

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lisa Ashbaugh, President, called the Regular Meeting of the Riverview Board of School Directors to order at 7:00 pm, October 19, 2020, via ZOOM as a result of necessity due to coronavirus pandemic sanctions

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Zolkowski, Dr. Monroe, Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Pater, A. Chatkin, R. Yorio, S. Ogradowski, M. Walewski, J. Fleming, L. Coffman, B. Huffman, N. Jones, P. Kvortek, A. Davis, K. Shoop, S. Stockman, B. Gross, H. Dawson, T. Abraham, P. Tomlinson, K. Lio, A. DelaTorre, A. Allis, S. Sullivan, K. Krajca, A. Hoolahan, D. Gupton, A. Manifest, C. Tsambis, L. Morgans, J. Srodes, K. J. Jackson, A. Baxter, B. Baxter, E. Phillipps, I. Ladefian, J. Clontz, J. Boyer, K. Davidson, J. Slagle, K. Smith, T. Rush, T. Morascyzk, R. Jordan, K. Lape, L. Franczyk, L. Madden, M. Metz, M. Nese, E. Aftanas, M. Harden, N. Dougherty, N. Paradise, P. Roupas, R. Poth, K. Harley, V. Pomerantz, W. Hudack, D. Schenle, L. Brickner, L. Loughren, R. Zatawski, K. Smith, J. Geppert, E. Richman, H. Fichte, G. Kocur, G. Portera, H. Kozlosky, H. Groenynck, A. Guzzo, A. Lawson, A. Toland, J. Swogger, D. Lorenz, Mystery Lovers, N. Hart, A. Entwisle, A. Fahey, A. Guzza, D. Khoun, D. Hunter, L. Franczyk, L. Ehrlich, M. Brown, M. Sikora, L. Proctor, N. Dougherty, T. Stempfer, S. Vespi, D. Polesiak, L. Lowe, B. Ludwig, K. Rapp, M. Sikora, C. Longstreth, K. Migely, S. Rice, R. Pazman, B. Duncan, M. DeLuca, C. Favo, M. Smith, A. Lawson, E. Richman, B. Meli, k. Wynkoop, K. Doas, M. McFadden, along with additional unnamed residents

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members: Mrs. Chaparro, Mr. Hawk, Mrs. Hurt-Robinson, Dr. Loeffler, Dr. McClure, Ms. Miller, Dr. Pallone, Mrs. Schaaf, Mrs. Ashbaugh; Falco Muscante, Solicitor; Dr. English, Supt.; Ms. Good, Business Manager; Mrs. Tamburro, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED  
TREASURER'S REPORTS/  
TAX COLLECTOR  
REPORTS/PAYMENT OF  
BILLS**

Mrs. Ashbaugh presented the Minutes of Education Committee/Regular Voting Meeting for September 21, 2020, along with the Minutes of the Study Session/Finance Committee/Tax Meeting for October 12, 2020. In addition, she presented the Treasurer's Reports for: General Fund, August, 2020; Scholarship Account, June, July, August, and September, 2020; Capital Reserve Fund, September 2020; GOB Series 2020, September, 2020; Fund 39 Series 2018 Bond Issue September, 2020; Food Service, August, 2020; and Student Activities, July (revised), August, and September, 2020. In addition she presented the Pa. Municipal Delinquent EIT Collections for September, 2020, the Pa. Municipal Real Estate Tax Summary, Oakmont and Verona, for September, 2020, along with the Keystone Collections Group: LST and EIT Collections for September, 2020. Mrs. Ashbaugh presented the Approval of Bills – Fund 10 – in the amount of \$1,060,629.08. Mrs. Hurt-Robinson moved that these reports be accepted and filed for audit. Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mrs. Ashbaugh then presented the Approval of Bills – Fund 10 – UPMC in the amount of \$6,952.00. Mrs. Hurt-Robinson moved that the report be accepted and filed for audit. Mr. Hawk seconded the motion which passed with seven (7) affirmative votes and two (2) abstentions (Mrs. Schaaf/Mrs. Chaparro). Lastly, Mrs. Ashbaugh presented the Approval of Bills – fund 10 – Equiparts – in the amount of \$626.00. Mrs. Schaaf moved that the report be accepted and filed for audit. Ms. Miller

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seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) affirmative votes and one (1) abstention (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson).

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Mrs. Ashbaugh thanked everyone for working so hard to assist the students with virtual learning during the first nine weeks of school. She acknowledged how difficult it has been especially for the parents along with the students, teachers and staff throughout the District. She took a few minutes to explain that all plans presented by the administration have pros and cons. The board has had to consider many factors: If the District would stay virtual, although that is the safest option, it may not be the best educational option, particularly for the younger grades. It also places a hardship on parents that need to go to work and on students that may need more interaction and in person support from their teachers. If the District would move to all students back, that presents the most unsafe option as we would not be able to meet the CDC guidelines for social distancing. The 3<sup>rd</sup> option which is the one that is being recommended this evening, is a hybrid plan with Wednesday being scheduled as a virtual day and a cleaning day for the District. Parents can choose to remain virtual and not participate in the hybrid plan. With this plan, we are able to maintain social distancing and students can get in person teaching. When surveyed, 75% of the parents favored the hybrid option and 25% preferred the virtual option. No plan is fool proof. She mentioned that the Board is trying to make the best decision possible for the students, families, and staff within the District. This Board has put the health and safety first, and she applauded them for that. She also mentioned that no matter what plan would be decided upon, there will be glitches and tweaks to be worked out. She again thanked everyone for their efforts.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Mrs. Ashbaugh mentioned to everyone that the Board had received an email from Ms. Boyer requesting clarification of the plans. In addition, Mrs. Ashbaugh read through the comments submitted to the chat.

There was much conversation regarding the Yellow Phase of the Riverview School District Phased School Reopening Health And Safety Plan. Dr. English explained what the plan looks like. The Board and the public shared their questions and concerns.

**MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee (Dr. McClure), Mrs. Schaaf moved that the following items be approved-

**MOTION 1:**

- The following contracts/agreements pending solicitor review and recommended revisions:
  - Addendum Agreement between Riverview School District and the Wesley Family Services for educational services provided in Wesley K-8 School/High School for Student “x” effective September 8, 2020.
  - Agreement for Participation in Child Nutrition Programs Between School Districts between Riverview School District and Forbes Road Career and Technology Center for the period 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.
  - Ricupero, Inc. for snow plowing, salting, and removal for the 2020-2021 season.

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee (Dr. McClure), Mrs. Hawk moved that the following item be approved –

**MOTION 2**

- Temporary increase in the substitute custodial rate of pay to \$14.00 per hour.

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mr. Hawk moved that the following item be approved-

**MOTION 1:**

- The Student Clubs and Budgetary Outlines for: History Club, Model UN, National Honor Society, French Club, Senior Class

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. Pallone moved that the following item be approved-

**MOTION 2:**

- The Riverview Board of School Directors has met, reviewed, and approved a change to the “yellow phase” of Riverview School District Phased School Reopening Health And Safety Plan, offering an additional hybrid option start at the onset of the second 9 week grading period of the 2020-21 school year, subject to periodic review and evaluation.

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) affirmative votes and one (1) negative vote (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson).

Upon the recommendation of the Student Life Committee (Mrs. Schaaf), Dr. Pallone moved that the following item be approved-

**MOTION 1:**

- Participation in the University of Pittsburgh “Identifying Student Opinion Leaders to Lead E-cigarette Interventions” under the direction of Dr. Kar-Hai Chu for the fall 2021.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) affirmative votes and one (1) abstention (Dr. McClure).

Upon the recommendation of the Student Life Committee (Mrs. Schaaf), Mrs. Hurt-Robinson moved that the following item be approved-

**MOTION 2:**

- Limited use of school facilities for the RAA, Tenth Street PTO Dance, and the RHS Dance Club subject to district scheduling and safety requirements. Current and previous students K-12 may continue. New students must be residents of the Riverview School District.

Dr. Pallone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Schaaf moved that the following Personnel items be approved-

**MOTION 1:**

- Transfer of Stacey Galata from a Class III 3 hour per day Part-Time Paraprofessional to a Class III 5.5 hour per day Part-Time Paraprofessional replacing Lynn Rogalsky, effective September 25, 2020.
- Individuals as substitute teachers and paraprofessionals with Precision HR Solutions Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year pending any certification requirements: Alexis Teitelbaum, Grades PK-4
- Unpaid leave according to Board Policy 339 for: Gail Kocur, three (3) days, October 1, 2, and 5, 2020

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Ms. Miller moved that the following Personnel item be approved-

**MOTION 2:**

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- Jennifer B. Condron as a Class III Paraprofessional, start date to be determined, with a sixty (60) working day probationary period at the compensation rate according to the RSD/RESPA CBA pending clearance certification and health requirements, replacing Stacey Galata.

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Schaaf moved that the following Personnel item be approved-

MOTION 3:

- An Article XI, section (e) Sabbatical Leave for Elizabeth Orbin beginning November 4, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks), pending solicitor review.
- An Article XI, section (e) Sabbatical Leave for Jill Swogger beginning November 4, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks), pending solicitor review.
- An Article XI, section (e) Sabbatical Leave for Brian Ludwig beginning November 4, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks), pending solicitor review.
- An Article XI, section (e) Sabbatical Leave for Rachelle Poth beginning January 27, 2021, (second semester), pending solicitor review.

Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. Pallone moved that the following Personnel item be approved-

MOTION 4:

- An Article XI, section (e) Sabbatical Leave date change for Julie Srodes beginning November 4, 2020, instead of January 27, 2021.

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. McClure moved that the following Personnel item be approved-

MOTION 5:

- The following substitute teachers for leave replacement pending any necessary clearance certifications and health requirements:

Melissa Morris	Elementary
Donna Payne	Reading Specialist/Mental Physical Handicapped K-12
Jennifer Breitreutz	Elementary
Allie Christopher	Grades 4-8 Science-Social Stud/Grades 7-12 Biology

Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Ms. Miller moved that the following Personnel item be approved-

MOTION 6:

- The 2020-2021 Supplemental Position(s), as detailed below, pending any certification and/or health requirements according to the RSD/REA CBA:

Tara Jo Morascyzk	Guidance Chair
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Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Hurt-Robinson moved that the following Personnel item be approved-

- The following individual as bus driver/van driver/aide with Allegheny Transportation Services, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year pending any certification requirements: LeeAnn Kline

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**FINANCE**

Dr. McClure mentioned that everyone is working hard looking at the buildings and preventative maintenance. Mr. Hawk added that there are lots of items on the list. They will have to sit down and choose what is best for the District. Ms. Good added that budget season is ramping up.

**EDUCATION**

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson had nothing additional to report.

**STUDENT LIFE**

Mrs. Schaaf mentioned that the hybrid plan will have an effect on Student Life. The Student Action Network has broken down into sub-committees. Mr. Long was in town last week and was able to meet with some students their families. She also presented an update on sports.

**SAFETY**

Dr. Pallone had nothing additional to report.

**FORBES**

Dr. Loeffler mentioned that there will be a meeting this Thursday. Students A-L will be attending school Monday and Tuesday. Students M-Z will be attending school Thursday and Friday.

**MARKETING**

Mrs. Chaparro reviewed the Public Relations/Communications Update provided by Mr. Phillipps. She thanked him for putting the update together. Followers to Facebook have increased.

**EASTERN AREA/  
LEGISLATIVE**

Ms. Miller provided an update on Sunrise and the present condition of the roof, and the cost for repair. She also mentioned that Senator Costa said there are no State funds available. There was much conversation among the Board regarding the pros and cons. Mr. Muscante recommended that any additional conversation be talked about in an Executive Session; therefore, the conversation was tabled. Ms. Miller also mentioned on the legislative front to watch the federal bill regarding concussion safety and management.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Muscante mentioned he has been addressing COVID19 leave requests and will be presenting a written report in the future. He had nothing additional to report at this time.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No additional comments to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. McClure moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.