

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Zoom Meeting
June 9, 2020
Duvall, WA 98019
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Student Representative Cedric Nagata ran this meeting as part of his final senior experience as Student Representative. As Acting Board President, Mr. Nagata called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nagata 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 Sandy Bechtel at bechtels@rsd407.org.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Van Noy, Mr. Edwards (all via Zoom)
Student Representatives: Cedric Nagata, Sierra Owens (all via Zoom)

PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET EXTENSION

Mr. Nagata asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Capital Projects Budget Extension for the 2019-2020 school year. No one came forward on the phone to speak on this.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LIMITED GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, 2020

Mr. Nagata asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Limited General Obligation Bond, 2020. No one came forward on the phone to speak on this.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Oviatt said prior to tonight’s meeting, the Board attended the District Retirement Celebration on Zoom. There was 169 years of collective service between the six retirees. The Board wishes all the retirees to enjoy their retirement and know that many people will miss them. She thanked Cub Nambo and Trish Hamilton, Custodians at Cherry Valley Elementary; Donna Harvold, Special Education Teacher at Tolt Middle School; Diane Magnochi, Bus Driver/Trainer Extraordinaire in the Transportation Department; Kim Canady, 31 years in so many different roles in the district; and last, but not least, our very own Sandy Bechtel. Ms. Oviatt thanked Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell for attending the Riverview Learning Center (RLC) graduation in person; and Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Fletcher for attending it virtually. It was one of the first RLC graduation she did not cry out, because they were dancing and celebrating with the graduates. She did miss hearing their amazing stories and what they are planning to do next. Thanks to Dr. Smith, Ms. Van Noy, Mike Ruhland, and Sierra Owens for participating in the Student Representative interviews. We did have four top-notch candidates, which made the decision very difficult. Congratulations to Crosby Ostercamp, who was selected.

Board Communications (Continued)

Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt submitted a presentation proposal on Student Well Being for the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) Annual Conference, while making an executive decision not to submit a proposal for the NSBA (National School Board Association) Annual Conference. This way the Board can enjoy the conference and focus on their professional development. The Board has a busy two weeks ahead with Cedarcrest High School Graduation on Friday, Tolt Moving Up Virtual Ceremony on June 17th and a Board Work Study and Board Leadership on June 18th. June 19th is the last day of school and then they have a Board meeting on June 23rd. We have two upcoming birthdays – Cedric Nagata on June 11th and Dr. Smith on June 14th. Happy birthday!

Mrs. Parnell was thrilled to have the opportunity to participate with the Riverview Learning Center (RLC) graduation. Congratulations to Mr. Bomar, his entire staff, and the graduating class for a job well done. She is looking forward to Friday's Cedarcrest graduation, as her son will be graduating. As Ms. Oviatt said, this is a busy two weeks for us.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Student Representative Cedric Nagata for doing such a great job, which is appreciated. She is sorry she missed the District Retirement Celebration but wanted to thank Ms. Bechtel for all the amazing things she does for our district and the Board. She and Ms. Oviatt worked on the WSSDA presentation proposal. She wanted to thank the Transportation Department for their amazing video for the graduating class of 2020. Welcome to Crosby Ostercamp, our new Student Representative!

Mr. Edwards said it has been a busy June. The RLC Graduation was amazing and he thanked all the retirees for their years of service. On top of all that, he participated in the WSSDA Legislative Committee meeting last week on Friday and Saturday. In the best of circumstances, these meetings can be challenging, because this is where we gather the priorities from all over the state that we advocate to our legislators. But in this case, having all 27 members on a GoToMeeting was very challenging. It is ordinarily a two-day meeting, but we did not get all our work done, so we are meeting tomorrow and Friday of next week, just to finish our May meetings. The WSSDA Chair, Sandy Hayes, and Vice Chair, Rebecca Stillings, are doing a phenomenal job in very difficult situations. He attended a WSSDA Board of Directors meeting last Friday. Mr. Edwards is looking forward to seeing Student Representative Cedric Nagata and his graduating class on Friday at Cedarcrest's graduation.

Ms. Fletcher wished Dr. Smith and Cedric Nagata a happy birthday and congratulated Ms. Bechtel on her retirement. She watched the RLC Graduation virtually last night, which was fun, but she noted it was sad not hearing all the personal stories. But it was a great event.

Student Representative Sierra Owens said congratulations to everyone graduating, including Cedric Nagata. She has been working a lot and gave her congratulations to incoming Student Representative Crosby Ostercamp. We had amazing candidates. She gave congratulations to Ms. Bechtel on her retirement, who will be missed. She is just trying to get through the last two weeks of school and now that things are opening more, she is looking forward to getting her haircut and attend events.

Ms. Bechtel thanked everyone for the Retirement Celebration and for the Board's kind words. She wished Cedric Nagata good luck on Friday, who will be missed. She loved the Transportation video, which has over million views! People are seeing what a great district we have.

Board Communications (Continued)

Acting Board President Cedric Nagata reported that he watched the Cedarcrest Senior Award Night video and he was super excited and impressed by that. Mr. Armstrong is amazing in that video. President Nagata was glad to be able to give his valedictorian speech, even though it wasn't in person. It was a good experience and he was glad to talk to the Class of 2020 as a whole one time before they all leave. He watched the Transportation video and he is proud to be in a district where a department can do that for us. He said he is sorry to see Ms. Bechtel go and said it has been amazing knowing her these last two years. He watched part of the Cedarcrest Baccalaureate and RLC Graduation, which were both amazing. He loves watching people celebrate the last few moments of this year and spent the last couple of days saying goodbye to his classmates on Zoom. There have been some special moments and he is really glad he has the chance to celebrate this moment, even though it is not in person. We still feel we are being recognized for our accomplishments and that we have been celebrated for all we've done. He is looking forward to graduation.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 20-41: To revise Consent Agenda Item D. Service Contracts, to reflect current changes (Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt). Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

No one submitted any comments for the Board to read during this meeting.

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 20-42: To approve the June 9, 2020, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for May 26, 2020; and Board Work Study Minutes for May 14, 2020, and May 21, 2020.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 211124 through No. 211338 in the amount of \$235,603.46; and direct deposits of \$73,258.03. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 211339 through No. 211348 in the amount of \$199,702.31; and direct deposits of \$3,974.68. ASB Fund Warrant No. 211349 through No. 211413 in the amount of \$5,255.25; and direct deposits of \$2,718.13. Total Payroll for May 29, 2020, was \$3,276,316.48; which includes General Fund Warrant No. 211092 through No. 211097 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$9,801.23; and General Fund Warrant No. 211098 through No. 2011123 in the amount of \$1,103,418.40; and direct deposits of \$1,561,658.09.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

BUSINESS

ASB Budget Presentation

ASB Officers from Tolt Middle School and Cedarcrest High School went over the ASB budget for the 2020-21 school year. Attending for Tolt Middle School was ASB President Lauryn Anderson, ASB Advisor Wes Pierce, and Vice Principal Scott Petersen. Lauryn reported that next year we are not sure what is going to happen because of COVID-19, so many things are on hold. This past year, we had a spirit week in October; helped with WEB (Where Everybody B); had a winter dance in December with about 300 students attending; planned to attend an event in March, but it was cancelled; did a video for Staff Appreciation, had students send in pictures for another spirit week last week; read morning announcements and did have a Fun Run planned in May, but it was cancelled Mr. Pierce said budget-wise, they are doing well since most events were cancelled. We are considering doing a Fun Run in October, but a lot is very tentative right now. Mr. Petersen said they are tweaking where our dollars are being held in different accounts and looking at tracking previous years of budgets to see where we are spending money over the next two years. We have been able to sustain new clubs, such as Math Club and GSA Club. We want a sustainable two to three-year ASB budget plan and we are creating great plans to engage our students and get our younger ASB students involved.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Lauryn for the great job she is doing, and she is glad they have a Math Club now.

Ms. Oviatt said this is one of the lowest ASB Fund balance we have seen in a long time, and we appreciate seeing that. Mr. Pierce noted that they tried to fund a variety of programs. We have an awesome industrial popcorn maker that ASB purchased.

Next the ASB Officers from Cedarcrest High School spoke about their budget. They are ASB President Katie Fulton, ASB Vice President Lexi Larson, ASB Secretary Olivia Hillestad, ASB Treasurer Nicholas Risukhin, and ASB Advisor Seth Mullinnex. Katie Fulton said they met to discuss the budget requests for the coming school year, review the uniform rotation schedule, and plan special project and special request spending to benefit the Cedarcrest Associated Student Body. Lexi Larson went over the uniform schedule for the past few years. Because uniforms in some sports have a shorter lifespan than others, we review uniform spending on an as needed basis each year. For 2020-21, the ASB approved spending for uniforms in the sport of football. – this year it will only be football. Oliva Hillestad went over the special projects in the budget , which are: 1) purchasing Cedarcrest t-shirts for all students that purchase an ASB card; 2) hosting a one-day leadership conference in August for all class and club leaders at Cedarcrest; 3) boys and girls locker room upgrade; and 4) winter formal dance. Nicholas Risukhin went over the special requests that were granted for the following groups: 1) Class of 2024 received \$500 in start-up money to help them get fundraising off the ground; 2) Football will receive \$10,000 for uniforms; 3) \$7,000 was added to the post-season account to replenish the account back to \$20,000, which is used to take care of all expenses that arise when team qualify for post-season pay; and 4) Link Crew was allotted \$500 for social events partnered with ASB, including Freshman registration. We are asking student to send us notes or emails for how to improve the delivery of morning announcements. Katie concluded by reporting the amount of funds for distribution to all individual accounts, including general athletics, was \$18,000. The estimated ending balance for all ASB accounts is \$110,839 and the estimated ending balance for General ASB is \$14,657. The 2020-21 budget reflects income generated through ASB cards, gate receipts, vending machine revenue, and interest earned. Annual operating costs include official's fees, ticket takers, security, post-season costs, training equipment, equipment repair and maintenance, homecoming expenses, and other miscellaneous costs.

ASB Budget Presentation (Continued)

Oliva Hillestad said students have requested that we make the hallways brighter and we will use student artwork to achieve this. Lexi Larson said they really want to start having InterHigh with students from Cedarcrest and other high schools.

Ms. Oviatt commented that this would be an awesome idea and they should get our Student Representatives involved.

Katie Fulton said her main idea is to reduce the waste output from our school and make it a 100% compostable and biodegradable lunch. They will work alongside the environmental clubs to use more green products. The environment is worth protecting. Our phrase is “Stronger Together” to remind students that we can rely on each other. She and the executives are going to have discussions around mental health, which is a priority for them.

Mr. Edwards commended them for their report and said if this is our leadership next year, we are in great hands!

Mrs. Parnell told the students they did a phenomenal presentation under these circumstances. She is especially glad to hear about your focus on mental health.

Ms. Van Noy commented that this is one of the best student presentations she has seen. She works at SVCN (Snoqualmie Valley Community Network) and we would love to participate with Cedarcrest to help them with mental health.

Ms. Oviatt congratulated the students on their excellent report.

Motion 20-43: To approve the ASB budgets for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented (Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Fletcher). Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nagata said this is a great presentation and he is very supportive of Interhigh.

Resolution No. 20-05, Capital Projects Budget Extension for the 2019-2020 School Year

Meisha Robertson, Director of Business and Operations, briefly talked about Resolution No. 20-05, Capital Projects Budget Extension for the 2019-2020 school year. This is to petition OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) to increase the amount of appropriation, due to unexpected expenditures in the 2019-2020 school year as a result of property acquisition, which will require an additional increase in appropriation of \$2,498,400 in the Capital Projects Fund. This was part of our bond measure and since that did not pass, we needed an extension to meet the July 1st closing date. We are securing a limited general obligation bond of \$2,500,000 to finance this additional cost.

Motion 20-44: To approve Resolution No. 20-05, Capital Projects Budget Extension, for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented (Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 20-06, Limited General Obligation Bond, 2020

Meisha Robertson, Director of Business and Operations, briefly talked about Resolution No. 20-06, Limited General Obligation Bond, 2020. Cynthia Weed and Scott McJannet from K&L Gates LLP are also on this Zoom meeting to explain and answer any questions. The district has proposed to issue a bond for the purchase of the property across the street from Cedarcrest High School. The amount of the bond cannot exceed \$2,500,000 and will be payable over a maximum of ten years and can be paid early without penalties. Cynthia Weed explained this action item represents the culmination of the duties of the Director of Business and Operations. Usually when you do bonds, the district goes through Piper Jaffrey with an underwriter. This bond is strictly a bank loan and right at the timing of this, all the banks were being inundated with requests due to COVID-19. That only generated one bank and the interest rate was quite high. Cynthia Weed heard about an entity that has banks interested in giving out loans. Meisha Robertson completed the paperwork and it reduced the interest rate by 1.5%. The bank loan through Kitsap Bank is 2.4% interest. Ms. Weed said she appreciated Ms. Robertson going the extra mile to get more bids and a better interest rate. Kitsap Bank was very happy to invest in the Riverview School District and we will be just dealing with the bank. This is not a voter-approved bond, so you do not need a levy to pay it off. You just need to have the money in your budget to complete your land purchase. You are borrowing money and promising to pay it back with interest.

Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. Weed for her excellent explanation of the loan. He also thanked Ms. Robertson for negotiating a very good interest rate on this loan, better than he was even hoping for.

Ms. Van Noy asked if the district could use the money for other things if we pass a bond. Ms. Weed replied that this is a bond that is set up to purchase the property and is not a line of credit. We do it a lot for cities that have ongoing construction projects, but not very many school districts use this.

Motion 20-45: To approve Resolution No. 20-06, Limited General Obligation Bond, 2020, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nagata thanked them for their amazing presentation.

Alternative Program Review

John Bomar, Riverview Learning Center Principal, provided the annual report to the Board on the ALE (Alternative Learning Experience) program, according to law. Mr. Bomar ran through the numbers to show where they are growing. He appreciated the kind words from the Board about last night's graduation and thanked everyone that helped out, which were numerous. The student head counts went up this year in PARADE (Parents and Riverview Actively Delivering Education) and CLIP (Contracted Learning for Individual Pacing). We had a waiting list for CLIP and CHOICE (Choosing Heightened Options for Individually Centered Education), so we are looking at ways we can service more students. ALE programs total 6.0 teacher FTE for the 2019-2020 school year. We had 26 graduates - 15 from CLIP, 7 from CLEAR (Cyber Learning Education Alternative at Riverview) and 4 from PARADE. One of the highlights of graduation was a total of 5 students graduated early this year. For the 2019-2020 school year the PARADE program had a 0% dropout rate, while CLIP had an 8.8% dropout rate. This is down from 15% in 2018-2019 and 23% in 2017-2018. This year the PARADE and CLIP programs were not audited by the State Auditor's Office. They are more focused on online programs that have thousands of students. There is a potential for a desktop audit next year.

Alternative Program Review (Continued)

Mr. Bomar said they continue to audit their own reports from time to time to make sure they are being done correctly. We encourage the Student Representatives to come down and visit the RLC from time to time.

Mr. Nagata thanked Mr. Bomar for his presentation and said he is proud of the programs of

Policy No. 1115 – Board Meeting Scheduling, Second Reading

The district has surveyed various groups to gather input on changing the start times of their regular meetings from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM. All those surveyed supported changing the meetings to 6:00 PM.

Motion 20-46: To approve Policy No. 1115 – Board Meeting Scheduling, Second Reading, as presented (Ms. Van Noy and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith reported that as the Board knows, the enrollment reports for April, May, and June were determined by OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction), due to COVID-19. In April, we had an FTE of 3,214, May was 3,203 FTE and June was 3,202. This is the first time we have known the average so soon.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- We have all talked about the wonderful events we have participated in. He has participated in all of them.
- We just finished up interviewing five excellent candidates for Principal at Carnation Elementary. The two finalists were then interviewed by Dr. Stocker and Dr. Smith, who selected one candidate. The candidate has accepted the position, pending Board approval.
- He thanked Student Representatives Sierra Owens and Cedric Nagata for a phenomenal year. You have far exceeded my expectations and you have closed to double it! This has been not only for our school district, but for the whole state of Washington. You have been fearless and selfless in giving of your time. Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful!
- He is looking forward to the upcoming events. Yesterday he released a statement regarding events happening in the world right now. Dr. Smith then read the statement: *“Dear Riverview Community, We are saddened and heartbroken over the violence we are seeing towards our Black community. It is not acceptable. As a district that prioritizes equity and access, these values do not match our four Riverview values of: Honesty, Integrity, Inclusiveness, and Engagement. We will continue to be part of a solution, and model how we expect every individual to be treated. Each of us has a responsibility to support equity, access, and safety for every individual in our community. We are committed to continuing our efforts to increase culturally responsive practices and promote social justice in our schools and our community.* (Continued)

Superintendent’s Report (Continued)

- *We commend the many students who recently participated in peaceful demonstrations in our community, making their viewpoints against violence and racism known. Thank you for your courage in doing so. We are committed to continuing momentum with our equity plan that is now in year four. In the fall, we will enlist the community to work with us to elevate our current district focus on "personalizing student learning with an equity lens." We will ask for your input and participation as we strengthen our focus on inclusionary practices by completing our equity policy that will become the lens for every policy and strategic initiative we adopt."*

Mr. Nagata thanked Dr. Smith for his Superintendent report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board President convened the Board into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent’s Contract.

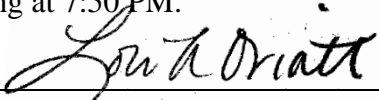
CALL BACK TO ORDER

The Board President called the meeting back to order at 7:48 PM.

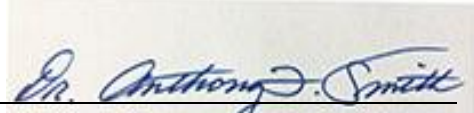
Ms. Oviatt thanked Acting Board President Cedric Nagata for doing a great job as president. Mr. Nagata said he is excited to move on but will miss all of us.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Nagata, Acting Board President, adjourned the June 9, 2020, Board meeting at 7:50 PM.



 Board President



 Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors