

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**May 14, 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, led by students from Cherry Valley and Tolt Middle schools.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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

School Board members said they all enjoyed the chance to visit with staff and thank them for their dedication to students, during Teacher Appreciation Week, as they passed out a small token of appreciation.

Mr. Bawden mentioned the invitation to ERMA's BookNic and BBQ at the end of May. He also reminded candidates to file for School Board elections this week.

Mrs. Van Noy noted she would be attending a WSSDA meeting at Highline Community College on Monday.

Ms. Fletcher thanked Mr. Bawden and Ms. Oviatt for running for the School Board again. She mentioned she would be attending the Healthy Youth Forum next Monday.

Mr. Edwards apologized for missing the opportunity to visit schools and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ms. Oviatt thanked all the PTAs for their week-long activities for staff last week. She mentioned the invitation that went out for the Superintendent Retirement Open House on June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-5:00 PM, at the Educational Service Center, along with the opportunity to attend a buffet dinner and roast that same evening at 6:30 PM. Ms. Oviatt explained she and Dr. Smith would not be attending the outcome-based superintendent evaluation pilot program as scheduled, after finding out this particular pilot does not pertain to our board's system of governance.

Ms. Leslie said she attended the prom on Saturday, which was a huge success. She also mentioned she would not be at the next board meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC, Cont.**

Mr. Knoth said last week was AP testing for all students and it was held at the Educational Service Center.

Mr. Robertson added that Principal Lavarias mentioned how much he enjoyed the prom and how respectful the students were.

### **Hearing of Public**

Dr. Anthony Smith formally presented Mr. Lavarias, Mr. LaBate, and Mr. Ruhland the 2012 Washington Achievement Award, recognizing Cedarcrest High School as a top performing school in extended graduation rates. Cedarcrest is in the top 5% of high schools in the state of Washington for achievement and improvement in extended graduation rates. All award-winning schools were honored during an award ceremony on April 30<sup>th</sup>, at Kentwood High School. Dr. Smith quoted Dr. Kristina Mayer, State Board of Education, that “with extended support, all students can get past the finish line.”

### **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 13-31:** To approve the May 14, 2013, Consent Agenda as presented. (Edwards and Van Noy) Unanimous.

#### **Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2013, and Work Study Minutes for May 3, 2013**

##### **Approval of Warrants**

General Fund Warrant No. 188885 through 188994 in the amount of \$234,828.88, and direct deposits of \$13,764.77; Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 188995 through 189000 in the amount of \$39,336.21; ASB Fund Warrant No. 189001 through 189016 in the amount of \$12,094.33, and direct deposits of \$99.26; and Private Purpose Trust Fund Warrant No. 189017 through 189024 in the amount of \$4,512.06, and direct deposits of \$11,007.28. Total payroll for April 30, 2013, was \$1,959,922.10, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 188815 through 188884 in the amount of \$666,769.74, and direct deposits of \$934,533.70.

##### **Approval of Personnel Actions**

The Board acknowledged the retirement of Janice Kriner, Special Education Teacher for 11 years in Riverview.

##### **Approval of Service Contracts**

## **CONSENT AGENDA, Cont.**

### **Approval of Donations**

The Board acknowledged the generous donations from Stillwater, Eagle Rock, and Cedarcrest PTSA's, as well as the donation of funds for CHS science supplies from The Intermecc Foundation.

### **Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Tim Kennedy and Mark Klune to TSA National Conference in Orlando, FL, from June 27-July 3, 2013**

### **Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Clarence Lavarias and Ray LaBate to National Conference on School Discipline in Las Vegas, NV, from June 29-July 3, 2013**

## **BUSINESS**

### **Innovative Programs**

Karen Mayfield, Elementary Technology Instructional Specialist, shared technology-supported social studies projects in the elementary schools. Jayda Schwartz and Daisy Hajek, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in Heather Nelson's class, showed how they used books and online information to develop their PowerPoint on the Pacific Northwest Native Americans comparing their way of living to the Navajo Tribe and the Seminole Tribe. Rylan McPhee and Annalise Irwin, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mrs. Schneider's class, showed their project on the Oregon Trail, with writing a storypath, and using Netbooks for a photo story, narration, and added music.

Karen Hough, Secondary Technology Instruction Specialist, had Ben McBride and Chantal Carlson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Ms. McDaniel's class, present their Book Talks using PREZI. Ben's book was "The Outcasts" and Chantal's was "Bluestars Prophecy." Grace Gonzalez, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Art student in Ms. Mintz's class, did her research project and presentation, using PowerPoint, on Salvador Dali. Rowan Kingsbury, used PREZI to present his art project on Alfons Mucha. Both projects included painting a picture in the style and colors of their artist.

Wendy Ward, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Carnation Elementary, presented a new online training system for the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Teachers in Riverview were able to participate in online professional development with other teachers from nearby districts. The classes focused on the CCSS and used mentor texts to engage discussion. Teachers focused on what they are already doing to meet the new standards and possible ways to fill the gaps in instruction. Teachers volunteered for the course. The course was 8 weeks, with clock hours earned after all sessions were completed.

Dr. Smith added that 45% of our teaching staff participated in the online training. Classes will be offered again during the summer, with advanced courses offered next school year. This professional development idea came from the Teaching and Learning division of the Center for Collaborative Support, which consists of five school districts' superintendents, union presidents, and teaching and learning directors.

## **Healthy Youth Survey**

Dr. Ken Heikkila and Joan Zoet presented information on the October 2012, Healthy Youth Survey administered in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12. The survey contained questions in the following areas: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs; Health Concerns (e.g. nutrition, fitness, safety, depression); School Climate; and Quality of Life.

Successes noted in data:

- Students consistently report feeling safe at school
- Students in Riverview report, to a higher degree, that they receive information in school about the impacts of drugs and alcohol
- Most Riverview data points are better than the state averages
- Students indicate that they have adults to talk to in school settings
- Students report positive school climate, especially the teaching about HIV and abstinence
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have a data point 11% lower than the state average for alcohol use

Opportunities/concerns noted in the data:

- Use of pain killers at the 10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade level higher than the state reported usage
- Use of chewing tobacco in 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> higher than the state reported usage
- Alcohol use by 10<sup>th</sup> grade students higher than state reported usage
- Appears to be a negative trend with respect to the importance of what is being learned at school
- Concern noted in the number of students reporting they hate being at school
- Concern with data related to depression/suicide questions

The Board followed with questions on specific data.

## **Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer Association Proposal**

The Board received a proposal from the SnVYSA at the last meeting. The SnVYSA asked for the Board's non-binding support of a turf soccer field at Tolt Middle School stadium.

**Motion 13-32:** To provide a non-binding letter of support to allow the Superintendent and staff to work with the SnVYSA towards developing a more formal and detailed proposal. (Van Noy and Oviatt) Unanimous.

## **Board Initiatives**

The Board reported progress on their Initiatives.

1. Board Business
  - A. Superintendent Retirement/Transition – Completed
  - B. Superintendent Contract – Completed
  - C. Update yearly calendar – Completed
  - D. Update your Bios – Carol to complete
  - E. Board Evaluation – Completed

## **Board Initiatives, Cont.**

- II. Engage Public
  - A. Build future board leaders – Move forward
  - B. World Café/Open House – Move forward
  
- III. Additional ideas
  - A. Set up the FAQ page on the website – Completed, not implemented
  - B. Training on “open public meeting” act – Completed
  - C. Key Communicators – Placeholder for new Superintendent and Board review
  - D. Transitions – day care and special needs 18+ program – Completed by adding to agenda parking lot
  - E. Review the calendar – ½ day concerns – Competed by adding to agenda parking lot
  - F. Levy 2014 calendar - completed

## **Board Agenda Topics**

The Board added a Work Study on May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM, to further discuss NSBA Conference information. The Board will also have a Work Study on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00-8:00 PM, with Goal Managers and Facilitators on the Strategic Plan revisions for next year.

## **REPORTS**

### **NSBA Conference Report**

Ms. Oviatt noted some of her favorite sessions:

- Developing Successful Community Engagement Strategies Through Media Relations and Online Outreach
- Using Social Media to Engage Stakeholders and Build Community Capital
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in the Classroom and Beyond
- Focus On...Digital, Design, and the Future of Learning
- Flipping, Blending – New Models to Support Learning
- Next Generation Leadership - The Move from Best Practice to Next Practice

Mr. Bawden said he focused on board functions, superintendent transition and emergency planning.

- Using a Board Member Handbook to Establish Board Norms and Expectations
- Orienting Your New Superintendent: Transition Planning
- Superstorm: Unprecedented Disaster, Unprecedented Response
- Emergency Communications: Bullying Hotline to text or call

Mrs. Van Noy focused on academic achievement.

- From the Board Room to the Classroom, the Road to Academic Achievement
- Performance-Based Education: Individualized Instruction with Zero Dropouts
- Turning High-Poverty Schools into High-Performing Schools

## **NSBA Conference Report, Cont.**

Ms. Fletcher said she keyed into technology seminars, and really enjoyed the General Session speaker, Diane Ravitch, whose most recent book “The Death and Life of the Great American School System” makes a case that public education today is in peril and offers a clear prescription for improving public schools.

Mr. Edwards found this conference the most productive ever.

- Leadership Isn’t for Cowards – How to Lead Courageously in a Turbulent Age
- General Session speaker, Geena Davis, spoke on how media plays a key role in children’s development
- Maximizing Your Meetings with Members of Congress
- School Boards’ Last Stand: Grasping for Local Control in an Age of Uniformity

## **Enrollment Report**

Mr. Robertson reported May’s enrollment was up 1.19 FTE, and combined with April’s count, we have increased over 12 FTE students in two months.

## **Legislative Report**

Mr. Edwards reported the 30-day Legislative Special Session began on May 13. He listed the status of some of the bills:

Passed:

- 1178 Alternative assessments for teacher certification
- 1556 CPR and AED
- 1688 Notification to parents for use of isolation rooms or restraint
- 5105 Epi-pens in schools
- 5329 Persistently low-achieving schools
- 5701 Teachers who cheat on their own tests

Not Passed:

- 5237 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading
- 5244 School discipline, suspensions and expulsions
- 5328 Grading schools

Pending:

- 1089 2013-15 Capital Budget (House version)
- 5035 2013-15 Capital Budget (Senate version)
- 2047 Reducing the number of statewide assessments from five to three
- 2051 Phasing in ESHB 22261/SHB 2776, including instructional hours, full-day K, smaller class sizes, transportation, MSOC, 24 credits, LAP, TBIP + funding for students who exit the program, compensation adjustments, new legislative committee on CTE
- 5794 ALE Reform
- 5901 School grading, school discipline freezes TRI, compensation study/work group

## **Legislative Report, Cont.**

Mr. Edwards noted Marie Sullivan of WSSDA sent out an email this evening requesting school districts to invite legislators to attend graduation exercises and to schedule time in one of their schools with legislators to discuss the House and Senate Budget.

## **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Robertson reported:

1. Since our last board meeting, I have had the opportunity to attend the following meetings: the monthly Puget Sound Educational Service District, WaNIC Board/OSPI representative meeting, the Board Breakfast, and the Spring WASA Conference. In addition, I have attended a number of excellent events at Cedarcrest High School such as the CHS musical, Music Man, the Tolt Middle School/Cedarcrest High School Combined Choral Concert, District Art Show, 2A Cascade/Kingco Sub District Track and Field Championships and the District Soccer Playoffs. It is gratifying to see so many middle school and high school students performing so successfully in a wide array of activities.
2. Phase 2 of the Maintenance/Grounds/Concession/Restroom Facility began this week between the TMS Stadium and the Baseball Fields. The old concession/restrooms/storage building was demolished today.
3. Yesterday's wind storm knocked out power at Stillwater Elementary School and the data and telephone system to all Carnation campuses and departments. Puget Sound Energy restored power at 8:00 AM this morning so all services were functioning when school began today. Yesterday, the Transportation Department did an excellent job transporting our students home safely despite numerous downed trees from the wind storm.
4. During the past two weeks Cedarcrest High School students have been taking their Advanced Placement Exams in the Assembly Hall at the Riverview Educational Service Center. The new district facility has been an outstanding location for numerous school district and community events this past year.
5. Thank you to the school board for personally thanking all school district certified staff last week for their contributions to improving education in the Riverview School District. To my knowledge you are the only school board who makes this personal effort to honor our certified staff in this manner during Certified Appreciation Week.
6. Riverview Learning Center incurred a second incident in two weeks of rocks being thrown through their windows, sometime early Saturday morning around 2:40 AM. So far nine windows have had to be replaced and the district is investigating and will prosecute the vandals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt adjourned the May 14, 2013, Board Meeting at 9:57 PM.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

**MINUTES PREPARED BY**

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