Board Members to watch this video through July 2021. She talked about the presentation with Teacher of the Year, Amy Campbell which was fantastic. The Hot Topics session with Chris Reykdal and Tim Garchow was a little more somber compared to years past. Directors area meetings was one of the shortest ones they have ever attended. Ms. Oviatt was reelected as the Interscholastic Activities Committee (IAC) Vice Chair. She attended the Riverview sessions, the session with Amy Cast, "How to Run an Effective and Efficient Board Meeting." Ms. Oviatt along with student representatives, Sierra Owens and Crosby Ostercamp presented, "A vital Position: Student Representatives on School Boards" with other student representatives from Pasco School District. Ms. Oviatt thought WSSDA did a fantastic job putting together the conference.

Ms. Van Noy was impressed with the Teacher of the Year presentation. She also focused on the breakout session "Making Policies More Positive." She found value on hearing from other school districts on what they are doing.

Mr. Edwards explained how there were many people working hard behind the scenes to make sure the virtual conference was a success. The sessions were phenomenal, and Riverview School District is everywhere! He enjoyed being able to connect with people on the virtual hub. Mr. Edwards is excited to move into this position.

Ms. Fletcher spent all day Thursday at the conference and attended the Friday night Teacher of the Year presentation. She explained how her presentation fit right into the Inclusionary work we are doing with the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). The keynote speaker, Mike Rayburn was a great speaker, highly motivational. She really enjoyed his focus on "What If" questions. "How can we access our full potential?" She had an Inclusionary Practice meeting on Friday. She commented that it is nice to be able to go back and watch conference sessions that were missed or unable to attend.

Ms. Parnell was super impressed with the platform and all the hard work that went into the WSSDA Conference. It was very well planned out. The highlight for her was to participate in the prerecorded session our district presented on Stressed out Students.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- Dr. Smith commented on how phenomenal the WSSDA Annual conference was and how WASA needs to catch up.
- He has really enjoyed going through the Strategic Planning process for the last two months and we are about halfway done. He is excited about the ways we are going to elevate and measure things in the future.
- Dr. Smith is putting together a small team of people to visit several elementary schools in our region so we can learn from our neighbors that have reopened and have students in their buildings. He reported that we have 26 more English Learner (EL) students that are going to start in-person instruction at Carnation Elementary and Tolt Middle School. About 120 students that have been attending through day care and about another 60 students that are Special needs students since the start of the school year. The Reopening Committee work is committed to continue to elevate our Reopening Plan so when we go through these phases, we will be well prepared for each phase.
- Today he recorded a video message and will be posting it and sending it to students. The message had several themes. One was Thanksgiving, he is thankful for our community and how we are all partnering through this. Another theme was Kindness, and the #BeKindSV from Snoqualmie Valley Community Network (SVCN) with the Proclamation earlier this month. Everyday there is a new video on the Facebook site. Dr. Smith's video message will be shown on November 28th and his message will be to challenge people to be kind to themselves for 20 minutes that day. Being kind to yourself consists of getting eight hours of sleep consistently, eating a balanced diet, exercising on a daily basis, spending time with friends or family, and doing something you are passionate about. Dr. Smith ended his message by sharing some resources. Our nurses sent out a message about things our community can do for health and wellness. He reminded people to access agency counselors with Unified Counseling at the elementary level and Larch Counseling at the secondary level as a school district resource.
- The next 6 months we are working on several policies. We are 90 % complete with our discipline policy, 70% complete with our attendance policy, and 50% complete on our equity policy.
- In January we will be establishing a committee that will meet every other week to review our current Learning Management System (LMS) and decide on the future direction for Riverview, beginning in the Fall 2021. In February we will start the Riverview Community Wellness Alliance. Ms. Cook and Dr. Smith will be completing agendas, minutes, and meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the November 24, 2020, Board meeting at 7:35 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Stacy Cook, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors