CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Van Noy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Van Noy, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Oviatt, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Edwards
Student Representatives: Ms. Amanda Korn, Ms. Sophie Hunter

CEDARCREST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION

Davin Henrikson and Justin Guyer, both science teachers at Cedarcrest High School, brought students who participated in the 8th Annual Science and Engineering Fair. This year it was held at the RSD Educational Service Center on Saturday, February 21, 2015. They had 132 projects submitted, which is the largest number they have ever had.

Mr. Guyer briefly talked about the new club he formed at Cedarcrest called Science Olympiad. When he was a teacher in Montana, he ran their Science Olympiad. It is not just a regional and state competition, but a national competition as well. It is dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education by emphasizing problem solving and the understanding of science concepts. Some activities are: building airplanes that stay in the air for over three minutes; making devices that drop certain distances; creating scramblers that carry eggs for 10 meters in, not only a straight line, but around a can in the middle of the course; and events testing students’ knowledge on biology, astronomy, earth science, and fossils. He has 30 students in grades 9-12 involved in Science Olympiad and this Saturday is their regionals. Mr. Guyer also talked about a national contest called the Science Bowl, where students test their science knowledge. Students answer questions as quickly as they can. He said Cedarcrest has some students that would do very well at this competition.

Mrs. Van Noy commented that it was exciting to hear about national opportunities for our students, since it aligns with the Board’s vision “to become a national model of educational excellence.”

Dr. Henrikson had students come up and present their science projects to the Board. He explained that part of their science experience is to be able to communicate science, as well as communicate with many audiences. This helps them build confidence in presenting their materials.

Meg and Julia Knox presented their science project, called “Jade Plant Propagation.” Jade is the most popular houseplant that can water-propagate and they wanted to know how they could improve the growth of the plant cuttings. They will be improving their understanding even more and are taking this project to the Agricultural Science Fair next year.
CEDARCREST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION (Continued)

Shannon Reid presented the project she and Madison Beam did on Egg Color DNA. Together they have both been raising chickens through 4-H and showing them at the Evergreen State Fair. They wanted to know if the blue gene found in chickens is also present in other avian species. The blue egg gene in chickens is only activated when they have a retrovirus. They wondered if other birds could have this virus and if so, would it affect the color of their eggs. Madison will be taking this project to the Agricultural Science Fair as well.

“Behind the Screen” was the name of the science project by Mary Ward and Mike Powers. They tested the effects of social media on adult social interaction. How does social media affect adults? They created a 13 question survey and sent it out via social media. 64 surveys were returned and they used Google Docs to calculate the results. They will be taking this project on to regionals after further data collection.

Cameron Sewell and Alex Luther-Gray did their project on how petroleum products affect plant decay. They saw a news article on an oil spill in Lake Michigan and were wondering what the effect of oil spills would be on plants. They used gasoline and diesel as their petroleum products.

Kelly Hall did her project on “The Effects of Pollutants on the pH of Organic Plants.” She took 36 different plants and tested 6 plants per chemical. She was interested in this because our area experiences flooding and many organic plants are grown in the valley. The floods carry pollutants, which are then absorbed into the plants.

Dr. Henrikson said they emphasize the importance of science as far as the method, but communication of science is integral to the profession. Science is worthless unless it is communicated.

The Board thanked Dr. Henrikson, Mr. Guyer and the students for their excellent and informative presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Board Communications

Mrs. Van Noy announced that earlier this evening, the Board had a work study on Strategic Planning with Mike Vidos. She also reported that the Board, Student Reps, and Superintendent will be headed down to Olympia on Sunday, March 1st and Monday, March 2nd to attend the Legislative Conference sponsored by Washington State School Directors’ Association (WSSDA), Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), and Washington Association of School Business Officials (WASBO).

Ms. Korn reported that Parker McBride from Cedarcrest won 8th place in wrestling at State. Hunter Robertson, Cedarcrest senior, received the first-ever Inspirational Athlete of the Year by the Seattle/King County Chapter of the National Football Foundation. Cedarcrest is very proud of him!
Board Communications (Continued)

Mr. Edwards said he has been on vacation, but looks forward to visiting Olympia and talking to our legislators.

Mr. Bawden reported about the e-mail Board members received from WSSDA on the upcoming regional meetings.

Ms. Oviatt reminded Board members of the Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Auction on March 14th. The Strategic Planning Community Forum is on April 4th. She commented on the e-mail sent out by Dr. Smith about the College Bound Scholarship Program. Our district is one of the top-performing districts in the state in terms of sign-ups for this program. We exceeded 90% in sign-ups, which were acknowledged in a letter from Governor Inslee.

Ms. Fletcher said Classified Appreciation Week is March 9-13. The Board will be handing out gifts of appreciation to classified staff on Wednesday, March 11th. She will send out a schedule to the Board. She also mentioned that the NSBA online planner is now available for the Board to review and plan for the upcoming conference.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 15-07: To amend the Consent Agenda, Item E. Donations, to reflect current changes. (Oviatt and Bawden) Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

None – no one signed up to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion 15-08: To approve the February 24, 2015, Consent Agenda, as amended. (Edwards and Oviatt) Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 195507 through 195593 in the amount of $164,145.54; and direct deposits of $28,8872.84 and $1,273.43 for a total of $30,146.27; Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 195594 through 195599 in the amount of $27,780.95; and direct deposits of $2.19; ASB Fund Warrant No. 195600 through 195613 in the amount of $6,431.85; and direct deposits of $100.52. Total payroll for February 13, 2015, was $35,665.98 and direct deposits of $27,711.17.

Approval of Personnel Actions.
CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.
The Board thanked the Stillwater PTSA and Cedarcrest Baseball Booster Club for their generous donations.

Approval of Budget Status Reports for January 2015.

BUSINESS

Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Grant Awards Season II

Laura Knox, Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Grants Administrator, reported that REF recently approved 13 different grants for a total of $21,604.33. This brings their total grant awards to just over $67,000 for the 2014-2015 school year. On hand to help present the check with Ms. Knox were REF Board Members Bobbi Nixon, Amy Jacobson, Cathy Tiffany, Paul Censullo, Sue Davenport, Kappie Ayers, Dustin Green, Mike Ward, and Patricia Koster.

The Board thanked the REF Board for their amazing donation.

Motion 15-09: To approve the Riverview Education Foundation donation for 13 Season II Grants in the amount of $21,604.33. (Oviatt and Fletcher) Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 15-03 – Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Dr. Smith explained the resolution, which is a prerequisite to purchase a portable through the Region VIII Education Service Center in Pittsburg, Texas. The current agreement we have in our Educational Service District (ESD) does not sell portables that are up-to-code. The Region VIII Education Service Center has portables that are retrofitted to meet codes in Washington State and will save the district money. This relationship is with a company in Texas. However, the portables are manufactured in the Puget Sound area.

Motion 15-10: To adopt Resolution 15-03, which authorizes the Superintendent to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Region VIII Education Service Center in Pittsburg, Texas, to engage in the cooperative procurement of supplies, equipment and services. (Van Noy and Bawden) Motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Plan Status

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

Objective 3B: Continue implementation of the district’s 2013-2016 Communications Plan.
Strategic Plan Status (Continued)

Task 3: Provide Communications Plan updates to the School board on progress being made through 2014. Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, reported that he is being invited to more school events to take pictures and write articles for. He is also partnering with others to promote events, such as working with Kim Lisk to promote the Cedarcrest Senior Night fundraiser. As Mr. Ward is invited to more events, he will work on partnering with people in the community.

Mr. Ward is still waiting for the official report from Leanna Albrecht on the communications audit. Her initial report said the outreach from social media was incredible for a district our size and we are proactive in how we communicate.

Objective 3D: Update and rebrand district publications.

Task 2: Work with building principals and Superintendent on redesign of school profiles for 2014-2015. Mike Ward reported that school profiles are being updated and he has been working with our principals on this.

Objective 3E: Conduct the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan Community Forum.

Task 3: Create and distribute invitations to participants. Mike Ward reported that we are creating formal invitations to send out to Community Forum participants.

Task 4: Develop agenda and forum protocols. Mike Ward reviewed the Community Forum agenda with Board members. He also provided a summary of participants that will be invited. The role of Board members will be as participants at the forum.

Ms. Oviatt suggested we invite local community college members to participate and Dr. Smith will add them to the list.

Objective 3F: Develop a cadre of ambassadors.

Task 4: Implement the ambassador program. Mike Ward reported that the Riverview Ambassador Program has completed four sessions so far and has only one more to go. The next session is scheduled for March 10th. We are having a make-up session on March 5th for those that missed one or two sessions.

Ms. Oviatt suggested a review session to see what changes or improvements could be made in the future RSD Ambassador Program.

Mrs. Van Noy thanked Mr. Ward for his role and vision with the Riverview Ambassador Program. The Board will invite those that completed the program to a future Board meeting.
April 14, 2015, School Board Meeting – Cancellation

The Board has previously discussed cancelling the April 14, 2015, School Board meeting. This meeting is scheduled during Spring Break and two Board members are unable to attend. Dr. Smith confirmed with district departments that cancelling the April 14th Board meeting would not affect district operations in any adverse way.

Motion 15-11: To cancel the April 14, 2015, School Board meeting. (Oviatt and Van Noy) Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Legislative Report

Mr. Edwards reported that he has just completed the schedule for Board members and student reps to talk to legislators at the WSSDA Legislative Conference. Sandy Bechtel will send this out to Board members.

Mr. Edwards briefly went over the Legislative Update from 7-9 days ago. WSSDA’s Director of Government Relations, Deb Merle, said over 1,000 bills were introduced, with some being created as “Title Only” bills, where policy committees pass bills with very broad titles so that later on in the session legislators can add things to them. Senate Bill 5063 is in rules right now, sponsored by Senators Hill and Benton, which prioritizes state revenue growth for education. This bill says two-thirds of any expenditures of new revenue to the state general fund and related funds must be made for state education programs P-20. We have more potential legislation pertaining to education than we’ve ever seen.

Mr. Edwards said a complete list of bills is available on the WSSDA website under “Legislative Update” and then click on “Bill Watch List.” WSSDA will be updating this regularly.

Mrs. Van Noy suggested adding a link to the Bill Watch List on the district’s website.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- He is leaving for the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) conference in San Diego on Wednesday evening.
- He will meet Board members and student reps at the Transportation Department at 8:00 AM on Sunday to travel in the district Suburban to Olympia to attend the Legislative Conference.
- He is finishing up the “Points of Pride” to add to the legislative brochures, which the Board and student reps will be able to hand out to legislators at the conference/individual meetings.
- He completed two separate meetings with law enforcement and fire departments. He met with Bud Backer from Eastside Fire and Rescue and Deputy Scott Allen from the King County Sheriff’s Department on February 19th. They are working on a five-year plan for drills with a key component being added on chemical spills.
Superintendent Report (Continued)

- He met with Duvall Police Chief Carey Hert on February 12th to evaluate the Student Resource Officer (SRO) Program at Cedarcrest. He provided an update on the School Resource Officer, which is now down to one or two officers. The program is going well.
- He is working on building next year’s budget with Bill Adamo and has asked for a “wish list” from administrators and building principals. The common theme is adding direct student support by adding additional staff, intervention, special needs, etc.
- He attended the Eastside School Superintendents and College Presidents Meeting on February 12th, which had a speaker from Puget Sound Energy talking about sustainability by using battery powering and solar powering to power communities.
- He has the second Calendar Committee meeting on March 2nd to work on school calendars for 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19. It is hoped to have them ready for School Board action in the spring.
- He attended the Cedarcrest Science and Engineering Fair held at the RSD Educational Service Center on Saturday. It was a wonderful event with 132 student science projects.
- He met with the Duvall City Council and Mayor regarding possibly piloting the use of the Educational Service Center (ESC) for future City Council meetings. He and Brian Pattinson set up the assembly hall to show the Mayor and City Council how this might work. They are also looking at the possibility of other room options at the ESC.
- He had a successful Riverview Education Association meeting where they discussed the current legislative session and school board recommendations.
- The Superintendent’s Cabinet will be completing a “Theory of Action” with Daphne Schneider as the facilitator on March 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Van Noy adjourned the February 24, 2015, Board meeting at 8:22 PM.

[Signatures]

Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors.