RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors’ Meeting
November 10, 2015
Duvall, WA 98019
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Van Noy, Ms. Fletcher, Mrs. Parnell, Mr. Edwards
Student Representatives: Mr. Pascal Nagata

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Oviatt, Ms. Sophie Hunter (Student Representative)

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Mr. Edwards reported that it looks like the elections are now official. Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher, and Ms. Van Noy have been re-elected to the School Board and Mrs. Parnell was elected for the first time. Mr. Edwards will be mentoring a new board director in the Northshore School District.

Ms. Fletcher is looking forward to the upcoming WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Annual Conference on November 19-22, 2015, in Bellevue.

Mrs. Parnell is glad to have been elected and is looking forward to continuing to serve as a Board Director. She is also looking forward to the WSSDA Annual Conference next week. She will be attending all day on Thursday for the New Directors’ Boot Camp.

Mr. Nagata took his SAT on Saturday for the first time and he has been getting ready for basketball season. Tryouts are next Monday.

Ms. Van Noy excused Ms. Oviatt and Ms. Hunter from tonight’s meeting.

Dr. Smith commented that he is proud that our School Board is receiving the WSSDA Board of Distinction for the second year in a row; one of only nine School Boards out of 295 to receive the honor this year.

Ms. Van Noy attended the WSSDA Board meeting. She noted that many districts did not qualify for the Board of Distinction this year. She would like our Communications Department to contact the Seattle Times to publicize the Board earning the Board of Distinction for the second year in a row. Ms. Van Noy thanked the public for re-electing the School Board. She will be attending the PSESD (Puget Sound Educational Service District) Convening event, called, “Achieving Educational Racial Equity through Policy and Beyond” with Greg Bawden.
COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC (Cont.)

Ms. Van Noy announced that the Board had a Work Study last Friday and talked about the Student Voice Roundtable and the lessons learned from that.

Hearing of the Public

Lisa Taylor, 4th grade Cherry Valley Teacher and REA (Riverview Education Association) Treasurer, thanked the Board for providing GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) training for teachers and allowing them to help their English Language Learners (ELL) be able to get the content. But what she is noticing is it is really engaging for all of her students, not just her ELL students. GLAD includes lots of charts, chants, graphs, maps, and timelines which help building academic vocabulary for the content they are learning. It stays up throughout the whole unit and students use it as a resource when doing their writing around the topics that they are doing. It benefits all the students, even the advanced readers. It’s not just for ELL readers.

Sue Schneider, 4th Grade Cherry Valley Teacher, has also had GLAD training and it has been a wonderful experience to see kids acquire so much in such a short time. She also wanted to give kudos to Jonna Farley, Cherry Valley Music Teacher, for her wonderful Veterans Day assembly. The students are always enthusiastic and well prepared to sing for the public and the veterans. Also, the Cherry Valley fourth grade classes were invited by the Snoqualmie Tribe to go to the Cherry Valley Dairy and help restore Rasmussen Creek. They learned why it is valuable to have the creek restored and helped shovel rocks into the stream. We have a great community to work in!

Ms. Van Noy commented that she loves having REA members coming to Board meetings and sharing what is happening in their classrooms.

Student Representative Report

Mr. Nagata reported on the following activities at Cedarcrest High School:

Art Club is planning the murals they are going to make throughout the school. So far Art Club has just been doing a lot of face painting at football games and they are going to start working on an educational mural on the wall outside of Mrs. Descheemaeker’s room that incorporates things, such as the elements and principles of design.

Science Olympiad has just had their first meeting this year. New officers and a new system to study for the competition is setting this team up for success! The officers are Misia Zilinsky, Ben Wones, and Simon Fraser. Science Olympiad is just starting up and they had a really good turnout with twice as many members!

Band has had a great year so far. For the first competition, Music in Motion, they won people’s choice, high visual, high music, first in class, and fifth overall. For the second competition in Yakima they won best general effect, high music, high color guard, high visual, and first in class. This weekend Band had their last competition where they won first in our division, best music, best general effect, best drum majors, and people’s choice. All of those awards were for our division, except people’s choice was out of everyone (27 bands)!

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Student Representative Report (Continued)

Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) is the chapter affiliated with the Young American's Foundation. YAF chapters advocate for the principles outlined in the Sharon Statement, including limited government, individual freedom, free enterprise, traditional values, and a strong national defense. They also look at different community laws and try to make the community a better place.

RAK is starting the Personal Products Drive this week. Every year RAK hosts an annual Personal Products Drive where 6th period classes compete to have the most personal products. The winning class gets a pizza party! At the last RAK meeting, members wrote letters of appreciation to all staff members who have served in the military, making over 100 notes. An upcoming assembly will be held on the anniversary of RAK where the club will invite all of its past officers to come to the school and see the impact the RAK Club has imprinted on the school.

Cedarcrest’s Chapter of the National Honor Society just completed their first blood drive this year which was very successful and of the people that signed up, 52 people were able to give blood. Also, the acceptance applications were finalized and NHS now has 65 new members. Foodball is still going and we have received so many donations with many more coming.

Cedarcrest “Stealth” Robotics is starting their PTC season and will be adding another team for a total of three to accommodate the increase in members. They are starting to create a base for their robots and will be implementing different designs for all three to optimize their chances during competition.

Cedarcrest ASB put on a Halloween Dance on October 30th from 8-10 PM with community trick or treating from 7-8 PM. For trick or treating, clubs of the school lined the hallway and each had a classroom that they handed out candy from. National Honor Society will be putting on a small Haunted House as well before the dance. Admission will be $5 with an ASB card and $10 without.

Sports

Cedarcrest Girls’ Soccer has been tearing through the second half of their schedule with shut-out wins in three of their last four games. The exception was a win against South Whidbey last Monday, October 19, when they allowed one goal, but still got the victory by a score of 7-1. The other three games were convincing wins against Lakewood, Sultan and Granite Falls. Girls’ Soccer is now in sole possession of first place in the district. Their final regular season game is an away game against Archbishop Murphy today, which should prove to be a close one.

Cedarcrest Volleyball has put up a valiant effort through the last part of their schedule and suffered a close loss against Lakewood, but came back with a signature win against Sultan on October 15. Tough losses to South Whidbey and Granite moved us down the rankings, but a win tonight against Archbishop Murphy for Volleyball’s Senior Night would move us into a potential district qualification if Granite Falls loses.

Cedarcrest Football is on a win streak with three blowout wins, all by at least 25 points against Sultan, South Whidbey and Granite Falls on Friday for a great end to Senior Night.
Student Representative Report (Continued)

Cedarcrest Football (Continued): Football has an away game this Thursday against undefeated Archbishop Murphy and a win will move us out of a tie with Granite Falls and just one game behind first place in our district. Also, our very own Alex Parnell is up for nomination for district player of the week.

Cedarcrest Cross Country Boys and Girls both won their meet this past weekend. Also, Boys and Girls BOTH won the Cascade Conference as well and will be heading to districts. Hopefully, we will be sending many runners to State as we have in the past with a strong Cross Country tradition.

Ms. Van Noy commented that this was a very nice report that was very thorough and she liked getting it sent to Board members ahead of the meeting.

Ms. Van Noy congratulated Leroy Collinwood, who was in the audience, for winning his election to the Duvall City Council.

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 15-61: To approve the November 10, 2015, Consent Agenda, as presented. (Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell) Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2015; Board Roundtable Minutes for October 27, 2015; and Board Work Study Minutes for November 6, 2015.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 198030 in the amount of $2,164.40 and No. 198101 through 198180 in the amount of $87,677.31; and direct deposits of $5,122.84 and $1,184.91 for a total of $6,307.75. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 198181 through 198185 in the amount of $5,889.78 and direct deposits of $11.99. ASB Fund Warrant No. 198186 through 198193 in the amount of $3,708.25; and direct deposits of $110.00 and $226.32 for a total of $336.32. Total payroll for October 30, 2015, was $2,376,324.36, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 198031 through 198041 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $14,752.01; and General Fund Warrant No 198042 through 198100 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of $798,847.18; and direct deposits of $1,126,289.38.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.
BUSINESS

Resolution 15-05 – Requesting State Officials to Promptly and Fully Comply with the Supreme Court’s Orders

Christina Malm, REA (Riverview Education Association) President, encouraged the Board to adopt this resolution which urges the legislature to do their diligent part by funding basic education, based on the McCleary case. This resolution was created by NEWS (Network for Excellence in Washington Schools)

Motion 15-62: To adopt Resolution 15-05, which requests State Officials to promptly and fully comply with the Supreme Court's orders in the McCleary case. (Mrs. Parnell and Ms. Fletcher) Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards commented that with over 200 of the 295 school boards in Washington State supporting this; it is important to have this resolution.

Ms. Van Noy asked Dr. Smith to let Christina Malm know that they passed this resolution.

Board Agenda Topics

The Board discussed upcoming items and made some revisions and additions, which included the following:

• November 24th is a Board Work Study at 5:00 PM with Greg Lobbell from CEE (Center for Educational Effectiveness) to go over assessments.
• Ms. Fletcher's schedule has changed and she will now be able to attend the December 4th Board Work Study and December 8th Board meeting.
• The WSSDA Conference Report will be changed from the November 24th Board meeting to the December 8th Board meeting.
• Dr. Smith suggested having a work study on school start times. The Board has done about four work studies on this topic throughout the district's history, with the last one being about seven years ago. After discussion, February 9th at 5:00 PM was chosen as a Board Work Study to discuss this.

Ms. Van Noy announced the Board will be attending the WSSDA Annual Conference on November 19-22, 2015 in Bellevue.

Dr. Smith will work on the template for the brochure to hand out at the WSSDA Legislative Conference in January. He will send Board members a draft when it is ready.

Dr. Smith reported that we have purchased Phil Gore's book on Improving School Board Effectiveness.

Board Leadership Initiatives

Ms. Van Noy read and discussed the following Board initiatives:
Board Leadership Initiatives (Continued)

- Collaborate, coordinate and participate in the RSD Ambassador Program – the Board will prepare for this later in the year.
- Narrow the achievement gap/opportunity gap – the Board will be hearing from Greg Lobdell on this at the work study on November 24th. Ms. Van Noy requested the information be broken down by gender, race, and ethnicity.
- Develop board policy on BYOD (bring your own device) – Ms. Oviatt will be checking with other districts on this.
- Partner with a community service organization on an initiative – the Board needs to find a partner and suggested Rotary may be a great organization to partner with, since they support lots of student-focused activities. Dr. Smith and Mr. Edwards will coordinate this.
- Create Board initiatives for 2015-2016 – this is an ongoing project.
- Complete the Board evaluation – this will be done at a work study in March.
- Complete the Superintendent evaluation – this will be done at a work study in January and June.
- Apply for Board recognition programs – the Board has just received the Board of Distinction from WSSDA. Ms. Van Noy will work on applying for a recognition award from the NSBA (National School Board Association). Dr. Smith said NSBA really wants student interaction as a focus, so he would be willing to help Ms. Van Noy with this.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report
Dr. Smith reported that enrollment has gone up 1.38 students for the month of November. Usually, the district’s enrollment drops somewhat at this time of the year, so this is good news.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- He has attended the following partnership meetings:
  - Rotary meetings: He noted that we have two staff members who are also Rotarians - Ben Hambleton and Susie Archuleta.
  - Had lunch at the Senior Center.
  - Friends of Youth Rise and Thrive Breakfast, where he gave a keynote speech.
  - Met with Hillside Academy Director, Kim Bileath. Their preschool program has 70 students.
  - Met with Joel Kunan, Deputy Fire Chief, on school security measures - working with Cherry Valley Elementary on ways to keep intruders out.
  - Met with Jill Shadwell, CIIS parent, regarding creating a Cedarcrest High School Equestrian Club. The district's Risk Pool cautioned on liability, but Dr. Smith will be checking with other districts who currently have this club. He will make a decision by December 1st.
Superintendent Report (Continued)

- He has attended other general events:
  o Worked through a number of student issues with principals, whether behavior issues or discipline issues.
  o Attended the Stillwater 4th/5th Grade Music Performance.
  o Attended the Cedarcrest Football and Girls' Soccer games.
  o Met with several teachers and administrators on various student learning and programmatic issues.
  o Attended the Board’s Work Study breakfast.
  o Is working on finalizing the notes from the Student Voice Roundtable.
  o Attended Danielson Framework Training with Marci Yoshida for principals and central office administrators.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Dr. Smith for his great report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the November 10, 2015, Board meeting at 7:48 PM.

[Signatures]

Board President          Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors.