

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Duvall, WA 98019
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
February 12, 2013
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Oviatt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Oviatt, Mr. Bawden, Mrs. Van Noy, Ms. Fletcher
Student Representatives: Mr. Knoth, Ms. Leslie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Edwards

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Ms. Oviatt announced Mr. Edwards was excused from tonight's meeting as he was traveling out of the country.

Ms. Fletcher said she was able to attend one of the basketball games and able to see our student representatives shine as part of the cheer and stunt team.

Mrs. Van Noy noted tomorrow she will be attending a K-12 technology meeting at Microsoft, with Kent Superintendent, Dr. Vargas, presiding, State Superintendent Randy Dorn, Mark O'Day, the head of Microsoft education, and others. Through work, she met with the Superintendent of Bellevue on Friday, former president of Starbucks on Monday, and today she met with the Seattle School District CFO, Duggan Harman, about Early Learning.

Ms. Leslie reported on Cedarcrest news: Wrestling state finals will be at the Tacoma Dome this weekend, with Bailey McBride, Carlos Toledano, Ely Malamez, Curtis Chittenden, and Nick Decker advancing. In Boys' Basketball District Tournament, CHS will play Sehome at Mt. Vernon High School on Wednesday. Girls' Basketball plays tonight and next plays on Saturday at Mt. Vernon. ASB Interhigh student leadership was held at Cedarcrest today where representatives from our conference schools attended. ASB is also working on March Magnanimity, which is a month of kindness, respect and being one as a school, ending with a BBQ celebration. FFA and Junior Prom committees are both doing fundraisers.

Mr. Knoth noted FIRST robotics competition is in Ellensburg March 21-23, and next one is in Seattle at Century Link March 28-31.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 13-08: To amend the February 12, 2013, Consent Agenda by revising Item C. Personnel Actions to reflect current changes. (Bawden and Fletcher) Unanimous.

Hearing of Public

Sally Coomer operates Special Care Agency in Carnation serving over 350 families in King and Snohomish counties with kids, teens and adults that have developmental and physical disabilities. She also founded a non-profit called Bridge of Promise that's starting its 10th year of providing a camp for kids, teens and adults with disabilities. Riverview students volunteer extensively at the camp. She shared she is here to ask for school board and district support of the Bridge of Promise Dinner and Auction on Saturday, March 23rd, at the Sno-Valley Senior Center. This is the only way we get our funding. We are also looking in the future to serve these students after school and during the summer with programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

A list of routine agenda items were considered in a single motion. Board Members have received and studied background information on all items.

Motion 13-09: To approve the February 12, 2013, Consent Agenda as amended. (Oviatt and Van Noy) Unanimous.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2013, Special Board Meeting for January 15, 2013, Work Study Minutes for January 22, 2013 and Work Study Minutes for February 1, 2013

Approval of Warrants

General Fund Warrant No. 187815 through 187914 in the amount of \$160,019.63, and direct deposits of \$2,947.95; Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 187915 through 187916 in the amount of \$1,081.43; ASB Fund Warrant No. 187917 through 187929 in the amount of \$12,750.02, and direct deposits of \$111.73; and Private Purpose Trust Fund Warrant No. 187930 through 187932 in the amount of \$1,403.17, and direct deposits of \$5,960.09. Total payroll for January 31, 2013, was \$1,951,396.99, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 187933 through 188006 in the amount of \$661,528.25, and direct deposits of \$947,926.67.

Approval of Personnel Actions, as amended

The Board acknowledged the retirement of Doug Higgins, Carnation Music Teacher.

Approval of Service Contracts

Approval of Contract with T. Barger Dirtworks LLC for the Riverview School District Maintenance Building – Phase One Utilities

Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Kaye Wetli to Washington School Nutrition Leadership Conference in Savannah, Georgia, April 18-20, 2013

OLD BUSINESS

School Improvement Plans – TMS, CHS, RLC

Dr. Smith provided a tidbit from AreaVibes that scores the livability of more than 20,000 cities and neighborhoods across America. Duvall, WA scored 3rd in the top 100 cities in Washington for livability. The top score for education in Washington was 8.0 and Duvall scored 7.9 along with quite a few others.

Dr. Smith introduced Clarence Lavarias, Principal Cedarcrest High School; Chris Lupo, Principal Tolt Middle School; and Janet Gavigan, Principal Riverview Learning Center, who will present their School Improvement Plans (SIP).

Cedarcrest High School

Mr. Lavarias described Cedarcrest's four School Improvement Goals: 1) Curriculum: All departments have begun reviewing and familiarizing themselves with the requirements of the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and are also looking at reviewing their curriculum and making adjustments to ensure alignment with the CCSS, to which Mr. LaBate will speak; 2) Assessment: Last year our HSPE Reading scores decreased by 4%, but what concerns us is that in 2011 when we had 91.5% meeting standards, only 1 person did not take the test, but this year 8 students did not take the test. HSPE Writing decreased, but 2.5% did not take the test. An area of concern is math, to which Mr. Ruhland will speak; 3) Environment: Cedarcrest places major emphasis in pride, spirit and respect for all. We just started a peer mentoring for 9th grade students; and 4) Professional Development: The emphasis is on the new teacher evaluation system.

Ray LaBate, Assistant Principal, is facilitating the CCSS district-wide Committee, consisting of 18 teachers and specialists. Cedarcrest started introducing CCSS last year and this year we are meeting as department teams and looking at scope and sequence towards the required 2014-15 school year for implementation. We need time for this, and are using CPT time and teacher release time this year. For example, tomorrow, the Math Department will release 3 teachers in the morning to work on algebra, using substitutes in the classrooms; then release 3 other teachers to do the same in the afternoon. We will also be doing this with our other departments.

Mike Ruhland, Math Teacher, said since 2005 Cedarcrest Math students have tested 10% above state average. He gave an overview of test scores, and noted, as a department, staff spend hours looking through all areas tested, as to where intervention is needed. We focused over the last year and a half on Algebra 1, as we felt students that were successful in Algebra 1 would be successful in Geometry and Algebra 2. One intervention emphasis we saw in Algebra was "number sense," so we targeted a solution. Through Department SIPs, we made a goal to address "number sense" to be sure students master the 20 basic number concepts, one at a time, before they can move on to the next. Department discussions are happening throughout the year, comparing assessment scores even down to chapter scores.

School Improvement Plans – TMS, CHS, RLC, Cont.

Tolt Middle School

Mr. Lupo reported Tolt's School Improvement (SIP) is aligned in three areas: the state's Teacher and Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP) System as a model for discussion around sound teaching practices; the progression into the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) from district and state grade level requirements; and the development of benchmarks and common assessments aligned to the CCSS for each core subject area. Tolt is focusing their Collaborative Planning Time (CPT) on early-release Fridays to better align scope and sequence documents and subject assessments to the CCSS, while developing Reading and Writing expectations across the subject areas. This time is also used to review student's performance on common assessments and determine next steps based upon that performance. For example, our Math Department is currently working on developing a master schedule that allows us to provide intervention instruction up to twice the instructional time beyond the classroom instruction that is delivered to all students. We are also using the data to modify the number of class offerings at the needed ability levels with the goal of increasing the percentage of 8th graders in Algebra or Geometry from the current baseline of 32% of the 8th grade class in 2012-13. Mr. Lupo noted Tolt's overriding goal is to improve our professional practices to meet the needs of all students who come through our classrooms, helping them on the path to college and career readiness.

Riverview Learning Center

Ms. Gavigan reported during this second year of the Riverview Learning Center (RLC), the overall goal is for us to develop a sense of what we are calling "RLCness;" working on ways to honor our differences among the three programs and identify those places where we are alike. This year PARADE increased the sharing of assessment data with parents at fall and winter Parent Conferences, and both CLIP and CHOICE implemented Parent Conferences in the fall where assessment data and graduation requirements were discussed. PARADE gained approval for a CTE credit class, Independent Living, which will be offered to high school students starting in 2013 school year, as well as CLIP students. PARADE is promoting reading and the teachers have created mini libraries in each classroom. The big goal of CLIP, of course, is to lead those students to graduation. CHOICE in its second year is working on the development of course scope and sequence documents to align the curriculum within the context of a multiage 9/10th grade program based on the individual needs of students. CLIP and PARADE are working in partnership with students who are participating in meeting state standards through the Collection of Evidence process. RLC expanded the PARADE Science Fair to include the CHOICE program. The RLC chartered a PTSA this fall and has over 60 members after just one promotion and meeting, with the hope of raising dollars for ongoing projects and scholarships for graduating students. As a building, we are working on the Teacher and Principal Evaluation System; Learning Targets and Protocol Training; Common Core State Standards; and Progress Monitoring. PARADE and CLIP staff spend a large amount of time with weekly progress monitoring and monthly progress through the required Washington Student Learning Plan, as well as ways to track data to determine student learning intervention needs. Ms. Gavigan shared examples of data using AimsWeb, and also individual student growth in Writing.

Second Reading, Revised Policies 4000, Public Information Program; 4010 Safe and Orderly Learning Environment; 4060 Cooperative Programs with Other Districts, Public Agencies, Private Schools and Daycare Agencies; 2035 Electronic Resources; 3110 Nondiscrimination; 3082 Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response; and 6605 Student Safety Riding Buses

Motion 13-10: To Approve Revised Policies 4000, 4010, 4060, 2035, 3110, 3082 and 6605 for Second Reading. (Bawden and Van Noy) Unanimous.

Change Order #19 for Cherry Valley Elementary School Addition and Modernization

Motion 13-11: To approve Cherry Valley Elementary Change Order #19 in the amount of \$23,899.00. (Bawden and Fletcher) Unanimous.

Acceptance of the Cherry Valley Elementary Commissioning Report

Erickson McGovern recommends acceptance of the Commissioning Report for Cherry Valley Elementary School provided by Welsh Commissioning Group.

Motion 13-12: To accept the Commissioning Report for Cherry Valley Elementary School as written. (Oviatt and Van Noy) Unanimous.

Resolution 13-02, Final Acceptance of the Cherry Valley Elementary School Addition and Modernization Project

Erickson McGovern has made their final inspection and recommends acceptance of the Cherry Valley Elementary School Addition and Modernization Project.

Motion 13-13: To adopt Resolution 13-02, accepting final completion of the Cherry Valley Elementary School Addition and Modernization Project. (Van Noy and Fletcher) Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Agenda Topics

The Board added a Work Study on March 12, from 5-7:00 PM to discuss next year's budget development. The Board also added three items to the "parking lot" for future discussions: SIP plans for next year; TPEP process; and Superintendent Evaluation System process.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Mr. Robertson reported February enrollment was down only 0.39 FTE students from January, and remains 11.30 FTE average below budget to date.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Robertson reported the following:

1. Since our last Board meeting, I have attended the monthly superintendent meeting at the Puget Sound Education Service District, Board breakfast work study, Washington Network of Innovative Careers (WaNIC) meeting, girls' and boys' basketball playoff games and senior project presentations. I also toured former school board member, Phil Gore, through the numerous construction and remodeling projects in the district. He was a board member when the bond issue passed but had only previously seen the Riverview Learning Center. He was very impressed with the school facilities throughout the Riverview School District.
2. Thank you to Lori Oviatt and Jodi Fletcher for serving on the Cedarcrest High School Senior Project panels. Dr. Anthony Smith, Dr. Ken Heikkila, Paul Censullo and I represented the District Office and enjoyed serving on the panels.
3. As a reminder, the Cedarcrest High School Science and Engineering Fair will be held on Saturday, February 23, with the public viewing at 2:00 PM and the awards presentation at 2:45 PM. In addition, Riverview School District mid-winter break is scheduled from Friday, February 15 through Tuesday, February 19.

Legislative Report

With Mr. Edwards absent, Mrs. Van Noy reported that she was in Olympia last week and the legislature seems to be pushing bills in every direction. She suggested that several board members visit the new legislators from our district within the next two weeks, to make ourselves heard on education and also available to answer any of their questions. The WSSDA Legislative Conference isn't until March 10-11, and they need to hear from us sooner than that. Ms. Fletcher agreed to go to Olympia for an afternoon with Mrs. Van Noy, as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the February 12, 2013, Board meeting at 9:40 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Cheryl B. Layman, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors.