

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

**MARCH 15, 2021**

- CALL TO ORDER** Mrs. Ashbaugh, President, called the Regular Meeting of the Riverview Board of School Directors to order at 7:02 pm, via ZOOM as a result of necessity due to coronavirus pandemic sanctions.
- VISITORS PRESENT** B. Radelet, R. Highberger, W. Wilton, L. Lowe, S. Garibay, S. Vespi, A. Brun, J. Gonzalez, B. Kovalik, M. Harden, K. Shoop, K. Krajca, P. Roupas, T. Stambaugh, P. Tomlinson, O. Slagle, H. Deem, M. Metz, 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 Regular Voting Meeting for February 8, 2021, along with the Minutes of the Study Session for March 8, 2021. In addition, she presented the Treasurer’s Report for: General Fund, January, 2021; Scholarship Account, January and February, 2021; Capital Reserve Fund, January and February, 2021; GOB Series 2020, January and February, 2021; Fund 39 Series 2018 Bond Issue, January and February, 2021; Food Service, January and February, 2021; and Student Activities, January and February, 2021. 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 Pa. Municipal Delinquent EIT Collections for January and February, 2021 along with the Pa. Municipal Real Estate Tax Summary, Oakmont, January and February, 2021, and the Keystone Collections Group: LST and EIT Collections for January, 2021. She also presented the Approval of Bills – Fund 10 – in the amount of \$797,171.44. Ms. Miller moved that these reports be accepted and filed for audit. Dr. McClure seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Finally, Mrs. Ashbaugh presented the Approval of Bills – Fund 10 – Equiparts in the amount of \$113.70. Mrs. Schaaf moved that this report be accepted and filed for audit. Dr. Loeffler 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 attending this evening’s meeting. She mentioned that our staff should be able to obtain the COVID vaccine before the end of the month. The Governor is also lifting some restrictions which is showing signs of moving in the right direction. She mentioned that we have overcome a lot of obstacles. So many safety factors have been considered. She thanked parents for completing the recent survey. If the motion is passed, we will return to school April 6.
- HEARING OF CITIZENS** Mrs. Ashbaugh shared an email received at the school board address from B. Kovalik requesting that the board consider the return to school five days a week. Other residents thanked everyone for their hard work all year. Mr. Hawk also wanted to commend the administration for working as a team and especially Dr. English – “Congrats to all, this has been a hard year”.
- MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

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

MOTION 1:

- The following contracts/agreements pending solicitor review and recommended revisions:
  - Agreement between The Meadows Psychiatric Center and Riverview School District for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.
  - Agreement between Glade Run Lutheran Services and Riverview School District for the period April, 2021, through July, 2023.

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

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

MOTION 1:

- The following contracts/agreements pending solicitor review and recommended revisions:
  - Permission for Albert Pater to list serving line equipment as presented to Municibid. If the serving line equipment is unsold, permission is granted to Mr. Pater to scrap said material.

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which unanimously.

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

MOTION 1

- Participation in the Penn state University “Families, Adolescents, and Schools, Thriving in Everyday Living (FASTEN)” Study under the direction of Drs. Greg Fosco and Stephanie Lanza, to be administered to Jr-Sr Students and Families in the fall of the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Hawk seconded the motion which passed seven (7) affirmative votes and two (2) negative votes (Ms. Miller/Dr. Pallone).

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

MOTION 1:

- Resolution #R2021-011 calling for Charter School Legislation Reform.

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

MOTION 2:

- The Riverview Board of School Directors have met, reviewed, and approved a change to the Riverview School District Phased School Reopening Health And Safety Plan, offering a 100% virtual option and a 100% in-person option to all students; to occur five (5) days a week. This addendum to the Phased School Reopening Plan is set to be enacted on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and extend through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year; subject to periodic review and evaluation.

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

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson mentioned that she still is concerned which is why she could not vote yes to the motion. Other members of the board shared their thanks to the public for their patience and to Dr. English and the Administration for their hard work. Dr. English added that we will continue to work with the Health Department going forward.

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

MOTION 1:

- Resignation of the following Class III Paraprofessionals:
  - Elena Marie VanDyk                      Effective February 19, 2021
  - Jennifer Condron                      Effective February 5, 2021
- Individuals as substitute teachers and paraprofessionals with Precision HR Solutions Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year pending any certification requirements:
  - Lori Huha                      Early Childhood N-3
  - Tera Ferguson                      Paraprofessional
  - Elena VanDyk                      Emergency Certification

Ms. Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

MOTION 2:

- Extension of an Article XI, section (e) Sabbatical Leave for Jill Swogger beginning March 31, 2021.

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

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

MOTION 3:

- Elizabeth Lacey as a Class III Paraprofessional, effective March 1, 2021, 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 Elena Marie VanDyk.
- Kaitlyn Maher as a Class III Paraprofessional, effective March 9, 2021, 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 Carly Warren.

Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

MOTION 4:

- The following substitute teachers for leave replacement pending any necessary clearance certifications and health requirements:
  - Nicole Jones                      Emergency Certification / Special Ed – PK-8
  - Michelle Kornrich                      Emergency Certification/Read. Spec/Grades 4-8 ELA

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

MOTION 5:

- The 2020-2021 Supplemental Position(s), as detailed below, pending any certification and/or health requirements, according to the RSD/REA CBA:
  - Mary Lynn Plezkowski                      Musical – Vocal Coach
- Accept the following Supplemental resignation:
  - Jake Stone                      Volleyball coach

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.



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**MOTION 9**

- The following California University of Pennsylvania internship placement pending all clearance certification and health requirements:  
Kristen McDowell                      Principal internship (Mr. Hewitt)
- The following Duquesne University School of Education student teaching placement pending all clearance certification and health requirements:  
Matthew Rozycki                      School Counseling (Mrs. Ketler)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EDUCATION**

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson mentioned that the transition to five days per week has gone well. An Education committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

**STUDENT LIFE**

Mrs. Schaaf mentioned that things are starting to get back on track. Things are moving forward. The occupancy musical space is an issue. Presently working that. Prom and graduation are also being discussed. We should know more shortly.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Mrs. Chaparro reviewed the Communications and Public Relations update. She reviewed the updates made to the Superintendent page, Tribune Review article, and the new Facebook posts to name a few. She thanked Mr. Gonzalez for all he has done and mentioned that they meet monthly with Dr. English.

**FORBES**

Dr. Loeffler mentioned that Riverview presently has 21 students attending. The next meeting is this coming Thursday.

**LEGISLATIVE**

Dr. Pallone gave a brief update on the annual AIU Forum. She mentioned Senator Jay Costa and State Representative Carrie Lewis DelRosso were in attendance along with others. In addition to Dr. Pallone, Ms. Miller, Dr. Loeffler and Dr. English were in attendance. Topics included school funding, charter school costs, special education services, state mandate waivers, and school violence to name a few.

**EASTERN AREA**

Ms. Miller mentioned that the Maintenance Manager has retired, and they are looking for a replacement. Dr. Short will be calling a meeting with member districts regarding costs before us. She also mentioned a new fiber optic line.

**SAFETY**

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson talked briefly about the touchless dispensers.

**FINANCE**

Ms. Good then reviewed the business and finance section of the agenda. The serving line replacement at Tenth Street and Verner was replaced as per the investment from Metz. This is a result of the bid award to Metz as our Food Service Management Company. The old serving line needs to be disposed of. Mr. Pater will attempt to sell it on Municibid. If he can't, it

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will be disposed of and removed from inventory. Gasb45/75 valuation is an OPEB calculation that is required to be completed every 2-3 years. Mockenhaupt is the vendor used by the District. The agreement will be approved at the voting meeting. The Price-Lunch Equity is an annual requirement to review our paid price per lunch and insure it is more than or equal to the federal reimbursement. If not, there is a process we must go through to correct it. PDE hasn't released the paperwork yet to perform the calculation but it will be coming before June. The Food Service Contract is due for renewal. The contract has been completed and sent to the Department of Education for review. Once approved, the board will need to ratify the agreement. It may be returned in time to be placed on the March voting meeting; if not, it will be placed on the April voting meeting. CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) requires an annual application. Ms. Good has reviewed and applied for 21-22. Verner Elementary qualifies for CEP again. This program provides free meals to all students in that building. The Jr/Sr High School also is on the verge of qualifying. It will need to be a discussed with Metz to see if it is possible for us to implement CEP Districtwide. More to come on this topic. Ms. Good also did a 5-Year Forecast. In most years, she mentioned that she shies away from forecasting because EVERY school year ends up very different. However, with COVID and funding issues becoming more prominent, she believes it is important to look at a 5-year forecast this year, and she prepared several scenarios. One that offers a no tax increase scenario and the other offers a tax to max index scenario. These two scenarios show worse case – HOWEVER they highlight the deficits coming our way. They also help with preplanning for Edgewater expiring, flat funding from the state, declining enrollment, the impact of future contract negotiations. She mentioned that in April, the Board will have to review some scenarios that will reduce the budget to be prepared to adopt the Proposed Final budget in May.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Muscante mentioned there was nothing out of the ordinary this month – contract reviews and personnel matter.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Several residents thanked the board and Administration for their transparency during the pandemic.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Hurt-Robinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.