

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors' Zoom Meeting**  
**September 22, 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](mailto:rsdschoolboard@rsd407.org) or Stacy Cook at [cooks@rsd407.org](mailto:cooks@rsd407.org).

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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

**Board Communications**

Ms. Oviatt mentioned the School Board had a work study before this meeting and another work study on September 17, 2020 and the Board Leadership met in the morning with the Superintendent. Ms. Oviatt attended the weekly Washington State School Directors Association, (WSSDA) “Covid-call.” The application for the Board of Distinction was completed and submitted. Ms. Oviatt thanked all that board members for the work they have done over the years. She also thanked Dr. Anthony Smith, Superintendent, Dr. Randy Stocker, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning, Kristin Edlund, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning, Mike Ward, Director of Communications, Amy Jacobson, Program Assistant, Teaching and Learning, and Teresa Renner, Program Assistant, Teaching and Learning. She appreciates everyone’s support with all the data and documentation that was used in the application. She thought the video’s that the teachers posted for curriculum night were awesome and appreciates all of the teachers’ efforts toward what they are doing to inform their parents and their students.

Mr. Edwards stated that the WSSDA General Assembly is happening on Friday. They are looking at having record attendance virtually. Ms. Van Noy will be the delegate to vote for the Board. Mr. Edwards participated on the Pacific Region Leadership call with WSSDA President, Brenda Rogers, National School Board Association, (NSBA) Vice President, Marnie Maraldo. Elections are open for a few more days for the WSSDA Leadership. Vice President Derek Sarley from Walla Walla and Michelle Perry from Sunnyside are both running for President. Mr. Edwards commented that he felt it was an honor to be running for president of WSSDA and feels fortunate to be following Rick Jansen into the Presidency of WSSDA.

Ms. Van Noy wanted to remind everyone that on October 7, 2020, Snoqualmie Valley Community Network (SVCN) is having their “Give a Night, Save a Life” virtual campaign for suicide prevention. Tomorrow SVCN will be having a virtual “How to Help a Friend” suicide prevention training for Middle

School and High School students. There will be facilitators from seven different colleges from all over the world attending this event.

Ms. Parnell participated in the WSSDA nominating committee, which reviews, nominates and interviews candidates that hold the offices within the organization. She wanted to remind the school board members to vote on WSSDA elections.

Student Representative, Crosby Ostercamp spoke about starting dance classes again. She attended an ASB breakfast last Monday. The students on ASB gathered up prepackaged food items and delivered to the teachers at Cedarcrest while masking up and practicing social distancing. She also interviewed for a job at the GAP store in Redmond and was hired.

Senior Student Representative Sierra Owens commented that she got a new job at Costal Farm and Ranch in Monroe. She started a new leadership position at her youth group. She has been working with other officers and advisors to get the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Future Farmers of America (FFA) as well as the social media for those groups up and running. She has started applying for colleges, including University of Wyoming, and Montana State University.

### **Hearing of the Public**

No one sent in an email to address the School Board.

### **Student Rep Report**

The student representatives decided to focus on more than sports and clubs this year. They want important updates of students' lives and other big issues that go on throughout the schools.

Sierra explained she is handling remote learning okay although she does feel some Zoom burnout. Her workload so far is manageable. She stated she is glad to be back in a routine. Her organizational skills and time management have improved. In her experience, teachers are being understanding and helpful and wanting to do more. She stated she is thankful to all the staff for reaching out and talking things through with her.

Crosby stated she is managing well and procrastinating less. She finds that club meetings through Zoom are manageable. She stated that she is thankful to the staff this year and can see all the work they have put into remote learning.

### **Clubs overall report:**

Sierra reported that clubs just started the past week but not all clubs are starting back up. Clubs will report to the student representatives when something happens.

### **How to find all clubs on Cedarcrest website:**

1. Go to the CHS website
2. Near the top right click on clubs + activities
3. Listed are all the clubs and activities CHS has to offer (with hyperlinks to their descriptions and/or websites)

### **Suicide prevention work groups:**

Sierra spoke about her experience during the summer, when she was asked to talk in two Zoom meetings courtesy of Logan Endres, WSSDA Strategic Advocacy Coordinator. One being community members, teachers and parents. The other was WSSDA members and some school board directors. Sierra was accompanied by Lisa Callan, representative of the 5<sup>th</sup> legislative district and got to answer the question “What do you think is most important for schools to be thinking about when it comes to suicide awareness and prevention.” She focused many of her answers on how students should be kept in the loop and how suicide talk should be normalized and something that should not be scary to mention. By adults being more open with students on what they are trying to do, the students feel more valued. Sierra went on to explain how students don’t like to be kept in the shadows whether it’s an idea with a dead end or bad news, at least students would know people are trying to find answers, or solutions to help. It was an amazing experience for her.

### **Student Well-being Survey**

Student representatives Sierra Owen and Crosby Ostercamp decided to send out an eight-question survey on their Instagram accounts and compare the feedback they received. They found that a lot of students like the asynchronous aspect of getting out of school earlier. It is helpful to students who have jobs. The teachers are being well about helping students and providing support. They noticed the upperclassmen seem to be doing good while the underclassmen tend to be struggling more. Students are having trouble finding set due-dates and using the different platforms for different teachers. Some students are doing great and having a lot of personal growth while others are struggling with depression, trying to fill free time and online learning being hard. One question in particular, asked students to assign a rating on a scale of 1 through 5 as to how the year was going. 5 was great and 1 was horrible. The majority of responses were a 3, with a couple of 1’s and a few 5’s.

Crosby stated about 400 people saw Crosby’s story with over 20 responses. Sierra had about 300 people see her story, not everyone responded from Cedarcrest. It is important to both student representatives to be an advocate for student voice.

Dr. Smith complimented the students for doing the survey. He commented about how it is helpful to give students a way to express themselves and it is a way they get to express their emotions. You are meeting some people’s mental health needs also by doing the survey. The act of authentically reaching out is powerful.

### **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 20-68:** To approve the September 22, 2020, Consent Agenda, as presented. Ms. Parnell motioned, and Ms. Fletcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for September 8, 2020; and Board Work Study Minutes for September 8, 2020, September 10, 2020, and September 17, 2020.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 212102 through No. 212118 in the amount of \$23,827.49; and direct deposits of \$484.23 and \$76,522.50 for a total of \$77,006.73. Capital Projects Fund direct deposits of \$5,344.53. ASB Fund Warrant No. 212119 through No. 212119 in the amount of \$850.00; and direct deposits of \$1,825.34. Total Payroll for Special Payroll on September 9, 2020 was \$3,453.72; and direct deposits of \$2,363.65. Total Payroll for Mid-Month on September 15, 2020 was \$2,505.08 and direct deposits of \$1,924.02.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.

Ms. Van Noy noted the generous donations from Riverview Educational Foundation for science kit additions.

Approval of Budget Status Report for August 2020.

Approval of Surplus six district Mechanical Machines and Vehicles.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance (SBE Form)**

Stacy Cook, Executive Assistant, explained that every year, the State Board of Education collects compliance information annually through online iGrants from each school year. They require that our compliance information is presented to the School Board prior to that time. The requirement is to have either a district-wide average 1,000 instructional hours in grades 1-8 and a district-wide average 1,080 instructional hours in grades 8-12, which may be calculated as a district-wide average of 1,027 instructional hours in grades 1-12. This year we have an average of 1,028.81 hours for grades 1-12, which is above the required 1,027 hours. This is a reduction in hours, due to students in grades 6-8 only going 180 days. And due to Remote Learning due to COVID-19.

### **Board Agenda Items**

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

## **REPORTS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- Making a positive difference in other people's lives is the most amazing thing. Dr. Smith repeated the themes for this year which are Grace, Gratitude, Hope. He wanted to remind everyone that the best way to communicate is to go to the source. It's difficult to reach out and ask for help but he encourages anyone who is struggling, to reach out. Many people want to help.
- Dr. Smith attended various Curriculum night presentations virtually and they were wonderful.

- He completed all his goal setting evaluation conferences for people he supervises.
- He has been attending numerous meetings at all levels in terms of reopening schools and plans moving forward. Public Health – Seattle and King County (PHSKC) announced schools can start taking a look at safely reengaging our earliest grades. All the Districts in King and Pierce County are in various stages to do that, depending on PHSKC recommendations.
- We are working on creating a reach out for a Reopening Committee. This committee will talk about all the nuances to think about with the reopening of schools. We had one hundred and ten people volunteer to be on this committee. We have 26 employees, 28 community members and 3 students on the committee. These meetings will be on Thursdays, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM. The process for selection for the committee was to look at equity and diversity. For those who did not get selected for this committee, there will be other opportunities in the district like the Ambassador Program and our Strategic Planning Forum. Patty Hayes, Director of King County Health has agreed to help with the first half hour of the Reopening Advisory Committee meeting.
- He met with Theresa Tenney, PTSA Council President and the meeting went great.
- Dr. Smith has had various meetings with Puget Sound Educational Service District, (PSESD) Superintendents.
- He attended an Eastside Superintendents meeting about Athletics and sticking to the Washington State Interscholastic Activities Association recommendations and waiting until Phase III of the State Plan to get started with athletics. Jason Frederick, Cedarcrest High School Athletic Director was a part of that meeting.
- In the next couple weeks, we will be having some Focus Groups on Tuesday evenings, parents with students with disabilities, students with disabilities, Parents of Hispanic/EL students, and Hispanic/EL students. We will be reporting back on what the results of these groups are and feeding this information directly into the Strategic Planning.
- On Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Smith joined the awesome Stillwater Elementary Food Service department at 5:00 a.m. to prepare meals for the day. He wanted to thank Christl Haymond, Sue Minkiewitz, Tina Potter, Laura Hintzke, and Maggie Thome for their great spirit and how hard they work each and every day!
- He continues to look in on students that are in the buildings.

Both Student Representatives asked Dr. Smith when the Reopening Advisory Committee was meeting.

Dr. Smith let them know the dates are Thursday evenings twice a month from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the September 22, 2020, Board meeting at 7:10 PM.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

### **MINUTES PREPARED BY**

Stacy Cook, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors