

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**March 14, 2017**  
**Duvall, WA 98019**  
**Educational Service Center – Board Room**

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

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, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, and Mr. Edwards  
Student Representative: Sophie Paradis and Pascal Nagata

**RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION**

The Board recognized Janet Laverne, who has recertified her National Board Certification for an additional 10 years. 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.

Ms. Laverne is the first teacher in Riverview School District to go through National Board recertification and was presented with a bouquet of tulips and a pin.

**RECOGNITION FOR RSD AMBASSADORS**

The School Board recognized the graduates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Riverview School District Ambassador Program. Communications Coordinator, Mike Ward presented certificates to the following Ambassadors: Melanie Gray, Dawn Green, Cindy Griffin, Shelley Heinson, Erik Highland, Katherine Hunt, Amy Jacobson, Sherry Jennings, Kelly Kussman, Amanda LeBlanc, Sue Linnerooth, Kimberly Martin, Rachel Ormiston, Linda Rubin, Will Schlegel, Ivone, Scheumann, Stanley Schubert, Kari Schuh, Theresa Tenney, Claire Wallace, and Jeff Wolf. Michelle Chapman and Ekaterina Yufereva were unable to attend the final class and will go through a make-up course to become Ambassadors. The Ambassador Program consisted of five classes and concluded with a bus tour of Riverview School District. A group photo was taken to commemorate the graduates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Riverview School District Ambassador Program.

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

**Board Communications**

Ms. Fletcher reported on the Board's activities for Classified Appreciation Week. The Board has been visiting schools to hand out Starbucks cards to show their appreciation to classified staff. The first stop was Tolt Middle School at 8:15AM and they finished their day at Cherry Valley Elementary at 12:20 PM. They decided by the time they were finished they had logged over 6,000 steps for the day!

## **Board Communications (continued)**

On Wednesday Board members will continue recognizing classified employees by meeting at the Maintenance building at 6:30 AM, followed by Cedarcrest High School at 7:00 AM, and wrapping things up at Transportation at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Nagata is waiting for University of Washington decisions that are due to come out on Wednesday, March 15. He also reported on March Magnanimous, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament happening now at Cedarcrest High School. They were a little late advertising for the event, but still managed to get enough sign-ups for 16 teams, some of which include teachers. The first bracket games were on Monday, March 13, and the championship game will take place at the end of the month assembly. Mr. Nagata also reported that the class of 2017 will be holding an Electronics Fundraiser on March 25 in the Safeway parking lot. Old electronic items such as computers, speakers, etc. will be recycled. Cash donations will be accepted, which will help fund Grad Night.

Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. Fletcher for organizing Classified Appreciation Week. He added that it is one of his favorite times, as he enjoys going to the buildings to personally thank the staff. He also reported his attendance at the public hearing on boundaries, which was well attended. He thanked Dr. Smith and his staff for their great job answering questions.

Ms. Paradis is attending her first track meet against Granite Falls and Cedar Park on Friday at Cedarcrest. She will be competing in Pole Vault and Long Jump. She also took the SATs on Saturday and felt it went well.

Mrs. Parnell also thanked Ms. Fletcher for organizing Classified Appreciation week. She thanked Stacy Cook for doing a wonderful job filling in during the day for Ms. Bechtel while she was on vacation. Mrs. Parnell also attended the public hearing on boundaries. She thanked the Boundary Committee for coming up with a good solution and for their dedication to transparency and keeping people informed every step along the way.

Ms. Oviatt reported on the following:

- She is very grateful that the levy cliff bill passed.
- She thanked the Communications Department for the communications that have been going out regarding calendar changes. She noted it is nice to have online tools to keep everyone up to date.
- She reported on attending the SEA-KING Board of Directors meeting where the conversation focused on football, as well as our Cascade League. Many of our league members are in the process of considering moving leagues due to equitable play.
- She will attend the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Executive Board meeting over the weekend, and on Monday there will be an Amendments to Spring Rep. Assembly, where Athletic Directors and League Directors from around the state will meet to discuss proposed and revised amendments to the WIAA Handbook, similar to our legislative assembly.
- On Friday, Mike Colbrese, Director of the WIAA will be meeting with a group of Cascade League Superintendents to discuss the perceived competitive disadvantage in the league.
- Ms. Oviatt had an interesting experience presenting Sunday in Seattle at the National CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) on Networking in a Rural Community. She spoke to 60+ CASA volunteers and judges who work with rural communities. CASA volunteers represent children in court cases and was started in Seattle by a judge 40 years ago.

## **Board Communications (continued)**

Ms. Oviatt also reported on the following:

- She also mentioned that Governor Jay Inslee has declared March 13-17 as Classified Public School Employee Week, continuing a tradition started in 1975 to recognize the contributions of educational support professionals in the public school system. She thanked our Educational Assistant, Custodians, Kitchen Staff, Bus Drivers, Office staff and Maintenance crews for all they do.
- Ms. Oviatt recognized Bill Adamo for his work in the successful completion of the All Hazard Mitigation Risk Assessment Survey (RAS) where Riverview School District received a final score of 95 out of a possible 100 total points.
- While reading a PSESD (Puget Sound Educational Service District) newsletter, she found an article written by former Riverview School District Board member, Greg Bawden. She was excited to see a leader in our community active at the state level.
- Ms. Oviatt reminded the Board that it is time to do Public Disclosure Commission filing.
- Ms. Oviatt highlighted news from around the schools that she discovered while reading individual school newsletters.

Ms. Van Noy reported on upcoming and recently attended meetings:

- The Board and Dr. Smith attended the Board Breakfast on March 10, 2017 where they discussed agenda items.
- The entire Board participated in and graduated from the Ambassador Program, which they were very excited about.
- On Wednesday, March 15 the Board will attend the Friends of Youth luncheon in support of Dr. Smith, who is one of the keynote speakers.
- Ms. Van Noy will attend the Town Hall: Annexation and Growth meeting on behalf of the Board on Wednesday evening.
- On March 24-27, the entire School Board and Superintendent will attend the National School Board Association Conference in Denver, Colorado.
- Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt will attend the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) District 2 regional meeting on March 30, 2017 at Sammamish High School.

Ms. VanNoy noted that she has been contacted by several School Boards from other districts, such as Centralia, because they were impressed by Riverview's Student Representatives.

## **Hearing of the Public**

No one signed up to come forward 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 17-12:** To approve the March 14, 2017, Consent Agenda, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda (continued)**

### Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 202672 through 202738 in the amount of \$172,299.01; and direct deposits of \$56,069.28. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 202739 through 202739 in the amount of \$11,247.73; and direct deposits of \$5,586.30. ASB Fund Warrant No. 202740 through 202749 in the amount of \$4,813.96; and direct deposits of \$3,950.85. Total Payroll for February 28, 2017, is \$2,595,471.87, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 202612 through 202620 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$7,792.34, and General Fund Warrant No. 202621 through 202671 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of \$922,503.66 and direct deposits of \$1,193,366.63.

### Approval of the Board Work Study Minutes for February 28, 2017.

### Approval of Personnel Actions.

### Approval of Service Contracts.

### Approval of Donations.

### Approval of out of state travel for Kaye Wetli to attend the School Nutrition Association Board Meeting/Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on May 2-6, 2017.

## **BUSINESS**

### **CTE (Career and Technical Education) Advisory Committee Recommendations**

Kelly Kussman, CTE (Career and Technical Education) Advisory Committee Member thanked the Board and Dr. Smith for their continued support for Career and Technical Education programs. He reported that Riverview School District continues to provide students with a systematically built educational structure that will lead many students into post-secondary education and successful careers. This structure had been based upon the “College for All” model that is part of the national agenda. The CTE General Advisory Committee wants to be sure our students are not left behind and would like to commend the Riverview School Board in their recent efforts to look towards a future of “Certifications for All.” Nationally, CTE programs are in peril and the General Advisory Committee wants to work with the school board to ensure our programs stay strong, are recognized as industry standard levels, provide our students with many post school outcomes, and are fully funded.

The up-coming graduation requirements (24-credit framework) has the committee concerned as the CTE programs and the experiences they offer to students more than likely will suffer. Given the breakdown of credit requirements, the State’s educational focus continues to maintain the direction towards the more traditional core subjects, leaving CTE with only 1.0 required credit in order to exit high school. Half of that 1.0 credit is now removed in the .5 Technology/IT Academy course requirements. The Advisory panel members for the CTE programs at Cedarcrest High School have had several discussions around this topic over the past few years and have brainstormed a possible option to keep all of our CTE programs viable and relevant to both the students and their graduation requirements. They also have some hope that at the state level, things may change sooner, given Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI’s) newest leadership’s agenda to increase CTE.

## **CTE (Career and Technical Education) Advisory Committee Recommendations (Continued)**

The CTE Advisory Committee strongly suggests that the Riverview School Board adopts a 2.0 credit requirement for Career and Technical Education in order to graduate from high school. This committee believes that Riverview School District has an opportunity to revise the definition and composition of the graduation requirement credits. Through carefully reviewing and aligning CTE course frameworks and the skills presented to students, these courses could then be offered as course equivalents to utilize credits typically provided in traditional core subjects such as Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) plus English, Language Arts (ELA). From the committee's perspective, many of the Agricultural Education CTE programs have roots within STEM and if offered as course equivalents, students would then gain the flexibility to obtain graduation requirements while learning new skills and placing them into practical use through hand-on classes. They also feel that this approach can have a benefit to many, if not all the other CTE programs. The CTE programs being offered within Riverview School District are an important option in which to seek out and gain alternate educational opportunities and career exposure for some students.

After High School, there are many different paths that these students may take to seek educational and employment opportunities. Some students may enter the workforce directly and obtain skills through on-the-job training; others may attend a technical school, community college, university, or college and attain a degree, several may choose an internship, and still others may choose to attend a focused vocational education program. Is it the path or the end state that we should be more concerned about? As Confucius said ~ *“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”*

Upon the review of the Riverview School District's own Mission (To become a national model of educational excellence), Vision (Educate Children); and Core Values (student centered, dedication to excellence, fostering positive relationships, honesty, inclusiveness, integrity, engaging educational environment, teamwork, effective communications, transparent governance) as published in the five year Strategic Plan for years 2016-20205, we believe that this proposal is in full alignment with all our CTE programs and supports the hard work that many people have already done in documenting Riverview's Mission, Vision and Core Values.

The CTE Advisory Committee is encouraged that Riverview has continued to support the CTE programs and moving forward we would like to be an integral component in their expansion and continued development. We feel strongly that an opportunity exists to educate both students and parents at the Middle School level to bolster interest and participation in the CTE programs. Some additional program ideas such as cross credits, building new CTE spaces, adopting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills as a cornerstone of attainment for all graduates, or even having a core CTE series as a separate requirement for graduation (personal finance, family relationships, child development, and leadership). Another proposal, is to ensure any Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WANIC) credits transfer in as electives or general education requirements and do not get designated into the CTE credit allocation. These proposals afford the students, parents, educators, CTE programs, and Riverview School District the necessary tools to keep the educational fires burning, provide alternate learning opportunities, and assist future employers in attracting qualified employees.

The CTE General Advisory Committee would love to collaborate with the Superintendent and School Board going forward into the future.

## **CTE (Career and Technical Education) Advisory Committee Recommendations (Continued)**

Ms. Van Noy thanked Mr. Kussman and asked for clarification about WANIC credits transferring in as electives or general education requirements. Mr. Kussman explained that courses offered through WANIC would be Summer School courses and would therefore not take the place of a CTE credit allocation.

Dr. Smith commented that the amount of volunteer time put in by the CTE Advisory Committee is stunning, and looks forward to reading the upcoming 5-year plan, due on May 1. He also stated that Riverview School District shares the vision that every student gets a start on post-secondary education, whether that is a two-year degree, four-year degree, apprenticeship or trade.

Ms. Van Noy said the Board met with Mike Vidos, Strategic Plan “guru” and included “Certificate for All” in the Strategic Plan. One way for that to succeed would be to increase emphasis on CTE.

### **Bond Refunding**

Jon Gores from DA Davidson presented on possible bond refunding. In 2012 Riverview School District embarked on refinancing bonds issued in 2007, 2008 and 2009. A portion of the 2007 and 2009 bonds were not refinanced because they were sized to be under \$10,000,000 to receive a special tax designation, which increased savings. We now have an opportunity to refinance those small portions from 2007 and 2009.

Mr. Gores reviewed the savings from refunding bonds since 2012, which is close to \$2.9 million. The 2007 and 2009 bonds with higher interest rates would be exchanged to a lower rate, which would be a savings for tax payers. Because many financial analysts agree that interest rates are going to increase over the next few months, it would be advantageous to refund the 2007 and 2009 bonds now.

Mr. Edwards asked about timing of refunding. Mr. Gores said it takes about 60 days and the district has the ability to set a savings target so if the interest rates go higher, decreasing the savings, there would be no cost to the district to back out of the refunding.

Mr. Gores will work with Ruby Perez, Director of Business and Operations, to give recommendations to the Board on how to proceed.

The Board would like to revisit this topic the first part of April.

### **School Start Times for 2017-2018**

After researching with Transportation and building principals, Dr. Smith is making the recommendation that school start times are increased by 15 minutes for the 2017-2018 school year. This would mean that Cedarcrest High School would begin at 7:35 AM, Tolt Middle School and CHOICE would begin at 8:25 AM, elementary schools would begin at 9:30 AM, and Eagle Rock at 9:45 AM. One of the questions Dr. Smith continuously receives is “15 minutes does not seem significant. Why not make it later?” This is due to our 3-tier bus system. It would be difficult to start any later because we would then have the elementary schools starting as late as 10:00 AM, which is too late. Northshore School District is adjusting their start times this coming fall, after two years of careful review. As it turns out, our start times will be similar to Northshore’s.

## **School Start Times for 2017-2018 (Continued)**

Mr. Edwards asked if starting the schools 15 minutes later means that 15 minutes are then added to the end of the school day. Dr. Smith affirmed. Adding time to the end of the day is another factor to consider when determining a new start time. Getting out of school later has an impact on after school activities, etc.

## **Dismissal of Student Representatives**

Ms. Van Noy excused Student Representatives Sophie Paradis and Pascal Nagata at 8:30 PM.

## **Board Agenda Items**

The Board discussed upcoming agenda items for future Board meetings.

## **REPORTS**

### **Enrollment Report**

Dr. Smith noted the district is down 3.69 students for the month of March.

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Edwards reported the levy cliff passed in the Senate 48-1. He stressed how pleased he is with Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal, saying he is doing an amazing job engaging with all the right people and has the experience of being in the legislature. This week the legislature will be discussing curriculum and instruction, assessment and graduation requirement, “Breakfast after the Bell,” educator certification and evaluation, recruitment, and school siting.

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- Dr. Smith thanked Ms. Oviatt and the Board for creating the spark that started the Ambassador Program.
- He thoroughly enjoyed the bus tour through the district with the Ambassador Program. He thanked bus driver, Becky Fredrikson, calling her a quintessential example of our wonderful classified employees.
- He recognized all classified employees in the district saying we couldn’t take a step forward without all of their hard work.
- He reported that he received a letter from PSESD (Puget Sound Educational Service District) informing him that Alice Ish of Cedarcrest High School and Kimberly Erwin from the Parade Program are regional winners in the High School Art Show sponsored by PSESD. They will advance to the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual State High School Art Show at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in Olympia.
- Dr. Smith thanked the Board members who attended the Boundary Review Community Forum, which went really well, and applauded all of the community members for their hard work.

**Superintendent Report (Continued)**

- A message will be sent out both internally and externally about the Board Resolution on Supporting all Students.
- He completed most mid-year conferences, spending all day on March 7 at Tolt Middle School, and all day on March 9 at Cedarcrest High School, where he saw a lot of amazing work being accomplished.
- He attended the AASA (American Association of School Administrators) Conference where he focused on Personalizing Student Learning, and Equity and Access.

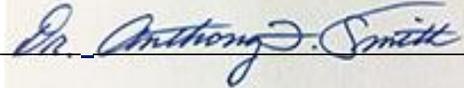
Ms. Van Noy thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the March 14, 2017, Board meeting at 8:44 PM.



Board President



Board Secretary

**MINUTES PREPARED BY**

Donna Reier filling in for Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors