

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Zoom Meeting
October 27, 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

PROCLAMATIONS

Dr Smith read the proclamation declaring November 2020 as Kindness Month and recognized World Kindness Day in the Riverview School District as being on November 13, 2020.

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

The Board President, Ms. Oviatt and Transportation Supervisor, Sabrina Warren recognized two employees for their outstanding work in the Transportation department. Ms. Warren congratulated Jason Pearson for his ten years of service and Peggy Coe for her twenty years of service.

Ms. Warren went on to say that Jason always has a positive attitude and is a team player. He stays until the job is done and helps the drivers out in explaining how the buses work and he is the one who has been disinfecting the buses at the end of the day so they are ready to go for the next day. Jason explained that he attended Tolt Middle School and Cedarcrest High School and he is happy to service in the district and glad he can bring his family to Riverview as well.

Ms. Warren talked about how Peggy is a team player, and she tells it like it is. She is very connected with the kids and she makes them “tows the line” and that is why the kids and parents love her. Safety is her priority, and she is so connected with her students that when the shutdown happened in March, she made sure to sign up multiple times for food delivery routes so she could still connect with the kids. Not only is Peggy driving special needs preschool kids, but she also is learning new things in the office to help complete her hours. Even though she is at the end of her career she is still learning new things.

Ms. Warren congratulated Dr. Anthony Smith for the Crystal Apple Award and Mike Ward, Communications Director for the Communications Awards they received. On behalf of the Transportation department, she thanked them both for representing the Riverview School District and doing an outstanding job for them and validating who Transportation is.

The School Board thanked both Peggy and Jason and the Entire Transportation Department for the amazing work they do with our students. They also commented on the wonderful video that they helped create and put together last spring at the end of the year to celebrate our high school seniors and all other students.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Fletcher mentioned she attended a school district team meeting for the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) Inclusionary Practices. They are meeting every Friday. The goal of the work is to improve inclusionary practices for our students with disabilities.

Ms. Parnell participated in the Board/Superintendent Leadership meeting on the October 15th. She has been attending board work studies and thanked Ms. Oviatt and Ms. Van Noy for all their work on the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) presentation they are working on for the Annual WSSDA Conference.

Mr. Edwards mentioned on Tuesday last week WSSDA leadership de-briefed after the General/Legislative Assembly. He reported that everything went very well, and the voting went even better virtually than in the past. He was overwhelmed with all the people reaching out to congratulate him on the position of President Elect. Dr. Alan Burke who was the Executive Director of WSSDA emailed Mr. Edwards to congratulate him and let him know if he needed anything to just reach out for help.

Ms. Van Noy mentioned that Patty Wood from Kelso School District has been reelected to the State Board of Education.

Student Representative, Sierra Owens was happy to announce that she took the SAT's today and she was also elected President of Future Farmers of America (FFA). She has been applying for scholarships and just turned in her application to Montana State University (MSU). She would like to attend college at either Wyoming State University or MSU.

Student Representative, Crosby Ostercamp mentioned that school is picking up and she is having more homework. She has started SAT and ACT prep. She will be working with Sierra and Ms. Oviatt to record the video for the WSSDA presentation on the "Riverview Way of Student Reps." Clubs have also picked up a bit. She has done some hikes to help keep her motivated for online school.

Ms. Oviatt mentioned prior to this Board meeting they had a Board Work Study to help them prepare for recording the presentation for the WSSDA Annual Conference. She participated with Nick Hoffman, Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Director, on a COVID-19 call last Thursday to discuss WIAA challenges that they are facing during this time of schools reopening. There was approximately 100 people on the call. WIAA has done a great job on their website of putting out specific information and following State guidelines. It's great to see the collaboration across the different organizations to communicate the same message. Yesterday she was in Olympia recording the "Board Boot Camp," for the WSSDA presentation at the WSSDA Annual conference. Ms. Oviatt, along with Student Representatives, Sierra Owens and Crosby Ostercamp were invited by Logan Andres to present a twenty-minute session on "The Riverview Way of Student Reps" and they will be recording that tomorrow. The WSSDA Annual Conference is virtual this year and the presentations the Riverview

School Board is providing are prerecorded. The topic they are presenting is on Wellness this year. They are telling the Riverview story on their wellness scenario on what has happened in our community and in our schools. They have also invited Cedric Nagata, former student representative to join them in their presentation. Sierra and Cedric did participate in advocacy work as our community went through some of the wellness challenges we faced. Ms. Oviatt mentioned she sent cards that were made with Riverview Students Artwork on them to the Principals with notes written from the Board members about “What a Principal Means to Them” to celebrate October’s National Principals month.

Hearing of the Public

No one emailed anything to share with the Board.

Student Rep Report

Sierra reported that some classes go smoother than others and attendance and participation varies in each class. Teachers are trying their hardest, but she knows a lot of students just do not have the motivation. Multiple times she has heard the phrase “Online school doesn’t feel real,” which makes them to not want to do their work. Sierra asked students via Instagram what they would like to have reported; one student brought up including purple into our zoom screens for November being Prematurity Awareness Month.

Crosby reported that she noticed a large variation between her mixed grade vs. single grade classes for participation and attendance. She has heard from many underclassmen, extreme differences in how their single grade classes go. She can tell (from both friends and just general cues in class) that people are starting to get SUPER burnt out. Teachers have expressed feelings of hopelessness and frustration with a lack of cameras being turned on and a lack of participation. It seems that teachers are starting to give more homework and get more into a “normal” workload which could contribute to burnout.

FFA (Future Farmers of America): announces their new officer positions for the 2020-2021 school year. President: Sierra Owens, Vice President of Membership and Recruitment: Kadee Fry, Vice President of Community Outreach: Madison Rose, Secretary: Sierra Swart, Treasurer: Bethany Smith, Reporter: Rylee Daugherty, Sentinel: Bryant Reid. All are extremely excited to be serving FFA this year!

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America): Has done artwork on the Duvall Skatepark wall where it is a tribute to the Class of 2021 seniors leaving a place for each senior to sign their names with sharpie!

ASB (Associated Student Body): Will be having a Halloween spirit week. Monday: Cowboys vs. Aliens, Tuesday: Movie character, Wednesday: SKIP, Thursday: Time period Friday: Halloween costume. Clubs are setting up for a Halloween drive through on October 31st in a loop around CHS. They will be passing out candy from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM using social distancing. Someone will be wearing “Redd”, our school mascot. Quite a few clubs will be in attendance.

Riverview Highlights

Carnation Elementary Student Council finished up elections and now have their five officers. President- Maggie McKenzie, Vice President- Colt Foster, Treasurer- Scarlett Doenges, Secretary- Lydia Nelson, Activities Coordinator- Aubree Somers.

They are working on getting class representatives so they can hold their first Student Council meeting this year and will be working with the principal to do something for Veterans Day.

Cherry Valley Elementary has had two virtual spirit days so far. Sports Day and Bring a Pet to their Morning Zoom day. Both went well.

Eagle Rock Multi Age held a virtual assembly which has allowed them to continue their family groups and stay connected with all their kids.

Teacher Appreciation

Students Representatives, Sierra Owens and Crosby Ostercamp, wanted to thank and recognize all of the Riverview School District Staff members who spend often unrecognized hours working tirelessly to make school, and an amazing education possible, even over Zoom. The students want them to know that their work does not go unnoticed and they appreciate all the work that they do behind the scenes. The teachers and staff are making a great impact on students' online learning experiences. Thank you for the amazing work that they all do.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Sierra and Crosby for their report and stated that she appreciates the student voice that they bring to the Board. It is enlightening and very helpful.

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 20-72: To approve the October 27, 2020, Consent Agenda, as presented. 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.

BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Updates

Dr. Smith announced that every five years, the Riverview School District hosts a Strategic Planning Community Forum. This year it is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM via Zoom. All stakeholders are invited - students in grades 9-12, staff members, parents/guardians, and community members. It's an opportunity to learn about the mission and vision of the Riverview School District, develop an understanding of how different departments work together in achieving that mission and vision, and allows attendees to offer suggestions, input and ideas, and engage in a question and answer session with department directors, supervisors, and coordinators. Common themes are identified and used to help formulate the goals, objectives, and tasks. Invitations will be going out early next week.

Dr. Smith has already met with or completed phone interviews with four different Focus Groups which are; Parents of Students with Disabilities, Students with Disabilities, Parents of Hispanic and English Learner (EL) Students, and next week we will be meeting with Hispanic and EL Students. All of the data received will be batched through qualitative research. Dr. Smith will be informing everyone of what that information produced before we start the Strategic Planning Community Forum to make sure their voices are heard. We strive to model inclusionary practices and equity in everything we do in the Riverview School District.

During the School Board/Superintendent Advance the School Board was very helpful in giving Dr. Smith direction in aligning all teams involved in the direction of where the School Board wants to head as a District.

The Forum will start with a brief history, where we think we should go and then everyone will break off into three to four different groups. The groups will be Human Resources, Communications, Business & Operations, and Teaching & Learning, Information Technology and Student Services. The themes gathered from these groups will be taken to the School Board to work with and get approval to put those themes into the next five-year Strategic Plan through goals and objectives.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- Dr. Smith wants to also recognize National Principal Recognition Month. He refers to principals as the "Lever" because you cannot do well as a school without principals who really care and love our kids and our schools. Congratulations to all our Principals.
- We have a variety of committees and some new ones coming up. After the completion of the third Reopening meeting, there seems to be far less questions than in the beginning, which tells him their questions are getting answered. He feels we will be totally prepared when it is safe to return to the classrooms.
- We are going to start an Elementary Teacher and Specialist Committee starting next week. They will be looking at how the scheduling will work with Teachers and Specialists safely.
- Starting in January we are going to have a Learning Management System/Skooler Committee. Dr. Smith wants to have a review of the system by the people who have been impacted by it the most, which are students, teachers, and parents. In the meantime, we have been releasing constraints to make it easier for teachers and students to use TEAMS.

- On November 10th Rotary wants to honor our Veterans by sponsoring a free lunch. Rotary will be providing free lunch boxes for Veterans 11:15 AM – 12: 15 PM in front of the Senior Center in Carnation.
- Compliment's to Teaching & Learning for scheduling the SAT. We did it today! Amy Jacobsen put pressure on the college board into letting us do this testing in a different way. Our criterion was the student had to be a senior to take the administration and needed for college scholarships and admission into college. We successfully had fourteen Riverview Seniors complete the tests. Thank you to Amy Jacobsen for making that happen.
- We identified 57 families that did not have proper internet connectivity. Through everyone's hard work, that number is down to 25. In the places where they cannot get it no matter what, we are working on figuring out places where they can get it, forming our own "internet café's."
- The equity professional learning that is happening for staff with Huda Essa is going well.
- Dr. Smith thanked Snoqualmie Valley Community Network (SVCN) for promoting the "Month of Kindness" in November. The Riverview themes for this year are Grace, Gratitude and Hope and it fits well into a kindness theme. Dr. Smith encourages everyone to do something kind for someone and yourself because you deserve it. Be kind.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the October 27, 2020, Board meeting at 6:54 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Stacy Cook, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors