

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Duvall, WA 98019
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
February 26, 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, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher
Student Representatives: Mr. Knoth, Ms. Leslie

CEDARCREST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION

CHS Counselor Deb Walters and CHS students Bennett Minnie (senior), Amelia Anderson (junior), and Kimberly Montgomery (junior), presented the Freshman Peer Mentoring Program. This program is designed to provide each freshman with a supportive environment to help ease their adjustment from middle to high school. The personal, social, and academic growth of each 9th grade student is nurtured through an on-going orientation that includes information about school policies, procedures and programs, academic and social counseling and relationship building through upperclassmen mentors. Members of the junior and senior class are positive role models, motivators, student mentors and teachers helping to guide the 9th grade students at Cedarcrest to discover what it takes to be successful in high school. The feedback from 9th graders has been very positive. This year the program had 30 peer mentors. The Board asked questions and then thanked Ms. Walters and the students for their very informative presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Ms. Oviatt announced Mrs. Layman was excused from tonight's meeting as she is on vacation.

Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Bawden met with Mr. Robertson on Friday, February 22nd, for Board leadership. Ms. Oviatt noted prior to tonight's meeting, the Board held a Work Study on school safety. The Riverview Communications Survey came out today for community members and within the first 3 minutes, 33 people had already responded!

Mr. Bawden has had numerous conversations and a couple of meetings on emergency preparedness. He commented about the Board Breakfast this Friday to prepare for the upcoming visit with the legislatures. Also, since the last meeting he has had a fairly productive conversation with someone in SBA. The person was not making any promises, but they were being more supportive of being able to provide him with a way to hear during the general session.

Mrs. Van Noy said she attended a meeting called OSPI and Microsoft where Margo Day, the new US Education Leader for Microsoft, talked about the different resources that Microsoft wants to make available for teachers and students. She'll be sharing the information she received with Dr. Smith, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Censullo.

Mr. Edwards reported that the WSSDA Legislative Conference is on March 10th and 11th. The “Day on the Hill” appointments are all made, except one. He also announced he will be the emcee at the REF Auction on March 9th.

Ms. Fletcher attended the CHS Thespian Society’s dinner mystery theatre fundraiser this past week. She commented how much fun it was and how nice it was to have it at the Educational Service Center.

Ms. Oviatt called for a Special Board meeting to award the bid for the Maintenance/Concession Building – Phase II. After Board discussion, it was agreed to have the meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at 5:00 PM in the Educational Service Center. Mrs. Van Noy will be unable to attend.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Leslie and Mr. Knoth reported updates from Cedarcrest High School.

- ASB is hard at work heading up the March Magnanimous Project at Cedarcrest!
- DECA is hosting the miracle minute at this Friday’s assembly, which is one minute to make as much money as possible for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Also, they’re selling clovers similar to Make a Wish Stars that benefit MDA as well. As for their own fundraisers, they are selling car wash tickets.
- FBLA is working hard to finish up many recent projects like a chapter report and multiple community service projects.
- Last week was National FFA week. Each day had a different theme where every teacher in the building received an apple or a community service project was taken on. There is a chapter meeting on Wednesday to celebrate their “Green Hands”, that is, their new members.
- FIRST Robotics have just completed their competition robot! Their final work day was last Tuesday, where the robot was “bagged and tagged” at 11:57 PM. There is a video on YouTube of the bot in action, which Mr. Knoth will forward to the Board. After an exciting presentation in the Tolt Assembly last week, it is time to build their practice robot and prepare for competition.
- The GSA just attended their annual leadership event called the GSA Summit. All six students who attended were very excited about the skills and techniques they learned as far as poetry, support systems, coming out, and using community resources.
- NHS is also participating in March Magnanimous by creating kindness posters to be displayed in the commons and planning their annual blood drive for March 21st.
- TSA is headed to State! Cedarcrest is taking its largest delegation ever of 25 students, with Tolt bringing an equal amount. They have just elected their new officers with a slightly different result of more sophomores and freshmen than usual, which shows great possibilities for the future.
- RAK is busy planning their week of March Magnanimous which includes themed days like Manners Monday and Freshman Fridays. They are also planning a dance party/social one of the days during advisory; however it doubles as a food drive. They will be collecting canned foods at the door and a donation is required for admittance. This provided a fun way to increase participation in school food drives.
- VSMA has continued their usual meetings to organize events to fundraise money for their annual State Competition and Conference in April.

Student Representative Report (Continued)

- Girls' Basketball is off to State! The girls' basketball team continues their amazing season with another win against ABM which qualifies them to play at State Championships at the Sun Dome this weekend. Their first game is on Thursday night against W.F. West, which will determine the bracket for the rest of the tournament. They finished their conference season with a fantastic record of 13-1.
- Boys' Basketball ended their season with a disappointing loss against Sehome at Mount Vernon. Overall they had a great season with a conference record of 12-2.
- Wrestling finished their season strong with 5 wrestlers attending State at the Tacoma Dome. They included Eli Malemetz, Curtis Chittenden, Carolos Toledano, Bailey McBride, and Nick Decker. All the boys did fantastic on the first day and 3 moved onto Saturday's competition. The final placements were Nick Decker 8th, Bailey McBride 6th and Carlos Toledano 3rd.
- Tryouts and practices for all Spring Sports started Monday.

Ms. Leslie and Mr. Knoth will also be helping out at the REF Auction on March 9th.

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 13-14: To approve the February 26, 2013, Consent Agenda as presented. (Van Noy and Edwards) Unanimous.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2013

Approval of Warrants

General Fund Warrant No. 188008 through 188104 in the amount of \$147,919.48, and direct deposits of \$11,878.44; Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 188105 through 188119 in the amount of \$147,773.47, and direct deposits of \$57.88; ASB Fund Warrant No. 188120 through 188133 in the amount of \$11,252.78, and direct deposits of \$777.51; and Private Purpose Trust Fund Warrant No. 188134 in the amount of \$39.60, and direct deposits of \$1,027.26. Total payroll for February 15, 2013, was \$27,051.47, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 188135 through 188136 in the amount of \$1,050.65, and direct deposits of \$20,316.58.

Approval of Personnel Actions

Approval of Service Contracts

Approval of Budget Status Report

Approval of Donations

Approval of CHS Bands and Choirs Annual Spring Tour on May 15-18, 2013, to Vancouver, WA, and Portland OR

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Status

Goal 1: Increase the academic achievement of all students

Objective 1F: Operationalize Riverview School District 21st century outcomes and indicators, and publish new thinking skills model.

Task 3: Draft plan for effective integration for student outcomes, indicators, and thinking skills that includes ongoing training. Dr. Smith explained this will be a slower process because of all the necessary professional development in Common Core State Standards and the new evaluation system. District outcomes, indicators and thinking skills are done and are being integrated over time.

Objective 1H: Develop a plan to implement the Washington state Common Core Standards.

Task 3: Develop three-year (2012-2015) Common Core State Standards implementation plan.

Dr. Smith and Mr. Ray LaBate, CHS Assistant Principal, presented the Riverview School District Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Plan. During the 2011-12 school year, Riverview began forming a committee of teachers to review the CCSS and Smarter Balanced system to determine what the next steps for our district would be in order to meet the timelines set by the state of Washington. This committee has grown over the past several months to include a total of 17 members including teachers, specialists, school administration and district administration. Dr. Smith provided some highlights, one being that to his knowledge, Riverview is currently the only district in King and Pierce Counties that has completed and implemented the CCSS report card for elementary students. In fact, King and Pierce County school districts have requested copies of this. The other major effort is partnering with the Center for Collaborative Support to offer online classes for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Mr. LaBate leads the CCSS Committee and briefly talked about the CCSS implementation plan. The CCSS Committee first began providing staff with the tools they would need to begin to do their own research on the CCSS. The committee also shared all available information with staff regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment and how and when that system is expected to be initiated. This information was presented by committee members to their peers as part of their Collaborative Planning Time (CPT). District staff are now working on alignment, articulation, and assessment of CCSS.

Mr. Edwards commented that State Senate Bill 5587 would require the class of 2017 to pass the new Common Core State Standards “college and career ready” comprehensive assessments in their junior year to graduate. The bill would set up a phase-out of current reading, writing and math assessments and end-of-course exams, and replace them with a comprehensive English Language Arts and comprehensive math assessment. It would leave the biology end-of-course exam in place and as a requirement for graduation. No new funding is provided to help students or schools pass the new assessments, but the bill generously allows a student to retake the comprehensive assessments at least twice in a year. Alternative assessments are also left in place.

Mr. LaBate encouraged the Board to go to the OSPI website and click on CCSS for more information.

Goal 3: Provide Human Resources and Communication practices to improve student learning.

Objective 3B: Continue to implement the district's 5-year Communications Plan.

Task 4: Draft policy language that supports a stronger commitment to community engagement and community relations, and designate a district designee for development of a public information program (superintendent/designee) in current policy. Dr. Smith informed the Board that he has researched other districts and could not find a policy with this kind of statement. Ms. Fletcher said he might want to check with the National School Boards Association (NSBA) and Ms. Oviatt asked Dr. Smith about the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). Dr. Smith will contact Rich Bagin from NSPRA to see if he has any language or recommendations.

Objective 3C: Develop and implement a parent and community relations program.

Task 2: Conduct internal and external communications survey of stakeholders. Provide results and recommendations to School Board. Dr. Smith will be providing the results of the communications survey with the Board at next month's meeting. The internal staff survey is completed and the results have been shared with staff. The community survey is out now and by next month's Board meeting, he will be able to share the results from both the staff and community surveys.

Riverview Educational Service Center Change Order #4

Erickson McGovern has reviewed the costs and finds them to be acceptable for the materials and work done.

Motion 13-15: To approve Riverview Educational Service Center Change Order #4 in the amount of \$47,846.00. (Oviatt and Fletcher) Unanimous.

REPORTS

Legislative Report

Mr. Edwards provided a quick update on the Legislative Session. He had copies of a template that WSSDA provided for a resolution urging the Washington State Legislature to address K-12 funding. The Board should adopt this resolution prior to going to the Day on the Hill. After discussion, the Board decided to move forward and adopt the resolution at the Special Board Meeting next week. Mr. Edwards encouraged the Board to familiarize themselves with the Legislative updates prior to going down to Olympia.

Here are some of the new bills that impose unfunded mandates, reflect agendas beyond the state's borders, or do little to really help student achievement:

- State House Bill (SHB) 1412 which would make community service a graduation requirement.
- SHB 1556 would require CPR to be taught as part of a health class required for graduation, starting in the 2013-14 school year.
- SHB 1652 would allow the deferral of impact fees from the time a building permit is submitted to "occupancy."

Other bills of interest were:

- The House Capital Budget Committee passed SHB 1633, sending the bill to the Rules Committee. This bill would increase the threshold for school districts to use department staff to perform repairs and improvement projects on district property from \$40,000 to \$75,000. The House Bill includes an automatic price adjustment. Last week the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee passed SSB 5724 to Senate Rules. The amended bill also has a \$75,000 limit for in-house projects, but the automatic inflation clause was removed through an oral agreement.
- SB 5852 eliminates TRI and reference to 180 school days. The bill eliminates the reference to a school year as a minimum of 180 days. Instead the bill maintains the current 1,000 instructional hours and the increase to 1,080 instructional hours, according to a schedule adopted by the legislature, but not before the 2014-15 school year. The bill also eliminates separate contracts for certificated instructional staff in excess of state salary and benefits parameters, commonly known as TRI – pay for additional time, responsibilities and incentives (and innovative activities). The bill also creates a five-district pilot program for master teachers in STEM subjects. The bill would appropriate \$15 million to pay salaries of the STEM AP teachers identified in the pilot schools.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Robertson reported as follows:

1. Since our last Board meeting, I have attended the monthly REA/Superintendent meeting, Reading First training at Stillwater Elementary, the Cedarcrest Science and Engineering Fair, and the 2014-2017 Calendar Committee meetings.
2. The Annual Cedarcrest High School Science and Engineering Fair was held last Saturday. Once again it was a very successful event with the opportunity for CHS students to show their talents in the science and engineering fields. It was gratifying to see the number of judges from our community share their expertise with our students.
3. The second phase of the Maintenance/Grounds/Concessions/Restrooms facility will have its bid opening this Thursday, February 28th, at 3:00 PM. When this project is completed, the Riverview School District will have concluded all of the projects funded by the 2007 bond issue. Our district is very fortunate to have tremendous community support in addressing the facility needs throughout the Riverview School District.
4. In addition, the CHS Drama Department held their annual Mystery Dinner Theatre last weekend in the assembly hall at the Educational Service Center. The two evening performances were well attended with our drama students having a wonderful venue in which to entertain their guests.
5. For the first time in school history the Cedarcrest High School Girls' Basketball team qualified for the State 2A Basketball tournament in Yakima. The girls' first game is Thursday afternoon at 5:30 PM versus W.F. West High School. The girls have had an outstanding season and we wish them our best at State.
6. On Monday, February 25th, the School Calendar Committee concluded their work on the three future calendars for 2014-2017. The Calendar Committee is composed of two parents, one community member, two classified staff members, five certificated staff members, a building principal and the district superintendent. The Calendar Committee created draft calendars, shared them with the various stakeholders for feedback, met to review the feedback, and finalized the three calendars. The calendars will be presented to the School Board for approval following the conclusion of the negotiation process with the Riverview Education Association.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt adjourned the February 26, 2013, Board Meeting at 8:25 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Acting Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors.