

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

**MARCH 13, 2023**

*\*An Executive Session was held on Monday, March 6, 2023, from 6:00 until 7:00 pm to discuss personnel and legal matters and receive information.*

*\*An Executive Session was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, upon adjournment of voting meeting at 9:00 pm*

**CALL TO ORDER** Mrs. Jeanine Hurt-Robinson, President, called the Regular Meeting of the Riverview Board of School Directors to order at 7:05 p.m., March 13, 2023.

**VISITORS PRESENT** Junior Gonzalez, Justin Vancheri, Colette Kmetz

**ROLL CALL** Present: Members: Mrs. Hurt-Robinson, Mrs. Chaparro, Mr. Hawk, Dr. Pallone, Mrs. Wilton, Mrs. Garibay, Ms. Miller, Dr. McClure, Mr. Paris, Mr. Muscante, Solicitor; Dr. English, Supt.; Ms. Wehner, Business Manager; Mrs. Zatawski, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED** Mrs. Hurt-Robinson presented the minutes for Minutes of the Regular Voting Meeting for February 13, 2023, the minutes were **TABLED** for clarification of the changes made to the 2/6/23 study session minutes that were approved with changes in italic font. Mr. Paris moved to table the minutes, Mrs. Garibay seconded the motion, additional motion by Dr. Pallone to amend the resolution to state, ‘look at list of tax assessments and appeals minus names’. Mrs. Hurt-Robinson seconded. **ALL** in favor of tabling the 2/13/23 minutes and adjusting the wording for tax assessments. NO opposed and NO abstentions.

**BILLS** General Fund: October 2022, November 2022, December 2022; Food Service: January 2023; Capital Reserve Fund: January 2023; GOB Series 2020: January 2023; Fund 39 GOB 2019 Series: January 2023; Scholarship Account: January 2023; Pa. Municipal – Delinquent EIT Collections: January 2023, Keystone Collections Group: EIT Collections – February 2023, LST Collections – February 2023, Approval of Bills – Fund 10 – 2022-2023 in the amount of \$905,891.47. Student Activities: January 2023. Mrs. Garibay moved that these reports to be accepted and filed for audit. Mr. Paris second the motion which passed unanimously. Mrs. Hurt-Robinson then presented the Approval of Bills – Fund 10 – Equiparts – 2022-2023 in the amount of \$74.00. Mrs. Garibay moved that this report be accepted and filed for audit. Ms. Miller seconded the motion with eight (8) affirmative votes, and one (1) abstention (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson).

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS** Mrs. Hurt-Robinson thanked all for coming, lots of exiting things happening in the district: open house at Verner, Musical has opening of Young Frankenstein – tickets are selling well. Congratulations to Jr-Sr High School Principal Eric Hewitt for his recognition as a Pittsburgh Penguins MVP. Additional information will be announced during delegate reports.

**SUPTS. REMARKS** Dr. English welcomed an additional presentation by Justin Vancheri of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, & Wood LLP with a synopsis of 2021 – 2022 Audit. **Mr. Vancheri** – distributed a summarization of financial statement, audit is 94 pages. 6.30.22, auditors report issued an unmodified opinion/clean opinion that

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states that the financial statement was done correctly. No questions by the board at this time.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS** None

**MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee (Dr. McClure/Dr. Pallone), Mr. Paris motion to approve the first four items (A-D).

MOTION 1:

- The following pay application in conjunction with the Riverview Capital Improvement Project:
  - Pay App. #3, East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc., in the amount of \$31,198.50
- The following contracts/agreements pending solicitor review and recommended revisions:
  - Agreement between The Meadows Psychiatric Center and Riverview School District for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.
  - Agreement between Maxim Healthcare Services and Riverview School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The Allegheny Intermediate Unit Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds by School Districts for 2023-2024 along with the IDEA-Part B use of Funds Agreement for 2023-2024.
- Approve the 2023-2024 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount \$2,235,963.00. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$1,899,026.00. The Riverview School District contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$20,203.00 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).

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

- Agreements between Riverview School District and Ricupero, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance at Verner Elementary, Tenth Street Elementary, and the Jr-Sr. High School for the service period April 1, 2023, through November 30,2023. Questions regarding Ricupero and the need to review in more detail. Due to Solicitor Muscante not having the Ricupero contract ahead of meeting, Mr. Paris motioned to **TABLE** that item and Mrs. Hurt-Robinson second the motion. Motion to table passed unanimously.

MOTION 2:

- Acceptance of the audit of the Riverview School District Financial Audit for 2021-2022 as prepared by Justin Vancheri from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLPL, with no adverse findings. Mr. Paris motioned to **TABLE**, Mrs. Garibay second the motion. Approval due by 3.31.23, no consequence of voting at April 3, 2023 (now combined) study session/voting meeting. Motion to table passed six (6) to three (3) opposed (Mr. Hawk, Mrs. Wilton, Mrs. Miller)

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Governance (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson), Mrs. Garibay moved that the following items be approved:

MOTION 1:

- The following revisions to the Riverview School Board Policy Manual:
  - Policy 907.1, School Visits by Board Members: First Reading
  - Policy 249, Bullying/Cyberbullying: Second Reading

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Mrs. Chaparro second the motion, which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Governance (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson), Ms. Miller moved that the following items be approved:

**MOTION 2:**

- Confidential Student Settlement Agreement CSA2223-003.

Mrs. Wilton second the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Governance (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson), Mrs. Garibay moved that the following items be approved:

**MOTION 3:**

- Resolution R2223-015 Calling for Charter School Funding Reform by the Board of Directors of the Riverview School District.

Mrs. Wilton second the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Governance (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson), Ms. Miller moved that the following items be approved:

**MOTION 4:**

- The Student Clubs and Budgetary Outlines for: Tenth Street Student Council.

Mr. Paris second the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Personnel (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson) Dr. Pallone moved that the following personnel item be approved:

**MOTION 1:**

- Unpaid leave according to Board Policy 339 for the following paraprofessional:  
Leah Franczyk uncompensated days: February 22, 23, & 24, 2023
- An Article XI, section (b) Child-Bearing/Child-Rearing Leave for Elizabeth Morgans beginning on or about May 21, 2023, with an anticipated return date of August 21, 2023.
- An Article XI, section (b) Child-Bearing/Child-Rearing Leave for Lyndsey Carney beginning on or about June 8, 2023, with an anticipated return date of January 10, 2024.
- An Article XI, section (a) Medical leave for Cathy Cecil beginning on April 6, 2023, with the anticipated return date at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Resignation for purposes of retirement for Julie Srodes effective June 30, 2023.

Ms. Miller second the motion which passed unanimously.

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Upon the recommendation of Personnel (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson) Mr. Paris moved that the following personnel item be approved:

MOTION 2A:

- Individuals as substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and nurses with Precision HR Solutions Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year pending any certification requirements, as detailed below:

Laura Becker	Teacher Sub
Patty Jo Dorsey	Bus Driver
Janet Johnson	Bus Driver
Jiannah Phillips	Bus Driver

Mrs. Wilton second the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Personnel (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson) Dr. Pallone asked for B to be pulled out separately. Discussion regarding Mr. Yuvan being a reporter for local newspaper, if approved then could no longer cover items regarding the district. Reports the ‘general beat’.

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson moved to go to Executive Session at 8:09 pm to discuss.

Meeting back in order at 8:23 pm.

Mr. Paris moved that the following personnel item be approved:

MOTION 2B:

- Darren Yuvan as a Class III Paraprofessional, effective March 14, 2023, with a sixty (60) working day probationary period at the compensation rate according to the RSD/RESPA CBA pending clearance certification and health requirements.

Mrs. Wilton second the motion which passes unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Personnel (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson) Dr. Pallone moved that the following personnel item be approved:

MOTION 3:

- The 2022-2023 Athletic Supplemental Position(s), as detailed below, pending any clearance certification and/or health requirements:
  - Sara Kirsch Junior High Volleyball – Head Coach
  - Jill Catanzaro Junior High Volleyball – Asst. Coach

Mrs. Chaparro second the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Education (Mrs. Wilton), Mrs. Garibay moved that the following student life item be approved-

MOTION 1:

- Acceptance of Eva Rasse as a student at Riverview Jr-Sr. High School through the placement services of the EXPEDIS Program for the first 9 weeks of the 2023-2024 school year pending receipt of all registration requirements.
- Memorandum of Understanding between WVU High School ACCESS Early College Program and Riverview Jr-Sr. High School.

- Dual Credit Affiliation Agreement between the Pennsylvania State University Commonwealth Campuses and Riverview Jr-Sr. High School.
- Revisions for the 2023-2024 School Year Student Handbook.

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

Upon the recommendation of Student Life (Mr. Paris), Mr. Hawk moved that the following education item be approved-

MOTION 1:

- Participation in the following Model UN Conferences under the direction of Mr. Ken Kubistek:
  - Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (4.13.23 – 4.16.23)
  - Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA (4.13.23), chaperone/Mr. Hewitt.
- Participation in the Academic Games Leagues of America, Inc. National Tournament to be held 4.21.23 – 4.25.23 in Orlando, FL, under the direction of Dr. Michael McNally.

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson second the motion which passes unanimously.

**DELEGATE REPORTS** Delegate reports attached and highlighted below:

- Forbes: Negotiations currently for secretaries and custodial staff; Employers are going to meet with students for career opportunities, increase in enrollment – over 200 students; NHS was on March 7, 2023 with 32 inductees, none from Riverview this year; Senior exams are starting; Open house on March 16<sup>th</sup>; May 17<sup>th</sup> is the certificate graduation ceremony at Gateway High School; Calendar for next year is still being finalized; 2 trade fairs coming up; Harrisburg is looking to start a Career Technical Center (CTC) for Tech Ed and Teacher training programs, waiting for approval; Forbes is also looking into a small engine course.
  - Dr. English added that the Governor is making CTC a big part of the budget.
- Student Life: Mr. Paris is still collecting information from student life meeting and wants feedback from Mrs. Wilton and Dr. English before sharing with the Board. Goal will be to share next meeting. Update from Mr. Hewitt is attached.
- Safety: no update, next meeting is Thursday March 16, 2023.
- Finance & Legislative: Dr. McClure would like to look at operational and support interest side of finance committee, lots of questions regarding governor budget and we can lose track of the operational liability piece. Dr. Pallone added with the extension of the governor budget, more time to put forth and found increasingly difficult to recruit teachers and he announced tax incentive for a teacher license. Not sure of specifics yet but will extend to people coming from other states. An additional proposal discussed is the importance of educating Pre-K, K-12, and work force development/adults. Calling for the help of new business of state to grow state business and securing the workers we need to fill the jobs to keep in state. Want to access new technology. Increase in Minimum Wage to help attract workers and help make ends meet. Teacher union trying to get beginning salary threshold up to starting at 60k. Tough for many districts. Governor has not proposed new threshold yet. Proposal for decrease of toxicity in schools – wants to invest in facilities.
  - Dr. English added that Governor focus on infrastructure, CT Support, and teachers. Basics of proposed budget.
- Communications/Marketing: Attached.

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- Education: Mrs. Wilton mentioned that Administrators gave an update at previous Study Session on March 6, 2023. Elementary school kids were taught Spanish by the Global Scholars. End of March the 3<sup>rd</sup> iReady assessment will be completed, PSSA will occur in April/May; Dual enrollment and exchange programs along with scheduling are in full force for next year; bump up day will be the last day of school; 9<sup>th</sup> graders are receiving their computers; Senior interviews have been completed; Gaps were noted by Dr. Monroe in social emotional learning and how to be in school and important to support programs. Graduation is June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Eastern Area: Mrs. Wilton updated that there was a motion passed to repair the roof at Sunrise; it will be completed in sections at a time; Discussion about hiring a building and grounds manager there; Motion passed that authorized Solicitor to seek payment from Penn Hills. Mr. Palmero from AIU reported searching for a new principal at Eastern Area. Mold test are being completed; Still discussing with Gateway about new building. 1 new student from Woodland Hills – enrollment now 133. March madness activities which include: coding/pie eating/etc. Mrs. Wilton has also been added to the checks.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** Mr. Muscante had no additional comments at this time, except to state that there are negotiation sessions scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be executive session after meeting for an update and to discuss personnel matters.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS** None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT** Ms. Garibay moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.