

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Zoom Meeting
October 13, 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 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Oviatt, Ms. Van Noy, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher, Mrs. Parnell
Student Representatives: Sierra Owens, Crosby Ostercamp

STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Riverview School District Board of Directors, Cedarcrest High School, and the Cedarcrest Agriculture Education Program are honored to announce the very first recipient of a Riverview School District Certificate in Manufacturing and Fabrication. This award goes to Sawyer Swart. Sawyer has successfully completed four levels of Manufacturing and Fabrication classes at CHS. Sawyer has also completed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) ten-hour safety course and received that certification as part of the program. Sawyer is a great example of a student who chose a Career Technology Education (CTE) pathway focusing on hands-on skills as well as developing leadership abilities. Congratulations to Sawyer for his accomplishments.

Sawyer wanted to let everyone know that the Cedarcrest High School (CHS) CTE program does an outstanding job preparing students for college and is an awesome program. He is in college taking Manufacturing 202 and by being in the CTE program at CHS and taking three years of Mr. Miyoshi, Career and Technical Education Teacher, classes prepared him to be able to read and understand all the blueprints he is working with now. Sawyer expressed how much he loves the CTE program at Cedarcrest and the teachers there and he cannot commend them enough. He stated it never felt like work because everyone involved enjoyed what they were doing. Sawyer is currently attending Everett Community College with plans to graduate with a Manufacturing and Associate of Arts degree then transfer to a four-year college to get a degree in Engineering and then he says he plans to send stuff into space.

Ms. Oviatt read a letter sent in from Seth Thomas, CTE educator to Sawyer. Read letter [Here](#)

Dr. Smith took time to thank Kari Schuh, Seth Thomas, Ray La Bate, Scott Petersen, Mike Ruhland and the whole administrative team along with the School Board because to his knowledge Riverview School District is the only district nationally, that has started its very own certification program. Dr. Smith commented that Seth Thomas, Career and Technology Education Teacher and Sawyer are pioneers and hopes that this is the beginning of many more students achieving certification in Manufacturing and Fabrication. He also hopes we can branch out into other vocational areas. Dr. Smith commented about how proud he was of Sawyer for his accomplishments.

Sawyer mentioned it was an honor to receive this recognition for his accomplishments.

Seth Thomas thanked Sawyer's parents for recognizing that the four-year route was not for Sawyer and allowing him to focus and encouraging him to take the route he did. Mr. Thomas commented that sometimes parents don't always see the opportunities that are available in CTE or Skill trades and want to thank Sawyer's parents for recognizing the passion and drive that Sawyer had and taking to heart the advice that he gave them about Sawyer with his education. It is that three-way partnership with the parent, student, and educators that makes it all work.

Mr. La Bate, Cedarcrest High School Principal mentioned that Sawyer was not only a great representative of the program but was also a great citizen at CHS. Sawyer is a very well-rounded person and makes us all proud. Ms. Oviatt wished him the best of luck.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Mr. Edwards mentioned that on September 25th he attended the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) General Assembly. He also attended the WSSDA Pacific Region meeting. The elections are over, and he was elected the new president-elect of WSSDA. He attended the WSSDA legislative committee meetings on October 9 and 10. These were Mr. Edwards last meetings as Board liaison to the legislative committee and they recognized his ten years of service on the committee. They also took everyone's priorities from the General Assembly and spent the two days discussing and putting all the information into a readable format to send out to the membership.

Ms. Van Noy mentioned she attended the WSSDA General Assembly on September 23rd. She also attended the Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meeting. She started that mentoring a Riverview student via Zoom every Wednesday it is something she absolutely loves. She also attended the WSSDA Regional meeting. She wants everyone to know that on November 13th it is International Kindness and Hope day.

Ms. Parnell attended the Washington School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) Zoom ceremony on October 1st to watch Dr. Smith receive the Crystal Apple Award for achievement and success through school district public relations and communications programs. The Crystal Apple Award is one of the highest individual honors the organization hands out each year. Ms. Parnell congratulated Dr. Smith for earning this award.

Student Representative Sierra Owens mentioned she is very busy working two jobs. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) starts this Friday. She ran for president of Future Farmers of America (FFA) and is hoping to hear the results soon. She has become one of the leaders in her youth group at church. She feels a sense of normalcy with everything she is doing and staying so busy.

Student Representative Crosby Ostercamp mentioned that she has been tutoring her brother and his friends with their ninth-grade online classes. She has been attending Girl Scout meetings and went on a hike at Tolt McDonald Park trails.

Ms. Oviatt announced that the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) has asked Riverview student representatives to present at the Annual Conference on the Riverview School District Student Representative Program. Sierra was also asked to participate in the WSSDA Regional meeting. Sierra did a very good job, and the school board was very proud of her.

The School Board had their Board/Superintendent Advance on October 8th with guest speaker Erin Jones, who worked with them on diversity and inclusionary topics. Ms. Oviatt attended the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) as an honorary board director in the afternoon of October 8th where she worked on more diversity and inclusionary topics with their group as well.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion: 20-69: To amend the Consent Agenda Item A. Approval of Board Work Study Minutes and C. Personnel Actions and D. Service Contracts to reflect current changes; and add Business Item A. Reopening Draft Plan. Ms. Van Noy motioned, and Ms. Parnell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

Alaina Pizzo & Richard Widdle sent a letter to the Board for Public Record. Read letter [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 20-70: To approve the October 13, 2020, Consent Agenda, as amended. Ms. Van Noy motioned, and Ms. Parnell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for September 22, 2020; and Board Work Study Minutes for September 22, 2020, and September 24, 2020 and October 1, 2020.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 212120 through No. 212163 in the amount of \$178,735.58 and No. 212197 through No. 212246 in the amount of \$327,655.68; and direct deposits of \$20,242.19 and \$89,625.86 for a total of \$109,868.05. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 212164 through No. 212166 in the amount of \$25,936.52 and No. 212247 through No. 212252 in the amount of \$40,132.42; and direct deposits of \$15,333.12. ASB Fund Warrant No. 212253 through No. 212254 in the amount of \$4,230.00; and direct deposits of \$19,035.02. Total Payroll for September 30, 2020, was \$3,307,620.66, includes General Fund Warrant No. 212167 through No. 212171 (employee warrants) in the amount of \$7,192.66, and General Fund Warrant No. 212172 *through* No. 212196 (Payroll, Vendor, Warrants) in the amount of \$1,100,203.28; and Direct Deposits of \$1,595,418.17.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.

Ms. Oviatt noted the generous donations to Stillwater Elementary School for supplies to teachers.

Approval of 2020-2021 Highly Capable Comprehensive Plan

BUSINESS

Ms. Oviatt made a statement before moving into the Business portion of the meeting:

In talking with my fellow board members, we all share concerns around the re-opening of schools. We are concerned with the safety as well as the mental health of our students, staff, teachers and quite honestly our parents of school-aged children. All of us want our students to be in school, all of us want our staff to be and feel safe. All of us want this pandemic to simply go away. However, it is not that simple – Our district leaders are working tirelessly to create a plan that works for our district. As we all know each and every day presents new challenges and decisions for us to make. I, for one appreciate all the hard work everyone in our school district and community is doing for the sake of our students.

Riverview Schools Fall 2020-2021 *DRAFT Reopening Plan*

The School Board has received and reviewed the current Riverview *DRAFT Reopening Plan* as presented. Any changes to the phases of the plan will be approved through the Superintendent. We continue to engage in conversations with other regional school districts and review guidance from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Governor's Office, and Public Health - Seattle & King County (PHSKC). We continue to collaborate with the School Board Directors, Administrators (Central Office and Building), Staff, Parents, Students, Collective Bargaining Association Leadership-Riverview Educational Association (REA), Public School Employees (PSE), and the Riverview Reopening Advisory Committee to inform our decisions.

Each phase of the Riverview *DRAFT Reopening Plan* will continue to progress with a laser focus on what is best for each of our students, using a collaborative process that prioritizes mutual trust and respect. As we work our way through these complex issues, the final decisions will ultimately rest at the School Board/Superintendent level.

Motion 20-71: To approve the current Riverview *DRAFT Reopening Plan* and direct the Superintendent to approve and communicate any future changes to the Riverview *DRAFT Reopening Plan* for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Edwards motioned, and Ms. Van Noy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Oviatt read current [*DRAFT Reopening Plan*](#)

The School Board wants the public to know that they have had board work studies every Thursday and have been involved in all the details and had many discussions in great detail. They have been getting emails and talking with other districts and want to get the kids back in school but need to do it safely for everyone. They have been meeting every Thursday. Ms. Parnell, for the record, agrees with other board members, everyone is working so hard to make it safe for everyone. We are doing our best to provide leadership in our community to make sure it's safe for everyone.

Board Agenda Topic

The Board reviewed upcoming agenda topics and no changes were made.

REPORTS

WSSDA Legislative Assembly Report

Ms. Van Noy explained that the student representatives would have gone in person if not for COVID-19. The WSSDA Legislative General Assembly is where WSSDA board members put forth

proposals and the Legislative Committee of WSSDA goes over them and they either approve or disapprove and then vote. They had over 100 voting delegates from all over the state. After everyone votes, WSSDA makes a list of the top fifty initiatives that came forward. Then, the voting delegates identify their top fifteen priorities. Ms. Van Noy listed Riverview School District priorities in order as; Fully Funded Staffing Levels, Addressing Digital Equity, Fully Funding School Employee Benefits and Pensions, Support for Special Education Programs, Protecting Local Area Assistance, Transportation, Bargaining and Negotiation, School Construction, Technology Funding, Comprehensive Student Safety, Ubiquitous Affordable High Speed Internet, Behavior Support Services in Social/Emotional Learning, Materials Supplies and Operating Costs and, Standardization of School District Audit Costs. WSSDA will then compile and prioritize the top fifteen from all school districts and that will be the message taken to the legislators. When the entire state has an agreement of the top fifteen priorities, it allows the strategic advocacy team at WSSDA to know what to advocate to our legislators about.

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith reported on student enrollment by taking the October 2019 numbers and October 2020 numbers and the difference between them. He then took the enrollment of September 2020 and October 2020 and the difference between them. He will continue to report this way all year to show the trend data. In October, 2019 we had 3235.07 FTE students and in October 2020 we had 2958.54 FTE students which is a reduction in student enrollment of 276.53 FTE students. In September, 2020 student enrollment was 2,974.51 FTE students and October, 2020 student enrollment were 2,958.54 FTE students which is a loss of 15.97 students.

Dr. Smith stated that the few districts that have started with their kindergarten back in school have seen significant increases in student enrollment. He went on to explain the tenancy of many families was to hold off with Kindergarten enrollment if they were going to have to be in a full-time remote learning environment and not be engaged in a school setting. When the Peninsula School district reopened two weeks ago with their Kindergarten they experienced a significant and surprising enrollment increase. Dr. Smith thinks the same thing is probable in Riverview as we exercise the *DRAFT Reopening Plan*. Each phase of the plan will get approved on its own and then we will move on to the next phase and the approval there of with input from constituencies.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- We want to make sure our students with disabilities get the education they need. Dr. Smith met with a Focus Group of Parents of Students with Disabilities. He met with another Focus Group of Students with Disabilities and did some phone interviews with individuals who could not participate in the Focus Groups and is in the process of batching the data. The School Board will be the first to know what the three to five tendencies were, both positive and areas of improvement. The questions asked include, "What's going well? What needs to be improved? If the school district were doing a perfect job for you, what would that look like? Do you have any other comments?" Next week will be a Focus Group with Parents of Hispanic/EL Students and the following week will be Hispanic/EL Students.
- Huda Essa who presented at the Welcome Back event has been engaged in providing professional learning for our staff around equity.
- He attended and donated to the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network, "Give a Night, Save a Life" event.

- He held another Reopening Advisory Committee meeting and thanked all fifty-eight people who are highly engaged in this work.
- We concluded the parent and staff surveys K-5 for remote or in-person preferences. Anyone who did not complete those, we will be reaching out to them through building principals. For staff, we will be doing a combination of reach out through building principals and the Human Resource Department.
- Thanks to everyone providing input weekly, including parents, students, staff, labor partners on our *DRAFT Reopening Plan*.
- Last Friday, he met with one of the district 5th grade teams for a listening session.
- Dr. Smith was the recipient of the 2020 Crystal Apple Award from the Washington School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) honoring school districts throughout the state for achievement and success through school district public relations and communications programs. The Crystal Apple Award is one of the highest individual honors the organization hands out each year. Our Communications program also received nine awards and received the top award for a written communication article in school districts of ten thousand and under. Thanks to everyone who sends information in for our articles and congratulation to Mike Ward, Director of Communications.
- He had an Onboarding meeting with Paul Beckel, Asst. Principal at Tolt Middle School. Paul is doing a great job in his new role and we are so glad to have him here in Riverview with us.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the October 13, 2020, Board meeting at 7:08 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Stacy Cook, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors