

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

April 15, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lisa Ashbaugh, Vice President, called the Regular Meeting of the Riverview Board of School Directors to order at 7:02 p.m., April 15, 2019, in the Library of Tenth Street Elementary School.

VISITORS PRESENT

C. Monroe, R. Rizzo, A. Pater, J. Miller, K. Shoop, M. Harden, P. Tomlinson, W. Wilton, M. Pallone

ROLL CALL

Present: Members: Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Aughenbaugh, Mr. DiClaudio, Mr. DiPietro, Mrs. Hurt-Robinson (via phone), Dr. Loeffler, Mrs. Schaaf, Mr. Tillman; Mr. Muscante, Solicitor; Dr. DiNinno, Supt.; Ms. Good (via phone), Business Manager; Mrs. Tamburro, Recording Secretary
Absent: Dr. McClure

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

Mrs. Ashbaugh presented the minutes of the Regular Voting Meeting for March 18, 2019, and the minutes of the Study Session for April 8, 2019. In addition, she presented the Treasurer's Reports for: General Fund, February and March, 2019; Capital Reserve Fund, March, 2019; Scholarship account, February and March, 2019; Fund 39 Series 2018 Bond Issue, March, 2019; Student Activities, February, 2019; and Food Service, March, 2019. She then presented the Pa. Municipal-Delinquent EIT Collections for March, 2019; and the Keystone Collections Group LST and EIT Collections for March, 2019. Mr. DiPietro moved that the reports be accepted and filed for audit. Dr. Loeffler seconded the motion which passed unanimously. In addition, she presented the Approval of Bills – Fund 10 – in the amount of \$1,126,064.25. Mr. Tillman moved that the bills be accepted and filed for audit. Mrs. Aughenbaugh seconded the motion which passed with seven (7) affirmative votes and one (1) abstention (Mrs. Hurt-Robinson).

**VICE PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS**

Mrs. Ashbaugh welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. She will be conducting the meeting in Dr. McClure's absence.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REMARKS**

Dr. DiNinno wanted to talk about the Administrative Realignment of the District. Presently the budget is out of balance \$600,000 plus. As was discussed last week, the gap between expenditures and revenues became larger. The budget needs to focus on instruction and student needs. Several priorities influence our decisions including student enrollment, student growth area needs, particularly Riverview needs to do a better job at academically growing all students, even those who are already proficient. Our analysis has validated this important concern. The Strategic Plan also guides our decisions. She mentioned that her recommendation is to not furlough, but we can only spend money that we have available. She reminded all that we have eliminated no programs, and we value Riverview as a School District. She mentioned that the board has agreed to use attrition with the retirement of Mrs. Plance but wanted all in attendance to know that we will have an Administrator at Verner. We must also honor all mandates as dictated by the State. We want to make sure that all of the student needs are met. She thanked the Administrative Team for wanting to make the reorganization plan work. This helps us keep

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teachers in the classrooms. Our focus is to prioritize keeping human resources who work the closest with students in the classroom and in the budget. Even with this, we will still have a gap to close. She then reviewed the present realignment plans:

Mr. Hewitt, Jr/Sr High School Principal

Dr. English, Instructional Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

Mrs. Kvortek, Dean of Students/discipline at the Jr/Sr High School. Dr. DiNinno mentioned she feels the high school is well covered.

She then continued with:

Mr. Zolkowski, Elementary School Supervisor/Tenth Street Principal. Dr. DiNinno mentioned that Mr. Zolkowski will see that both schools receive the same opportunities to meet student and curricular needs.

Dr. Monroe, Director of Special Education/Verner Elementary Principal.

Dr. DiNinno mentioned that Dr. Monroe has been Director of Special Education for the last two years and has built a good rapport within the District. Additionally, all principals will support the individual special education needs within each of their respective buildings in an effort to balance special education workload across the District.

Dr. DiNinno then asked Dr. Monroe to address those in attendance. Dr. Monroe mentioned that she is very excited to be a part of this community and is looking forward to being with the students every day and watching them grow. There will be an introductory letter sent home to parents tomorrow. She also mentioned that she is looking forward to working with Mr. Zolkowski as an elementary principal team.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mrs. Ashbaugh reminded those in attendance that the first Hearing of Citizens is for Agenda topics only. She also shared that budgets are never an easy process, and they try to make the best of the resources to meet student needs. One resident mentioned that the band is still a big concern. She wanted to emphasize how important it is. Dr. DiNinno mentioned that the administration has been working hard and this year has more time to obtain resources to help support the high quality band that we are used to having at Riverview. After sharing some steps taken to locate an Assistant Band Director, Dr. DiNinno indicated that the team found newly recommended Assistant Band Director Candidate, Mr. Taylor, to be enthusiastic, musically talented, and coming to us with some quality experiences with bands. She indicated that he will be very helpful and will be replacing Ms. Miller. We are very excited to have Mr. Taylor assist Mr. Perrino. We are looking forward to having him work with Mr. Perrino prior to and during band camp. Dr. DiNinno stated that you can't train someone to be enthusiastic and proactive. When you are able to find an employee who naturally possesses these attributes, great things can happen. We believe, based on the interview process, that Mr. Taylor is not only a talented musician, but he also possesses the important qualities of enthusiasm, dedication, and proactivity.

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee (D. DiPietro), Mrs. Schaaf moved that the following item be approved-

MOTION 1:

- The following contracts/agreements/memorandum of understanding pending solicitor review and recommended revisions:
 - Letter of Agreement between Riverview School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for participation in the AIU OT/PT Program for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - Agreement between Riverview School District and Adelphoi Education, Inc. for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- Participation in CEP (Community Eligibility Program) at Verner Elementary School beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.
- Metz and Associates as the Riverview School District Food Service Provider for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Riverview School District prices of \$2.75 (secondary), \$2.50 (elementary), and \$4.00 (adult) per lunch for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. Aughenbaugh seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee (D. DiPietro), Mrs. Hurt-Robinson moved that the following item be approved-

MOTION 2:

- The following pay applications:
 - VEBH Invoice #180005-02 in the amount of \$49,920.00
 - VEBH Invoice #180008-04 in the amount of \$1,279.10
 - Merit Electrical Group, Inc. in the amount of 33,938.23

Mr. DiClaudio seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mr. DiPietro moved that the following personnel items be approved-

MOTION 1:

- Resolution R1819-015 regarding the curtailment and alteration of the educational programs of the Riverview School District resulting in the elimination of professional employee positions and the opening of other professional employee positions.
- The approval of the change of status from probationary to permanent after successfully completing the 60 working day probationary period for:
 - Robert VanRheenen on or about April 24, 2019
- The 2018-2019 Supplemental Position(s), as detailed below, pending any certification and/or health requirements:
 - Wilbur Beebe Baseball – Volunteer Coach
- The 2019-2020 Supplemental Position(s), as detailed below, pending any Certification and/or health requirements:
 - Ed Taylor Assistant Band Director
- Individuals as substitute teachers and paraprofessionals with Precision HR Solutions Inc. for the 2018-2019 school year pending any certification requirements, as detailed below:
 - Donna Faix Elementary
 - Kelly Klassen Emergency Certification
 - Jessica Gray English

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Brooke Crytzer	Special Education
Caterina Santucci	Emergency Certification
Laura Sweetland Caruso	Emergency Certification

- The following individuals as bus driver/van driver/aide with ABC Transit, Inc. for the 2018-2019 school year pending any certification requirements:

Carolyn Sweeney	Daniel Welsh
Kimberly Shaw	

Mrs. Aughenbaugh seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

MOTION 2:

- One-time Early Retirement Incentive offered to the Riverview School District Professional Employees

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

MOTION 1:

- David Zolkowski, Mary Ann Plance, and Jennifer Ketler to attend the PA PBS Implementers' Forum May 14 & 15, 2019 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.
- The 2019-2020 Junior Senior High School Handbook and Student Code of Conduct.

Mr. DiPietro seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Aughenbaugh moved that the following Board Governance and Regulations items be approved-

MOTION 1:

- The following revisions to the Riverview School District Board Policy Manual: Second Reading: Policy 222, Tobacco/Nicotine; Policy 247, Hazing; Policy 323, Tobacco/Nicotine (Employees); Policy 904, Public Attendance at School Events
- Donation or disposal of the following: Pole Vault Mat

Mrs. Schaaf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT LIFE

Mr. DiClaudio mentioned that there was nothing new this week. He stated that they will be speaking with the Athletic Director regarding his recommendations and final athletic determinations. Congratulations to Preston Proctor for advancing to the All Eastern Conference Festival. We are very proud of him. Also, don't forget about the Gene Kelly nominations in early May. Some discussion occurred regarding the importance of music teachers being members of PMEA. The administration indicated that they were working on this topic and plan to address it.

EASTERN AREA

Mrs. Aughenbaugh mentioned that there is no meeting scheduled until the end of April.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ashbaugh mentioned that PSSA's have begun. She commented on the fabulous Art Show at Verner. Tenth Street's Art Show is scheduled for the beginning of May. Don't forget about the Side by Side Concert May 2 at 7:00

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pm. Spring break begins this Thursday. The next formal Education Meeting will be August 19, however, we will continue to provide updates.

FORBES/LEGISLATIVE

Dr. Loeffler mentioned that the new contract has been finalized at Forbes Graduation is set for May 22 at Highlands, Pacific Avenue, Natrona Heights. There is no major increase in tuition for next year. Dr. DiNinno mentioned that Senator Costa's Office, will be touring the District on May 14 at 1:00 pm. We want to showcase all the things we are doing and why we need more financial support. Dr. Loeffler mentioned that she spoke with the office of Mr. Dermody regarding funding for the Hulton Bridge Project. There is a PLCB meeting scheduled for May 7 regarding Speedway. Don't forget the Primary Election on May 21.

FINANCE

Mr. DiPietro mentioned the Pre-bid conference on April 11 with bids due by April 25. The bids must be awarded by May 6. We will need a construction manager since this is much larger in scope to make sure everything is under control and on track. Mr. Tillman added that the contractors will only take direction from the construction manager. Mr. Pater mentioned that Stockman Landscaping will be starting this Friday to remove dead shrubs and reduce the size of the mulch beds. This should help reduce ongoing maintenance. The transportation RFP process was also discussed. There was a meeting on the April 12 with bids due April 30. Bid will be awarded in June.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Muscante shared his written report. Any questions can be discussed during Executive Session.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

One resident asked for budget clarification. There was additional conversation regarding the new assistant band director's qualifications. The district is very excited to have him on board. One resident asked for an explanation about transportation costs. Another asked about cyber school credit requirements. Administration reminded everyone that details regarding various budget scenarios are still available on the District's website. Dr. DiNinno mentioned that scenario 3 is still being recommended.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DiPietro moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

An executive session was held until 9:15 pm to address personnel matters.