

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
September 8, 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

OATH OF OFFICE – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Oviatt, Board President, administered the Oath of Office to new Student Representative, Crosby Ostercamp. Ms. Ostercamp briefly told about herself, reasons she applied, and how excited she is to be part of the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Mr. Edwards is continuing to attend the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) on the Thursday noon calls, which informs everyone in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic and also what other districts are doing around the state and what “Best Practices” are being used. Mr. Edwards mentioned districts seem to be looking at the Riverview School District to follow because as a State, Riverview seem to be doing a lot of the right things WSSDA elections are now happening and his name is on the ballot as President Elect. He is running unopposed.

The Board of Directors all agreed that the Welcome Back event was very well done and was interesting to present via Zoom. The Board also wants to thank every staff member of the Riverview School District for all the many hours and hard work they have put into getting school started this year. All agreed that the remote learning was going well and much better than the emergency online learning put in place last March. The Board of Directors also welcomed Crosby Ostercamp, the new junior student representative and Sierra Owens, the Senior representative to the new school year. Ms. Oviatt met with Sierra Owens and went over events that were coming up this school year. The Board also thanked Dr. Smith for forwarding Cedarcrest High School ASB morning announcements about how they shared what was going on from the officers.

Junior Student Representative Crosby Ostercamp shared her school schedule and how remote learning is working for her. She explained she does not like online learning better than regular school, but she

likes it more than she thought she would because she has extra free time in the afternoon. She thinks that might change as the school year progresses.

Senior Student Representative Sierra Owens shared her school schedule and how remote learning is working for her. She stated she enjoys it so much more than last Spring when we had to rush into remote learning. It has a lot more structure, great to see friends on the camera, break out rooms are being used more which provides more one on one help and ability to communicate with peers more. She is proud of how hard everyone is working behind the scenes to make it a great experience. She is glad to see her peers showing up and being present, talking and trying to do their best in getting assignments done. She explained how it is nice to have a more flexible schedule for students who have jobs. She stated she is understanding remote learning more and starting to like it more.

Ms. Oviatt thanked the student representatives for sharing their perspective.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 20-66: To amend Consent Agenda Item D. Service Contracts to reflect current changes. Mr. Edwards motioned, and Ms. Fletcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

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

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 20-67: To approve the September 8, 2020, Consent Agenda, as amended. Ms. Parnell motioned, and Ms. Van Noy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for August 11, 2020, and August 25, 2020; and Board Work Study Minutes for August 13, 2020, August 25, 2020, and Sept 3, 2020.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 212074 through No. 212100 in the amount of \$132,958.78; and direct deposits of \$57,717.88. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 212101 through No. 212101 in the amount of \$402.00; and direct deposits of \$2,157.00. ASB Fund direct deposits of \$130.55. Total Payroll for August 31, 2020, was \$3,279,380.07, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 212041 through No. 212046 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of 11,901.94; and General Fund Warrant No. 212047 through No. 212073 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of \$1,127,820.34; and direct deposits of \$1,560,358.11.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.

Ms. Van Noy noted the generous donations of \$1,000.00 from the Cedarcrest Football Boosters for the PLT4M workout and training program one-year subscription.

BUSINESS

Board Agenda Items

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

Dr. Smith briefly went over the upcoming Strategic Planning Focus Groups. With Board approval, the information gathered will be used to drive the direction and vision for Strategic Planning, making sure the focus is on practicing equity and inclusiveness.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith reported that the enrollment is down 260.56 students from the fourth day of school enrollment, which is what counts as the September enrollment. That is a three million dollar hit to the General Fund Budget. We are down 8% in term of student enrollment as compared to the fourth day of 2019. Last year the months averaged out in terms of student enrollment. This is a one-month report, depending on what happens later in the year it could average out to be higher. We will be tracking and adjusting as the year goes on. Our Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is 2, 974.51 students.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- He thought the Welcome Back event turned out great. The themes for this year were grace, gratitude, and hope. He felt the community is doing great and continues to model these themes.
- Huda Essa the guest speaker for the Welcome Back event talked to us about managing stress and what we could do for students in terms of social/emotional health. She outlined different strategies to use and how to become a more culturally responsive educator.
- We keep updating our remote learning plan to include different phases as more students can come to school. We will be starting reopening committee next week. Students, staff and parents will be invited to participate.
- Dr. Smith attended and spoke at the Food Services in-service meeting. They work very hard. The Federal Government has stated that they will support not only Riverview students but anyone that lives in our community that is newborn through 18 years of age for picking up food, at least through December.
- We mailed out our Fall mailer which goes out to all the people in our community. Approximately eighty percent of our community does not have school age students in our schools. These mailers give our community a preview of what we are doing, in addition to providing valuable information for parents.
- Dr. Smith had a great onboarding meeting with our new Jr. student representative Crosby Ostercamp and Board President, Lori Oviatt.
- He has been meeting with a variety of people on the Equity plan and discussing what metrics will be used. There was a training with the Superintendent's Cabinet and a couple Professional Learning Leaders with Mary Fertakis, facilitating the meeting.
- Calendar Planning

- Dr. Smith, Dr, Stocker, Assistant Superintendent, Chris Collins, Director of Information Technology presented at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, Sept. 3rd.
- On the first day of school Dr. Smith attended every school and was able to see teachers teaching and was able to visit with all the high needs students that are attending on site. They are doing well and were very excited to be attending school.
- Remote Learning is much better than last Spring, with a summer to prepare.

Student Representative Sierra Owens shared about how FFA is working on how to get more officers involved in the process how to approach going through the Chapter meetings. She stated that it is a little more difficult doing things online.

Sierra asked Dr. Smith what are the main issue teachers are facing?

Dr. Smith explained some of the issue's teachers are facing are as follows: 1. Some parents withdrew their students without experiencing the improved Remote Learning model. 2. Workload and continual change has been taxing on everyone - Teachers, Students, and Parents. 3. Another issue teachers and parents are facing is facilitating their child's online learning at home while they are at work. Dr. Smith is hopeful that parents that withdrew students will re-enroll their students as the school year continues.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the September 8, 2020, Board meeting at 7:52 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Stacy Cook, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors