

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407**  
**DRAFT Minutes of Board of Directors’ Zoom Meeting**  
**March 24, 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 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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

**Board Communications**

Ms. Oviatt noted that the Board policy allowed for Board members to be allowed to be on a Zoom meeting. She wanted to thank all our staff members and the quick action taken by all, with special call outs to IT (Information Technology), T&L (Teaching and Learning), and Food Service. A big thank you for communications to Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, and Dr. Anthony Smith, Superintendent. We know that many wonderful things are being done during this pandemic and school closure. The Board met last Thursday on a Board Work Study on COVID-19 via Zoom. Ms. Oviatt attended the Sea-King District 2 meeting online, which was one of the shortest meetings ever. She also attended the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) COVID-19 online meetings every Wednesday. We can only have two members from our district attending, so if you are interested, please let her know so she can schedule this. This online meeting connects all board directors in District 1 to let everyone know what they are doing to support our communities and students. The next one is tomorrow and is under “Events” on the WSSDA website. Ms. Oviatt also attended the two of the calls that superintendents had with Governor Inslee and Chris Reykdal, Superintendent for OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) and she appreciated the frank conversations that our superintendents had with both of them. She was also appreciative that the Governor and Chris Reykdal for listening and making the decision regarding closing schools statewide. Ms. Oviatt encouraged the Board to look at the OPSI website and monitor it for updates on what is happening regarding COVID-19. Ms. Oviatt appreciates Dr. Smith keeping us up to date. The Board and Student Representatives should sign-up for WSSDA e-clippings with information around the state on what people are doing. Ms. Oviatt has also taken note that schools and PTSAs are posting fun events on Facebook like the teddy bear hunt. She appreciates the positivity and creativity of the community. Ms. Oviatt reminded everyone to complete their 2020 Census form to help define our district boundaries.

Ms. Bechtel said she has been working from home three days a week and coming in to work for two days. This way she and Dr. Smith can catch up on any upcoming projects or needs.

Ms. Fletcher thanked everyone for what they are doing as they learn the new normalcy. She is in Pennsylvania and is keeping up with all that is going on.

## **Board Communications (Continued)**

Mr. Edwards said his daughter has received a phone call from her teacher and cannot speak highly enough of what our staff are doing.

Mrs. Parnell reported that she and Mr. Edwards served on the interview committee for Ms. Bechtel's successor. She congratulated Stacy Cook, Human Resources Specialist, for taking this on. Mrs. Parnell commented that having a senior at Cedarcrest High School is a trying time, but staff are really stepping up. Her son Nathan has received emails from a couple of teachers to see how he is doing. Her daughter Grace is home now from Montana and will be headed back tomorrow to gather her things at college. She should be back by Thursday. Mrs. Parnell is considered an "essential employee" and is working at the food pantry at her church. She wants to commend all our employees for all they are doing.

Ms. Van Noy is having a hard time not seeing anyone, but she has gone to the hospital every few days with her husband. The staff have been amazing. She delivered SVCN (Snoqualmie Valley Community Network) Power Packs along with Transportation and the kitchen staff and she was amazed at how well it was run. Encompass was also there to hand out books to students. It was one of the most amazing feel-good things she has done. Everyone received food for the weekend. Kids had chicken nuggets and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. She will be at Stillwater on Friday to pass out food to families in that area. Everyone is doing a great job.

Stacy Cook said she is really looking forward to jumping in and working in the Superintendent's Office. She has been working with Food Services and the staff are amazing. They made 110 meals. It was so much fun to watch how efficient they are and to give meals to the kids. She wants things to get back to normal.

Student Representative Cedric Nagata said he has been taking it as it comes. We have been dubbed "Quaranteeners." The student report will go over more of that. He has been working with his brother Pascal and has been trying to talk with ASB to give them a general idea of what they are up to. It has been interesting.

Student Representative Sierra Owens went hiking last week and she is missing her schedule and teachers so much. She has been having conversations with others online. The whole staff have been amazing and asking how she is. She commented that she loves that Ms. Van Noy is doing the Power Packs. She is just trying to enjoy this experience.

## **Agenda Adjustment**

**Motion 20-25:** To revise Consent Agenda Item D. Service Contracts, to reflect current changes; and add Consent Agenda Item F. Student Feels for 2020-2021; and add Business Agenda Item B. COVID-19 District Response/Update (Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Fletcher). Motion passed unanimously.

## **Student Representative Report**

Student Representatives Cedric Nagata and Sierra Owens reported on the following events happening (or not) around the district:

## **Clubs**

## **Student Representative Report (Continued)**

**ASB (Associated Student Body):** The March Magnanimous tournament and assembly were both cancelled, but currently prom and graduation are still on. Senior ASB had a Zoom meeting about prom and graduation a few days ago. There was no immediate action taken, but there were some options discussed concerning possible situations that could happen if anything new develops. Otherwise, it was just nice for the ASB reps to keep in touch. ASB President Shareni Ojeda and Senior Class President Zeynep Biyikli turned in the application for Michelle Obama's "When We All Vote" contest that has a potential \$5,000 reward for high schools that encourage their students to register to vote. They are also working on making shirts for students that have registered and pre-registered.

**NHS (National Honor Society)** is trying to figure out how to edit the requirement of hours. They are waiting until school resumes to make the official adjustments.

**DECA** originally had a few competitors going to nationals, but that has been canceled as of right now. The Big Rock Classic Car Show is still scheduled for June but is now going to be a virtual show online where people can send videos to a website about their car.

**TSA (Technology Student Association)** just finished their state conference, which they ran remotely, and after having many students place in the top five and top ten of their events, they are now deciding if they will go to nationals, given it is not cancelled.

**FIRST Robotics** had their last competition of the season two weeks ago at West Valley High School in Spokane, as FIRST has officially cancelled all remaining events in the 2020 season, including the World Championship Event in Houston. Right now, the team is taking a break and working remotely on off-season projects. However, there is a chance that the Pacific Northwest District Event, which the team has qualified for, will be rescheduled to this fall.

**Camerata/Choir** does not have a whole lot to report, as they have been mostly making sure to keep safe and remotely keep the club functioning until school resumes.

**Thespian Society** had their Thespian State Festival cancelled, but as of right now the musical is still happening. However, the show dates will be pushed back a month so they will have rehearsal time.

**Link Crew** was planning an activity for Saint Patrick's Day, but it was unfortunately cancelled. However, the club is still optimistic and will be remotely planning future events for when school returns to normal in April.

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes):** Gladly got to squeeze in an advisory meeting the last week of school with good energy and worship music to send everyone off happily into the school day. The members sent positive prayers to everyone being affected during this virus.

**FFA:** They took some of their competitions online, like for public speaking. Although it's unfortunate the State FFA Convention is currently postponed, the members are hopeful to have the status change.

**RAK (Random Acts of Kindness):** Is doing all they can to keep positivity going right now. Using their Instagram as a great way to show people different ways to find more kindness in the world. The RAK Facebook page has cute videos showing simple kindness.

## **Student Representative Report (Continued)**

**FBLA:** Had a competition that was supposed to be in April, but they are currently working on how to figure out ways to do their competition online.

**Equestrian Club:** Although the team was not able to experience all their competitions for this year. The members are all looking forward to their senior salute and banquet!

## **Sports**

All sports have had practices, games, and matches cancelled for the time being, but they all have been instructed by their coaches in different ways to keep themselves in shape for when school resumes.

**Boys Soccer** has players going to Big Rock Sports Field to individually work on drills while maintaining social distancing. Also, players have been able to do home workouts often to stay in shape.

**Boys Golf** has players going to various golf courses that the state has allowed to remain open for the time being to work on individual skills and drills while maintaining social distancing.

**Track and Field** athletes have been running and training as often as possible in their own homes or on trails away from others to ensure they maintain social distancing while still working on their events.

**Baseball and Softball:** Both had great turnouts for tryouts scoring both teams getting a Varsity and JV teams. Once the teams were decided, everyone was quick to start working and settling into their teams. Workouts and ways to stay in shape have been discussed to players during the time of no school.

**Girls Golf** has been going similarly to Boys Golf by having players practice individually at various courses that remain open, while also practicing social distancing.

## **Riverview Highlights**

**Tolt Middle School** had a leadership workshop scheduled for March 6th, but it was cancelled. It has a chance of being rescheduled, however.

**Cherry Valley Elementary** has nothing to report; students have just been trying to stay active.

**Eagle Rock Multi-Age** also has nothing to report for the time being.

**Carnation Elementary** going to try to do a virtual spirit day or week and have students send in pictures.

**Stillwater Elementary** launched their new “Hawk Eyes” program, which barely got started before school was closed. Hawk Eyes is where parents can sign up to volunteer for a half-day at the school and get to witness what a day in the life of a student is like. The parent will attend classroom time with their child, attend specialist classes, recess, and maybe a lunch. Kindness Week was also concluded last week, which was sponsored by Student Council. Student Council launched the week in early March by leaving kind messages on every student’s desk. The whole school also participated in blooming their paper kindness tree in the front lobby. If students did kind deeds throughout the week, they would write it on a paper leaf and then it was placed on the bare tree. By the end of the week the tree was in full bloom!

## **Student Representative Report (Continued)**

**The Riverview Learning Center** has put most courses that are actively taught in the classroom on hold, but most students have several independent courses in progress. Specifically, CLIP seniors and a few juniors continue to set and achieve their academic goals, and the CLIP graduating class remains on track to meet graduation requirements. PARADE and CHOICE did not have much to report as they are waiting to see how the situation plays out.

### **Student Life**

Student Representative Cedric Nagata reported that to stay updated, he usually looks at several different news sources in the mornings, like ABC News, etc., just to get a general idea of what is happening. He also checks the “professional” social media platforms like LinkedIn to see what different companies are doing and how people are responding in the corporate world and how the stock market is impacted. He also checks the Riverview Facebook to see if any district updates are posted and checks his personal and school email often as well. Other than that, he is just on traditional social media like Instagram and Snapchat to talk with his friends and see what people are doing. He stays active by going and playing basketball in his driveway hoop a lot and sometimes goes on runs every now and then to keep moving. He has been cooking a lot, because it keeps his mind working and he loves food. And other than that, he had been trying to enjoy the down time and catch up on shows. A lot of his friends who are in sports are trying to stay active and in shape. He has been helping some of them practice as long as they stay in small groups and are all healthy. He has been congratulating some of his friends who are committing to colleges and just talking with others about random stuff. Overall, he thinks many are just trying to keep their minds busy with anything, like art, cooking, music, etc., and are waiting it out to see if anything new comes up.

Student Representative Sierra Owens said a typical day for her has been laid back and relaxing. She would enjoy the sunshine while it was here with great books from her English class and keeping updated with daily news her history teacher would send out. She has been hanging out with her family a lot and keeping up to date with her teachers via Microsoft Teams and email. She has thoroughly enjoyed nature and how even though this virus is terrible for us, it is doing so much good for Mother Nature. She is seeing some of her closest friends in very small groups to keep herself from going insane. Social media has really been strong in the last few weeks to stay in touch with people and reaching out in this time of confusion and loneliness. She always checks on Snapchat to send some funny videos to people or give extra sweet comments on Instagram. She loves seeing people taking nice steps on Instagram and Snapchat stories talking about positivity and other people’s cool pictures as new positivity trends are arising. Although teenagers are very bored, we are still shining a light to one another. Hearing from friends has been as easy as just checking in, face timing, calling, texting or just using social media. It feels as if it is a usual break when trying to keep up with everyone. Although it is weird not being able to say, “Hey let’s get a group out for coffee,” we all are coming to terms that this is for the greater good and know that the memories before and after all this ends will be even more treasured.

Ms. Oviatt thanked the students for their report and told them to hang in there. She appreciates all they are doing!

### **Hearing of the Public**

No one signed up and no one came forward to speak.

## **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 20-26:** To approve the March 24, 2020, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mrs. Parnell and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for February 25, 2020, and March 10, 2020; and Board Work Study Minutes for March 10, 2020, and March 19, 2020.

### Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 210498 through No. 210572 in the amount of \$291,332.42; and direct deposits of \$185,063.14 and \$821.65, for a total of \$185,884.79. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 210573 through No. 210574 in the amount of \$6,682.26; and direct deposits of \$11,258.60. ASB Fund Warrant No. 210575 through No. 210581 in the amount of \$7,339.61; and direct deposits of \$9,456.17. Transportation Fund Warrant No. 210582 in the amount of \$126,207.48. Total Payroll for March 13, 2020 was \$49,505.95, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 210583 through No. 210586 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$2,766.97; and direct deposits of \$31,885.85.

### Approval of Personnel Actions.

Ms. Oviatt noted that she was glad to see we hired Stacy Cook as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Sue Davenport as the Student Services Administrative Secretary.

### Approval of Service Contracts.

### Approval of Donations.

Ms. Oviatt noted the generous donations from the following:

- Carnation Elementary PTSA donated \$4,000 to Carnation Elementary for PTSA grants and multipurpose room sound system amp replacement.

### Approval of Student Fees for 2020-2021.

Ms. Oviatt noted that student fees are going down next year.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Resolution No. 20-02, Emergency – Suspension of Policy**

WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) has created a resolution for school boards to use in cases of emergency, as outlined in the resolution. Ms. Oviatt read the resolution (attached). This allows us to adopt this resolution instead of changing policies to do our needed work.

**Motion 20-27:** To approve Resolution No. 20-02, Emergency – Suspension of Policy, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

### **COVID-19 District Response/Update**

Dr. Smith gave up update on the district's response to COVID-19 and other updates.

## **COVID-19 District Response/Update (Continued)**

The Board has been educated on what is going on. Food Services – everything that happens speaks for itself. Dr. Smith is sending out thank you's to staff. We have people from all employee groups helping with food services, which has been wonderful. Regarding childcare, it has been a challenging issue for school districts statewide with Meisha Robertson and Cindy O'Dannel. Today the Governor added grocery workers to the necessary workers list, and we will conduct a survey with them as well. Right now, we are looking at different providers. We have 26 people with needs from critical medical services and emergency responders and are looking at their schedules to see what would be convenient for them to drop off their children. The district is paying for all these services, within reason. It is a very conflicting message. We are not in the business of childcare, we have to keep people six feet apart from each other, and our employees are not trained for this. Ross Hunter, Secretary of the Department of Children, Youth and Families, is supposed to call Dr. Smith back on this, but he has not returned his call yet. We are working with Boys and Girls Club of Monroe to see what they can do. We are promising what we can do now, and we will improve delivery and services on a daily basis. Tonight, in my communication, I will be thanking everyone. Buildings will be closed in the coming weeks and staff can pick up materials from Grades 9-12 for this week only. Only essential employees will be allowed in the building from then on. We will be having our spring break, but we will be continuing to provide meals to children and provide childcare. And we will continue to have essential workers working. We have been putting a lot of pressure on OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) and the State Board of Education will have much more specific guidance by this Thursday. After this comes out, we will be meeting with Ray LaBate, John Bomar, Teaching and Learning, and possibly Molly Lutz via a Zoom meeting. We are working to see if we can have a pass/fail for current students. Or we can opt for students to take the grade they had before schools closed. We are increasing our contact with students via phone calls, etc., to make sure they are engaged. We do not want to disparage any students because they had no control over COVID-19 and the closing of schools. For AP exams, there are two test dates and a short version of the exam. It looks like they will allow testing online with open book. Our Student Services has kept to the schedule of IEP (Individuals Education Plan) meeting with parents, teachers, and principal online. Other districts have not done that, so we will be ahead of the rest.

Mr. Edwards commented that the district has done a great job of keeping us informed. Thank you.

Dr. Smith replied that the district will be sending out information regarding weeks 3 and 4, as well as sending out information to high school students and possibly middle school students.

Mrs. Parnell asked how many district employees will be there?

Dr. Smith replied that most of us here will continue to be working. We are critical to operations. If employees can work from home, they are. We have less people here and he have been very strict about the six feet rule. He has given Superintendent's Cabinet great latitude to work from home. It is more of a skeleton crew and we have closed the Educational Service Center (ESC). We still have staff monitoring the hot line.

Ms. Van Noy commented that the Yakima School District only provides lunches twice a week. Are we going to look at that? They did that because parents were having to drive in every day. Are we expecting our classified staff to work during spring break?

## **COVID-19 District Response/Update (Continued)**

Dr. Smith replied that we will be having those staff working during spring break. We will consider all items. This program may have to evolve and change over time.

Ms. Fletcher asked if there were any indications that the Department of Educational will make it a pass/fail for all students in the state?

Dr. Smith said we will be sitting down with principals to be fair to students and not disparage them.

## **REPORTS**

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Edwards gave an update on what is happening in the legislative news. He met with the State Auditor and she has been pretty pleased so far. Meisha Robertson, Director of Business and Operations, said she has been working with her. Please review WSSDA's new website. COVID-19 has dominated the final weeks of the legislative session. It ended on March 12<sup>th</sup> and moved multiple education bills to the Governor for signature. Many went forth. We are trying to build a comprehensive end of legislature report. Once we have a comprehensive end of session, sadly the good work that could have been done will have been compromised by COVID-19.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- Congratulations to Stacy Cook as the next Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. This will guarantee more stability since Cheryl Layman began working for the district. It is great and exciting for the district. Stacy has done excellent work and he looks forward to working with her but is sad to see Sandy Bechtel go.
- Property acquisition – We are continuing to meet on this.
- He made the decision to suspend our plan for Deans of Students at our elementary and middle schools. Ad Team does agree that this would be the right thing to do. Dr. Smith is conservatively worried about our budget as we go on. We are in great fiscal shape.
- We have been continuing to move on policies.
- He has been very active with rounds to see how each department is doing and give that emotional support. He did stop by every elementary that is giving food out to students.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

### **Final Thoughts**

Ms. Oviatt asked for final words from everyone.

Ms. Van Noy commented that she really appreciates Dr. Smith's support. She is disappointed that we are not moving forward with the Dean of Students and hopes we keep that in mind in the future. Thanks for all your updates.

## **Final Thoughts (Continued)**

Student Representative Cedric Nagata said his heart goes out to the Adventure Church in Duvall, which tragically burned down. He is sorry that this happened.

Mrs. Parnell commented that the church was opened in 1914 on Palm Sunday as the Holly Innocents Catholic Church from 1914 to 2005. Then it was sold to the Adventure Community Baptist Church in 2004. There are lots of broken hearts over the loss of this church.

Mr. Edwards said we are going through a time that we never imagined. He is so proud to be part of this group because we are handling it better than we could.

Ms. Fletcher said she went to a walk today and saw daffodils and cherry blossoms. They are signs of renewal and this too shall pass, and we will get through this.

Student Representative Sierra Owens said she is excited to see what is after this. She is sad to see what happened to the Adventure Church.

Stacy Cook said she is really excited to work with all of you. It is sad that Sandy will not be here. Stacy said she has really big shoes to fill. She thinks the Student Representatives Cedric and Sierra are pretty amazing. Thank you for the opportunity to work with each of you.

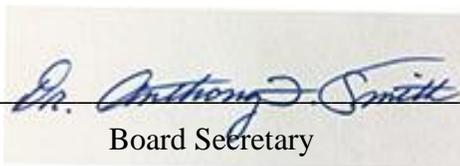
Ms. Bechtel said she will miss all of you and it is sad that it is ending this way.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the March 24, 2020, Board meeting at 8:29 PM.

*Lori Oviatt*

Board President



Dr. Anthony Smith

Board Secretary

## **MINUTES PREPARED BY**

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors