

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Duvall, WA 98019
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
January 22, 2013
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Oviatt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Eagle Rock Multi-Age students.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Van Noy, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher
Student Representative: Mr. Knoth

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Bawden
Student Representative: Ms. Leslie

EAGLE ROCK MULTI-AGE PROGRAM STUDENT PRESENTATION

Nineteen ERMA students in costume brought music, dance and theater to the Board room in an act from their winter musical, “Yes, Virginia,” a story of the power of friendship and overcoming bullying. Through this musical performance, students focused on the Common Core Standards of developing singing skills and techniques in a school-wide theater program; movements with flow and continuity, using many elements of dance and choreography; and skills in voice, movement and character development. Mrs. Judy Harris, Principal, thanked the students and their parents for all their hard work in every aspect of this production.

UNITED WAY OF KING COUNTY AWARD PRESENTATION

John Okerman, Loaned Executive of Fundraising from United Way of King County presented Mr. Bill Adamo and the Riverview School District, for the second year in a row, with an “Outstanding Employee Campaign Award” for running the workplace giving campaign with exceptional results.

2012 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the outstanding accomplishments of Amy LaBrie, Cherry Valley Special Education; Jennifer Mickelson, Cherry Valley 2nd Grade; and Stephanie Rosbach, Stillwater 5th Grade, in achieving National Board Certification, also noting the district currently has 25 National Board teachers. Like board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review. Each teacher spoke a little about their experiences. The Board thanked the teachers and presented them with a NBCT pin, as well as adding their names to the NBCT plaque.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Ms. Oviatt excused Mr. Bawden from tonight’s meeting as he is attended a professional fire fighting training in 10 degree weather in Maryland. Ms. Leslie was also excused to perform her cheerleading duties at the girls’ basketball game at ArchBishop Murphy.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC, Cont.

Ms. Oviatt noted prior to tonight's meeting, the Board held a Work Study on early release days and CPT time. Mr. Bawden, Mrs. Van Noy, and Ms. Oviatt attended the Cascadia Community College Board Roundtable, along with Lake Washington and Northshore Board Members and Superintendents. Cascadia's region encompasses the three districts. We learned that Cascadia is the number one community college in the state in transferring students from a 2-year to a 4-year placement, especially to the University of Washington.

Ms. Fletcher noted she would be attending the Senior Project presentations on Friday at Cedarcrest High School.

Mrs. Van Noy noted ten days ago she attended the WSSDA Board of Directors meeting in Olympia, where they discussed state legislative proposals.

Mr. Edwards said, as WSSDA Chair of the Legislative Committee, he also met in Olympia, where the Committee submitted recommendations to the WSSDA Board. This week, from January 25-30, he will be attending the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C., to meet with members of Congress to ensure public education is a priority in 2013.

Hearing of Public

Mr. Fred Bereswell, Carnation Deputy Mayor, City Councilmember, and City liaison to Riverview School District spoke about emergency preparedness. He asked the district if they would think about partnering with the City to make gasoline available to the community for purchasing during emergencies. He referred to the district's above ground storage tanks and the ease of using them instead of the underground tanks at the gas station when power is out. Ms. Oviatt thanked Mr. Bereswell and said the Board has an upcoming work study on preparedness and will talk about that.

Kim Lisk, PTSA Council President, thanked the School Board on behalf of all the PTA's for their hard work and dedication to the students in Riverview. She introduced the officers present: Anna Lamb and Kappie Ayers, Cherry Valley Co-Presidents; Nicole Rohwer, ERMA President; Wendy Bradley, Stillwater President; Dawn Behm, RLC President; Theresa Tenney and Ginger Gerde, Carnation Co-Presidents; Sabrina Parnell, Tolt President; and Shelby Winston, Cedarcrest Co-President with Kim. As recognition for School Board Appreciation Month, the PTSAs would like to donate \$550 in the School Board's name to the United Snoqualmie Valley Scholarship Fund, to be presented to one or several recipients on Senior Awards Night, June 4th, at Cedarcrest. Ms. Lisk offered the Board refreshments provided by the PTSA's. Dawn Behm told the Board how grateful the Riverview Learning Center is for their alternative learning programs and beautiful building and all the Board's support of these programs.

RECESS

Ms. Oviatt recessed the Board meeting at 7:40 PM for a ten-minute break to thank the PTSA members and enjoy refreshments. She called the meeting back to order at 7:50 PM.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Oviatt shared a video of the CHS Cheer Squad/Stunt Crew competition this last Saturday at Skyline High School. They placed 2nd of 7 teams in the Coed Non-Tumbling division and qualified for the State Competition this Saturday.

Mr. Knoth reported on items from Cedarcrest High School.

- ASB is currently preparing for March Magnanimity, which is a month of kindness, respect, and being one as a school. Different clubs like RAK and DECA are working together to spread kindness through school spirit and posters. They are also planning the upcoming Interhigh at CHS.
- DECA recently competed in local area competition, and did very well. They have nine members who placed and are moving on to State.
- FBLA attended their annual winter conference to prepare for the regionals competition later this year. They are also training many underclassmen on how to run the coffee cart and Paw Shop at CHS. In addition, they are planning multiple community service projects for the year.
- FFA recently finished their wreath sales and volunteered at the Duvall Tree Lighting this past month. They have a chapter meeting after school on Wednesday to discuss future projects.
- FIRST Robotics has been very busy working on the new robot. The game has been announced as of January 5th, so they are working every day on the robot, uniforms, and relations until competitions in late March. The competition is to build a 150 pound robot that shoots a Frisbee into a goal and can climb a Jungle Jim. Mr. Knoth is CEO of the team.
- The GSA attended their GSA Summit at University Prep High School yesterday.
- This last Friday, members of NHS volunteered at CHS to check and refill the emergency packs in all classrooms. NHS also recently completed their Foodbank Drive. Cedarcrest alone raised over 700 pounds of food for Hopelink. They are also in the middle of their Sox in a Box fundraiser in partnership with the Riverview Youth Council. They are collecting gently used socks and gloves for those in need during this winter. The Fundraiser started today and ends on January 31.
- TSA is currently choosing their team to compete in State, and have really been noticing the strengths of their freshmen. They will be sending a smaller team this year, but the great freshmen base really shows the success of the TSA program at Tolt. Also, they received the robotics competition grant and will be competing in that segment of the State competition.
- RAK is in the planning stage for many upcoming events. In the next few weeks, they will be having an Ixtapa lunch, as well as a road cleanup session, with the first week of March being RAK week. Also, they are working on their newly founded programs at Stillwater and Carnation Elementary.
- VSMA sent their officers to the WCTSMA Winter Conference and they came back with many new ideas and information about this year's State Competition.
- The wrestling team suffered a tough loss against Archbishop Murphy but is staying optimistic about the rest of the season.
- The boys' basketball team is having a great season with only one conference loss to Kings High School who they play next Tuesday. Tonight they are playing Archbishop away and Granite Falls on Friday.
- The girls' basketball team continues their amazing season with a current record of 13-2. They are currently ranked 7th in state. If they win tonight against Archbishop, they will be co-conference champs.

Student Representative Report, Cont.

- The CHS Cheer team and Stunt Crew had their first competition this last Saturday at Skyline High School. They placed 2nd of 7 teams in the Coed Non-Tumbling division and qualified for the State Competition this Saturday. The competition is at University of Washington and the team competes at approximately 5:45 PM.

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 13-05: To approve the January 22, 2013, Consent Agenda as presented. (Van Noy and Fletcher) Unanimous.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2013, and Board Work Study Minutes for January 8, 2013

Approval of Warrants

General Fund Warrant No. 187730 through 187799 in the amount of \$176,649.94, and direct deposits of \$14,087.19; Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 187800 through 187808 in the amount of \$50,787.85, and No. 187814 in the amount of \$10,972.13; ASB Fund Warrant No. 187809 through 187812 in the amount of \$485.48, and direct deposits of \$728.57; and Private Purpose Trust Fund Warrant No. 187813 in the amount of \$213.96, and direct deposits of \$1,927.63. Total payroll for January 15, 2013, was \$15,271.81 which includes direct deposits of \$12,398.38.

Approval of Personnel Actions

Approval of Service Contracts, as amended

Approval of Budget Status Report

Approval of Donations

The Board acknowledged the REF donation for the Tolt Activity Bus, as well as donations for CHS FIRST Robotics from Puget Sound Engineering Council and Washington FIRST Robotics.

OLD BUSINESS

Riverview Education Foundation Grant Awards

Sue Davenport, REF President, introduced the REF Board: Maria Mahowald, Amy Jacobson, Cathy Tiffany, Michael Ward, Paul Censullo, Paige Denison, Melanie Gray, Dustin Green, Laura Knox, Bobbi Nixon, Rob Tiffany and Suzi Zuber. This is a very collective effort by our Board and many volunteers. This year we introduced the Technology grant category, as a way to do an additional check with the Riverview Technology Department to eliminate duplicates. We feel some staff training by REF on grant applications at each school will help with the process for next year. Our twenty-year total raised is \$468,108. This year we have a surplus to go to a district initiative in which we will work with administration. Our next fundraising event is the REF Auction, to be held on March 9th, at the Redmond Marriott Hotel.

Riverview Education Foundation Grant Awards, Cont.

Mr. Robertson added that in 2004, the total raised through REF was \$106,000, and in 2008 it topped \$200,000, and now \$468,108, doubling every four years. Congratulations to REF!

Motion 13-06: To approve the 2012-2013 REF Grants in the amount of \$46,093.70. (Edwards and Van Noy) Unanimous.

School Improvement Plans, CE, CV, SW, ERMA

Carnation Elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Dr. Randy Stocker, Principal, reviewed their School Improvement Plan (SIP). Carnation's SIP is anchored in three areas this year: (1) the state's Teacher and Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP) System as a vehicle for Professional Development; (2) the transition into the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) from district and state guidelines; and (3) the use of benchmark and progress monitoring data to develop intervention strategies/plans for students who have not met district/state/national standards in the content area of Reading. The SIP moves from Policy (CCSS and TPEP) to Practice (implementation of CCSS and TPEP) to Student Learning (specific intervention strategies). We are restructuring the use of time to build job-embedded professional development. Our Collaborative Planning Time (CPT) on Fridays is used first to review research articles regarding the Teacher Evaluation Program, CCSS and Reading intervention strategies. Staff read, and then engage with the articles in whole/small group settings within and across grade levels. Staff then discusses implications of the articles and implementation of instructional strategies with their grade level peers or teams, vertically and horizontally. We have also used part of instructional planning time to do grade level collaboration around instruction.

Dr. Stocker provided examples of intervention strategies used by teachers in Reading. He noted that while the primary focus of our work is in interventions for struggling readers, we are also working to increase learning for those students who have met or are above standard.

Cherry Valley Elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Darcy Becker, Principal, spoke briefly about their goals from last year. We had a strong showing in Science scores, and hit our highest mark of any testing with 90.4% of our students meeting standard. The most important reason is the collaboration over time with the teachers; we looked at the 5th grade standards and worked backward as to what students needed to learn at each level. The concerns we saw were definitely Reading overall, and 4th grade scores in Reading, Math, and Writing. This year's focus has been on Reading. Mrs. Becker showed an example of intervention strategy, using first grade Reading assessment data. Currently, our first through third graders receive an additional "Leap to Read" intervention time four days per week. Using data from a variety of building and district assessments, students are placed in instructional groups that are focused on the needs of the range of students within that group. These flexible groups are re-evaluated every 6-8 weeks and adjustments are made either to the grouping or to the strategies used.

Mrs. Becker noted professional development is completed through structured Collaborative Planning Time (CPT) on early release days and monthly staff meetings. Three themes highlighted in the SIP for 2012-13 include (1) use of district assessment tools; (2) development of a range (menu) of intervention strategies; and (3) focus on Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

School Improvement Plans, CE, CV, SW, ERMA, Cont.

Stillwater Elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Jack Madigan, Principal, started his presentation with how staff looked at last year's goals and results and then looked ahead to data that would guide them in real time to look at growth in a new way. He shared detailed growth data evaluating the impact the system has on the change in the same student's performance over time, using Reading data from 3rd to 4th grade, and using the state as a comparison group. The question we asked, does Stillwater add more value (growth) to a student's educational achievement in relation to the comparison group over a one-year period.

Stillwater Elementary 2012-13 SIP goals are (1) teachers will implement incremental assessments of literacy for every student; (2) Stillwater will implement tiered levels of support for timely response to students' instructional needs; and (3) staff will increase knowledge and understanding of Common Core State Standards indicated on new the Report Card. Staff professional development will take place during CPT Fridays, with some grade level pull-out meetings during the day.

Eagle Rock Multi-Age Program School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Judy Harris, Principal, reported Eagle Rock's School Improvement Plan (SIP) has three basic prongs: Teacher and Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP); transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS); and Smart Goals for improving student learning. ERMA selected four areas of focus for the 2012-2013 school year, based on MSP results: Math Problem Solving & Reasoning and Number and Algebraic Sense; Reading Analysis and Interpretation, Literacy and Comprehension; Writing Conventions, Writing and Developing ideas and organization; and Science Investigating systems, Inquiry, and Solutions.

Mrs. Harris said students meeting standard in Math at the third grade level increased, but dropped in the 4th and 5th grade. Upon analysis of these results, additional daily minutes were added to the teaching of Math. In addition, a few students were referred for further testing, and at least one has subsequently qualified for special education services. Intensive supplemental commercial materials purchased with building and district funds have been added to meet the needs of targeted areas. A slight drop was evident in 3rd and 4th grade Reading areas. To accommodate increased learning, additional parental assistance is being used; "Explode the Code" has been added to students who indicated deficits in word recognition; and SRA reading kits have been purchased and are being used in each classroom to target individual needs. With a considerable drop in Writing scores, intensive writing has been a focus from the start of the year. Increased time spent in writing has been implemented in each classroom, with intentional focus on Purpose, Content, Organization and Style. ERMA has worked hard to make Science a hands-on, integrated activity. While not improving, scores have held steady over the last two years. This year a parent component was added, building lessons on those taught by the classroom teacher.

RECESS

Ms. Oviatt recessed the Board Meeting at 9:50 PM for a 10-minute break. She called the meeting back to order at 10:00 PM.

Strategic Plan Status

Goal 1: Increase the academic achievement of all students.

Objective 1B: Improve K-12 district-wide assessment score averages in reading, writing, math, and science by spring of 2013.

Task 2: Implement new student online data repository (storage system). Dr. Smith reported Mr. Censullo will be providing training to administrators on this in early March.

Objective 1E: Improve on the partnership between technology and teaching through technology integration.

Task 1: Teach teachers on how to utilize technology to enhance student learning with increased offerings. Mr. Censullo reported that district technology Integration Specialists, Karen Mayfield and Karen Hough, as well as district teachers have offered 31 tech classes with 182 participants over the last year. Our two specialists continue to work with students and teachers across all levels in computer labs, classrooms, and in after-school training classes on how best to use technology as a learning and productivity tool. Focus this year has been on training secondary teachers to effectively use their ActivBoards. We now have ActivBoards in every classroom in the district (180 rooms). Over 170 certificated staff members successfully completed the technology integration goal setting process last year and have begun their plans for this school year.

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

Task 1: Create and distribute district Outcome and Indicator posters for classrooms. Dr. Smith shared a draft of the graphic arts poster of district outcomes and indicators. He noted Sara Christensen, former RSD student now in her 4th year of college as a graphic arts major, designed the poster. The final posters will be distributed to classrooms throughout the year.

Task 2: Create and distribute Thinking Skills posters for classrooms. Dr. Smith reported thinking skills posters will be developed next month.

Objective 1G: Create a three-year plan for implementing the legislatively mandated (E2SSB) teacher and principal evaluation system.

Task 3: Transfer this Objective to Human Resources. Dr. Smith reported this has been done through a four-member committee consisting of Janet Gavigan, Clarence Lavarias, Darcy Becker and myself. On another note, Dr. Smith said Sherrie Evans, Human Resource Management Plus Consultant, is working on our third 5-year human resources review.

Goal 2: Provide a financial process, business practices, and safe facilities to support the improvement of student learning.

Objective 2D: Implement an annual district policy review process.

Task 1: Conduct review using new policy protocol. Ms. Layman noted this year Policy Series 4000 and 5000 will be reviewed. Series 4000, Community Relations, is completed with several revised policies provided for First Reading later in the agenda. Series 5000, Personnel, will be reviewed in April/May.

Strategic Plan Status, Cont.

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

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

Task 1: Revise one school (Cherry Valley or Carnation) website to reflect “new look and feel” by the end of the 2012-2013 school year (Phase II of website plan). Mr. Censullo shared the mock-up website for Cherry Valley that reflects the “look and feel” of the RSD website and hopes to have at least two elementary sites completed this year, with the high school and middle school next year.

NEW BUSINESS

First 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

Policy revisions have been reviewed by the Board.

Motion 13-07: To approve Revised Policies 4000, 4010, 4060, 2035, 3110, 3082, and 6605 for First Reading. (Van Noy and Oviatt) Unanimous.

REPORTS

Legislative Report

Mr. Edwards reported the Legislature convened on January 14th, with the two top issues being the budget and funding for K-12 public schools. Senator Andy Hill, 45th District, is the Senate Ways & Means Committee Chair. For education, Senator Steve Litzow of Mercer Island is Committee Chair and Senator Bruce Dammeier serves as Vice Chair. At least 20 new members have joined the House, including two former school directors: Chad Magendanz, 5th District, and Brad Hawkins, 12th district. Senate Resolution 8601 passed 25-23, making the change on defining a “majority caucus” as one whose members constitute a majority of the Senate that may include members of different political parties. Members not part of the majority caucus will constitute the minority caucus or caucuses.

Representative Ross Hunter, Medina, said nothing is as important as McCleary (fully fund K-12 education law suit) this session, but constituent communications on guns and other topics are outnumbering emails or calls about education funding. “If districts aren’t vocal this session, I’m worried that we won’t get to the level of funding needed to meet McCleary,” said Hunter. So if education funding is important, you might want to let legislative members hear from you, consistently and often.

Mr. Edwards also reported the School Board of Education (SBE) 2013 Legislative Priorities: Full funding for basic education; a unified state accountability system; phased-in implementation of Career and College-Ready High School Graduation Requirements; “strengthened” 180 day school year; compulsory age of school attendance—age 6; blended learning and Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) funding; state assessment policies; and common core standards.

Legislative Report, Cont.

SBE will advocate for a statutory minimum school day definition and/or limits on half days, funding for professional development outside the 180-day school year and legislation to achieve consistency in what counts for “instructional time” for purposes of satisfying the 180-day and 1,000 hour requirements.

Mr. Edwards said he has made appointments with six of our Senators and Representatives for the Board to visit during the WSSDA Legislative Conference on March 11th.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Robertson thanked the elementary principals for their thorough school improvement plan presentations and gave a lot of credit to Dr. Smith for his direction. He reported as follows:

1. Since our last board meeting, I have attended my monthly superintendent meeting at the Puget Sound Educational Service District, the monthly REA/Superintendent meeting, the School Board and Superintendent roundtable with the President and Board of Trustees of Cascadia College, the weekly superintendent monitoring meetings with Dr. Smith, and a meeting with David Burke, Duvall Fire Chief.
2. As a reminder, Cedarcrest High School Senior Projects presentations will be held on Friday, January 25th, beginning at 11:30 AM. The district office will be represented by Dr. Smith, Dr. Heikkila, Paul Censullo and I. A number of school board members will also participate on panels.
3. The District Calendar Committee will be meeting on Monday, January 28th, to develop school calendars for the 2014-2017 school years. The committee is composed of two classified employees, five teachers, two parents, a community member, a building principal and the superintendent. Cheryl Layman also assists the committee but is a non-voting member. This is the fourth time that this broad-based committee has worked together to develop three-year calendars to better meet the calendar needs of parents and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the January 22, 2013, Board meeting at 11:00 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

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