

**An Executive Session was held beginning at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel and legal matters and to receive information.*

**Study Session/Proposed Final Budget Review
Riverview Junior Senior High School Cafeteria
May 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

In attendance: M. Pallone, M. McClure, J. Miller, S. Garibay, W. Wilton, B. Hawk, J. Chaparro, J. Hurt-Robinson, T. Schaaf, T. Good, F. Muscante, N. English, D. Zolkowski, C. Monroe, R. Rizzo, A. Pater, J. Wehner, S. McLuan, S. Wermager, D. Engen, E. Yevdokimoba, L. Stelitano, J. Ossler

Dr. English welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. He started by making official note of the executive session this evening, which began at 6pm and was held to discuss personnel, legal matters, and to receive information. Secondly, he thanked everyone for their patience with the change in venue this evening. As discussed, he mentioned that we wanted to clear out space for our Jr-Sr HS band and orchestra students to be able to perform in the auditorium. He mentioned that we always want to keep in mind that we are here for the students first, and this change was necessary for them to showcase their talents in the most conducive of environments. Thirdly, he hoped that all of the mother's in the room had a great Mother's Day yesterday. He was fortunate to see his mother over the weekend, who happened to be in town from California, and he was so appreciative. Research suggests that second to affluence, a mother's influence makes a profound positive impact in a child's success. Mothers, we salute you. As many of you are aware, this meeting is Ms. Good's very last District obligation. As such, I want to officially introduce our interim business manager, Mr. Dave Seropian. Mr. Seropian is a retired business manager, having spent most of his career with the McKeesport public schools, amongst others. He brings a wealth of experience to us and we are happy to have him as an interim support while we work diligently on replacing Ms. Good. You voted on his contract last month, but let's officially welcome him to the Riverview family. Dave, we hope you find your time here at Riverview enjoyable, and we are grateful for your knowledge and support. Thank you.

Presentation/Discussion

Dr. English then moved to our guest speakers who were kind enough to be with us in person. He began with Draw Collective who will be discussing with the board the bids for the 2022 summer project.

Mr. Engen discussed the construction bids, including the project being under budget in its preliminary state. The Board asked questions, and Mr. Engen mentioned that the scope of the work will be completed by August of 2023, due to issues related to the supply chain, and delivery times of supplies. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Dr. English thanked them for their dedication to our schools, and he mentioned that we look forward to finishing up our summer projects. He thanked them for attending. He then mentioned that the Board requested that Metz & Associates attend and give a brief state of the union report on food services at Riverview and any possible items that are germane to the upcoming school year. Dr. English then introduced Mr. Larry Stelitano.

Mr. Stelitano introduced a new Director to the Board, Jenna Ossler. He also reported that the current SSO program, where every student receives a free lunch, will end after the 2021-2022 school year. He mentioned that there is legislation on at the federal level to add another year, but it was not likely. He also discussed that the program accumulated some money, allowing for the program to remain consistent from last year. He mentioned that they were able to sidestep most of the supply chain issues thus far. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Dr. English thanked Mr. Stelitano and Ms. Ossler for attending. He stated that we appreciate their dedication to the Riverview public schools.

Dr. English then moved to the first Hearing of Citizens. Hearing none, he added that there will be another hearing at the end of the meeting as well, which will be an open hearing.

Hearing of Citizens

Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Regular Voting Meeting

Personnel

- Extended School Year Program – 7/11/22-7/29/22
- Summer Targeted Assistance Program – Jr/Sr High School – 7/5/22-7/29/22
- Secondary Academic Coach
- Student Teacher – Duquesne University, Fall 2022
- Supplemental Approval – Cheerleading Volunteer
- Athletic Event Worker Approval – Track and Field

Dr. English then moved through the items in the personnel subcategory. He mentioned that next week, we will be asking for approval of teachers and paraprofessionals for our ESY and Targeted Assistance Programs, along with approval of the Secondary Academic Coach for the 22-23 school year. We have a number of open positions in terms of summer programming, and there may be a few more by next week, so keep an eye out for that. We also will be asking for approval of a Duquesne University student teacher this fall. She will be assigned to Tenth Street. Lastly, we will be asking for the approval of a volunteer cheerleading coach along with a track and field athletic event worker. After completing the personnel section, Dr. English then moved into Board Governance.

Board Governance

- Board Policies –Third and Final Reading, Policy 217, Graduation Requirements; Policy 218.1, Weapons; Policy 218.2, Terroristic Threats; Policy 252, Dating Violence
- Revised Board Calendar
- Kohler generator donation – Model year 1982

Dr. English mentioned that we will be asking for approval of the third and final reading of the policies listed above that were tabled last month. As you recall, we tabled the policies to allow the Board sufficient time to review the MOUs with our first responders. Those were sent to the board shortly after the last meeting, and there should have been ample time to complete that step. At this point, the recommendation will be to once again approve the policies next week. Please keep in mind that policies are written specifically to allow school districts the ability to follow the letter of the law while having the latitude to manage situations in our school related to those policies. He added that we pay a legal team at PSBA, as well as our own solicitors, to review these policies. Keep in mind that altering policy may run a risk of compromising both the legality and pragmatism that the language affords us. He hopes we will be able to approve these policies next week, as a host of additional policy changes will be soon to follow.

Also included in your packet is a revised school board calendar as well. As you see, tonight's meeting location has been changed to the Jr-Sr High School and the June 13th Study Session is being changed to June 9th. Thank you for your flexibility in regard to these changes. As you know, with the changes from virtual to in-person meetings, as well as the need to allow for the proper physical distancing, we have entered some uncharted territory in regard to the schedule, but now that we've lived it, we will be able to tighten up venue locations to meet the needs of the District in next year's calendar.

Finally, Dr. English shared that Mr. Pater is asking for approval to donate an old 1982 generator to Mr. John Baker from Limbach. The generator was disconnected in 2003 and has sat idle for almost 20 years. Mr. Baker has approached Mr. Pater to see if the district would be willing to let him tear it down and remove it. He plans on rebuilding the engine and converting it to single phase power source to use on his farm near Seven Springs. There is a picture of this generator in your packets. We think this is a win-win, allowing us to remove it from our property, and offering a farm the ability to possibly make use of it.

Dr. English then moved to Student Life.

Student Life

- PJAS State Competition – Penn State University May 16, 2022

Dr. English share our excitement that our students will be able to compete in the upcoming Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Competition at Penn State. Remember, as we

discussed, this competition occurs on May 16th, the day of the voting meeting. This is an annual competition but has not occurred since the start of Covid. We are excited that they are holding this in-person again. Our students usually do quite well at this event. We will keep you posted on the results and will be asking for approval next week.

Dr. English then moved to the Education portion of the agenda.

Education

- 2022 Graduation Candidates
- Kidwind National Competition – Dr. Michael McNally – San Antonio, TX May 16-20, 2022
- PASBO Train the Trainer Workshop – Albert Pater – July 14, 2022 – Westmoreland IU
- PSBA Annual Spring Legal Roundup – Dr. Melanie Pallone – April 27, 2022 – Westmoreland IU

Dr. English mentioned that included in your packet was a listing of this year's graduation candidates. We will also be asking for your approval of Dr. McNally's attendance at the Kidwind Competition in San Antonio, TX. This opportunity for Dr. McNally is of no charge to the District, except for the substitutes of course. We are also asking for your approval of Mr. Pater's PASBO training and to ratify Dr. Pallone's attendance at the PSBA Spring Roundup.

Dr. English then moved to the Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions section of the agenda.

Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions:

- Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement – Slippery Rock University
- Letter of Agreement – Allegheny Intermediate Unit OT/PT Services
- AIU Communications Agreement
- Precision HR Solutions – Draft Agreement

Dr. English explained that most Colleges and Universities enter into 5 year agreements with us for Student Teachers, and it is time to renew the Agreement with Slippery Rock University which was included in your packet. This is standard operating procedure. He added that will also be asking for approval of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit OT/PT Services, along with the AIU's Communications Agreement, both for the 22-23 school year. There is a slight \$500 increase in the communications agreement, as the cost has remained consistent for the last 2 years. As you know, there is a great benefit from this agreement, as Riverview does not have a communication specialist like most Districts in Allegheny County. Junior Gonzalez will remain as our contracted partner, and Dr. English hopes the Board agrees his efforts have been valuable to the District. He is currently at 10th Street documenting the band and orchestra concert, and did a wonderful job with the prom on Friday as well. The OT/PT agreement is annual, standard, and exhibits no changes from last year's agreement in terms of cost.

He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Good to discuss the Precision HR Solutions Agreement as well as the Business and Finance items for this evening.

Business/Finance:

- Substitute Teacher Rates – Potential Rate Increase
- Proposed Final Budget/Homestead Exclusion
- Contracted Services – School Dentist – Dr. Richard DeFilippo
- CEP (Community Eligibility Program) Verner Elementary 2022-2023 school year
- School Cafeteria Prices – 2022-2023 school year
- A La Carte Prices
- Weiss Burkardt Kramer LLC – Real Estate Tax Liens
- PSBA Policy Maintenance Agreement Renewal
- Forbes Road Career & Technology Center Operating & Administrative Budgets
- DrawCollective Invoice 20-S18-03 (20-21) in the amount of \$1,990.00
- DrawCollective Invoice 20-S18-01-03 (22) in the amount of \$78,000.00
- Pay Application – R.A. Glancy & Sons - \$10,814.46
- Harris School Solutions – eTriton Read-Only Software Access
- Vendor Payment/Insurance Claim
- Motion to Award 2022 Construction Bids

Ms. Good began by going over our present substitute rates through our agreement with Precision HR Solutions. After discussion, it was agreed to increase our substitute rates beginning July 1, 2022. There will be a motion for approval on next week's agenda, along with an updated Agreement from Precision to include the rate increase. Hopefully, this will make Riverview a little more competitive with larger schools.

She shared that the bid opening meeting was held today at 1:00 pm, with the project coming in over \$1 million UNDER budget. A motion to award the bids will be on next week's voting agenda.

She also shared information regarding the Glancy pay application and invoices from Draw Collective included in their packet, along with the annual policy PSBA dues invoice. After discussing the Harris Software access, a motion will be on next week's agenda for a three year read only access at a cost of \$899.00.

Ms. Good also mentioned that the budget details for Forbes Road Career and Technology Center was included in this week's Study Session packet. Riverview will see a decrease in contribution.

In addition, she mentioned that Weiss Burkardt Kramer LLC will begin to process liens. As usual, they are requesting that the district provide them with \$6,600.00 for filing costs, with the money being recouped at a later date. A motion will be on next week's voting agenda.

Lastly, Ms. Good shared information regarding the proposed final budget. The tax rate has been set at ½ max index. No cuts have been made to the budget. There will be a formal vote to adopt the proposed final budget at the May 16 meeting.

Dr. English thanked Ms. Good and then moved to the second hearing of citizens.

Hearing of Citizens

Hearing none, he thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Adjournment - 9:38 pm

**An Executive Session may be held following the Study Session from 9:38 pm until 10:38 pm to discuss personnel and legal matters and to receive information.*