

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Duvall, WA 98019
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
October 8, 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: Jake Knoth, Amanda Korn

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Ms. Oviatt noted the Board held a Work Study Breakfast on October 4th, on Board Initiatives, although she and Mr. Edwards were unable to attend. She mentioned Cedarcrest's Peggy Filer's Healthy Challenge has commenced and encouraged Board members to participate. She also noted that Les Collins, CHS veteran CTE teacher, was recently hospitalized and wished him the best from all the Board. The Taste of Washington, held on September 25th, was a great success again. Congratulations to Kaye Wetli, Food Services Supervisor, for managing and FFA for hosting. Ms. Oviatt reminded the Board that Cedarcrest High School football game against Kings will be telecast live on ROOT Sports TV at 7:00 PM, on Thursday, October 10th.

Mr. Bawden added that the Board Work Study on Friday brought up questions on some Board Initiatives that may overlap into several agenda topics. He mentioned The Seattle Times Sunday article/interview on Gary Locke, the U.S. ambassador to China. He compared education in China to us, whereas we are teaching critical thinking and they are just memorizing.

Mr. Bawden noted the City of Duvall discontinues police services to Carnation, beginning January 2014, and they'll be missed in Carnation. He hopes Carnation finds a satisfactory solution with a comparable level of support.

Mrs. Van Noy reminded Board Members of Howard Miller's memorial service on Sunday, October 13, from 4:00-6:00 PM, at the Carnation Senior Center. She also mentioned a program on PBS called American Graduate that connected early childhood learning to graduation rates. She said that United Way of King County's Parent-Child Home program is helping low income parents become their 2-3 year old children's first and best teacher, and as a result increase the chances their kids graduate from high school by more than 30%.

Ms. Fletcher participated in the REF Golf Tournament last Saturday, which was a great success. She noted she will be absent at the November 12th meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC, Cont.

Mr. Knoth said Homecoming was very successful; the dance had almost 500 people attending. He is participating in the Healthy Challenge by maintaining a clean room.

Ms. Korn added that the Homecoming Dance was a lot of fun, with no problems.

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 13-61: To approve the October 8, 2013, Consent Agenda. (Van Noy and Edwards)
Unanimous.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2013, and Work Study Minutes for October 4, 2013

Approval of Warrants

General Fund Warrant No. 190352 through 190362 in the amount of \$46,711.64, 190439 through 190526 in the amount of \$120,838.47, 190556 through 190568 in the amount of \$130,545.98, and direct deposits of \$19,637.64; Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 190363 through 190365 in the amount of \$2,847.24, and 190527 through 190537 in the amount of \$61,107.32; ASB Fund Warrant No. 190366 through 190367 in the amount of \$864.53, 190538 through 190550 in the amount of \$8,886.74, and direct deposits of \$1,378.50; and Private Purpose Trust Fund Warrant No. 190551 through 190555 in the amount of \$6,606.76, and direct deposits of \$11,506.59. Total payroll for September 30, 2013, was \$2,028,507.35, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 190368 through 190438 in the amount of \$704,676.10, and direct deposits of \$966,729.72.

Approval of Personnel Actions

Approval of Service Contracts

Approval of Donations

The Board acknowledged the generous donations from Carnation Elementary and Tolt Middle School PTSAs.

Approval of Surplus of Tolt Middle School Football Equipment

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Administrators and Classified Exempt Staff for Pooling of State Benefit Allocation

Approval of Out-of-State CHS Annual Music Spring Tour to San Francisco, CA, on May 14-16, 2014

BUSINESS

2013-14 Board Initiatives

The Board discussed their initiatives and assigned tasks where possible. The 2013-14 Initiatives are as follows:

- I. Communication – How we communicate and partner with the District on Communication
 - Develop an activity-based calendar - Done
 - Create a Board Blog – Once/twice a month blog reporting on top initiatives the board is working on – rotate writer
 - Meet with technology to discuss platform the board would use
 - Board members to come up with specific topics that they are interested in and willing to write about
- II. Data Driven Decision – How the board makes decisions using data – Understanding all data collected in the district
 - Board to learn and understand all data points that district uses
 - Have Work Study set up on Assessment Data with Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) on October 29th.
 - Use Board Leadership meeting to find out where other resources are, and learn more about where data comes from.
 - Meet with Roni Rumsey and then Greg Lobdell
 - Board to determine what data points to focus on to make board-related decisions
- III. Community Connection – How we connect with all community entities
 - Community service-related project
 - Make an effort to be visible at school and civic events
 - Attend City of Carnation/Duvall Council Meetings
 - Mr. Edwards to attend October meeting in Duvall
- IV. Program Related – What does the board want to learn about District programs
 - Add Multi-Age Program alignment

Board Agenda Topics

The Board agreed to hold a Work Study on data-driven decision making while they are attending the WSSDA Annual Conference in Bellevue. They will meet on Sunday, November 24th, in the morning. They added a Work Study on December 3rd, from 5:00-7:00 PM, on Superintendent Evaluation process, and a Work Study on January 14th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, to prep for the upcoming Legislative Conference in Olympia.

REPORTS

Superintendent Report

Entry Plan highlights:

- Met with about 30 individuals or groups since July 1st. Working on a table with listing of people and responses.
- Invited to present my Entry Plan to Stillwater PTSA, followed by a fantastic presentation by Jack Madigan on Stillwater's school improvement process.
- Sunday, September 29th, was Fitness Friday and met with Paige Denison for a couple of hours. She is an active parent and manages REF Run Duvall. She stressed the unique alternatives we have in Riverview, as well as the increase in honors and AP course offerings, as district benefits.
- Met and presented to Carnation PTSA, met with a classified employee, met with seniors at Sno-Valley Senior Center for lunch, which I hope to have more opportunities to do, and met with the CEO of Friends of Youth.
- Met with Buck Evans, Director, and Katy McCord, Student Information Systems Manager, of NWRDC, our database company. They complimented Riverview on our willingness to pilot new programs and the many employees attending their trainings.

Mr. Adamo and I attended the School Election Conference at Shoreline Center last Thursday on PDC laws and election information. Heather Downing, President of Riverview Schools Committee, also attended.

October 2012 to October 2013, student growth was 7.20 FTE. We budgeted for 58 FTE increase, so budget adjustments were made to reflect the difference in funding.

The Evaluation Conferences with Central Office Administrators and principals will be wrapped up by end of this week.

Met with Bill Adamo on the results of the Heath Benefits vote. Employees decided to stay with Premera by a significant margin of approximately 80%.

On Learning Walk Wednesday, I visited Tolt Middle School classrooms of three teachers and interviewed a classified employee, as part of my Entry Plan. Students were involved with a highly engaging classroom experience.

Crowning the Homecoming Queen was a highlight of attending the Homecoming game.

I participated in the Riverview Educational Foundation (REF) golf tournament on a team with Bill Adamo, Ken Heikkila, and Will Ibershof. Beautiful day and successful tournament. Thanks to REF for all they do for kids.

REPORTS, Cont.

Superintendent Report, Cont.

Riverview adopted Homeroom, a new data warehousing system, and all Administrators were trained on September 24th. There will also be teacher trainings. This will help us with data reviews and monitoring student progress, as well as the ability to house our own district assessments eventually.

Met with REACA (coaches and activities association) on renewing their labor contract. Bargaining teams will engage November 15th through January 15th.

Participated in the Tolt Dam partial drill on September 25th. Maria Mahowald joined us, as our Emergency Preparedness Manager.

Met at CHS with a seven-person team, including Tim Ausink, Bill Saterwaight of CDK, Bill Adamo, John Mark, etc., to review the landscape and field mitigation response from the City of Duvall. They want us to replace about 20 trees and bushes, and perform a variety of other functions prior to approval for the beginning of the 5-year window when they can inspect and make recommendations annually. We will perform this work in early November with the goal that the City will give preliminary approval by early December.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt adjourned the October 8, 2013, Board Meeting at 7:58 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

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