



Monday, August 28, 2023

BOARD MINUTES OF Special Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
7:00 p.m.
Riverview JRSR High School Library

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Subject **A. Call to Order 7:03 pm, by Board of School Directors President Jennifer Chaparro**

Attendees: Kellen Stepler, Lisa DeVita, Carrie Del Rosso

Subject **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Subject **C. Roll Call**

Mrs. Chaparro: X _____

Mr. Paris: X _____

Mrs. Garibay: X _____

Mrs. Wilton: X _____

Mr. Hawk: running late: 7:04

Mr. Gahed: X _____

Dr. McClure: X _____

Mr. Tillman: X _____

Dr. Pallone: absent _____

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Subject **A. Remarks from the President – Jennifer Chaparro**

This will be a short meeting this evening, thank you for attending.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Subject **A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items**

None at this time

4. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - BOARD GOVERNANCE - Mrs. Chaparro, Board President

Subject **A. Approval of Riverview School Board Vice President**

Recommended Motion to elect Riverview School Board Vice President Replacement
Action

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT – Conducted by Elected President (Jennifer Chaparro)

A. Nominations (Call for Nominations 3 times)
<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/rive/Board.nsf/Private?open&login#>

Nominations: Ms. Garibay nominated Brian Hawk, Dr. McClure seconded the nomination.

Mr. Paris nominated Ms. Garibay, Mr. Tillman seconded the nomination.

B. Motion to Close Nominations – Motion by Mr. Paris.

C. Motion to Elect: Motion to elect Mr. Hawk as Vice President until December 5th Reorganization meeting. Mr. Hawk elected by a vote of 5 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain.

VOTES:

Mrs. Chaparro – Mr. Hawk

Mrs. Garibay – Mr. Hawk

Mr. Hawk – Mrs. Garibay

Dr. McClure – Mr. Hawk

Mr. Paris – Mr. Hawk

Mrs. Wilton – Mr. Hawk

Mr. Gahed – abstain

Mr. Tillman - abstain

D. Seating of Vice President – Mr. Brian Hawk

Subject B. Approval of Board Governance Items: Policy 008 Organizational Chart

Recommended Motion for approval the following board governance items as presented:
Action

1. The following revisions to Riverview School District Board Policy Manual: First Reading

- Policy 008 - Organizational Chart

Motion to approve by Mrs. Wilton, Mr. Paris second the motion which passed 7 yes, 1 abstain (Mr. Paris).

Discussion: Mrs. Chaparro made a point of clarification, to add language to the organizational chart for communication purposes, as well as adding the Athletic Director in the chart. Communication clarification to flow through administrative staff more effectively.

File Attachments

[008 Organization Chart 8.28.23.pdf \(16 KB\)](#)

5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - PERSONNEL - Mrs. Chaparro, Board President

Subject A. Approval of Personnel Items: Reappoint Superintendent

Recommended Motion for Approval of Personnel Items: Employment - Reappoint Superintendent
Action

Reappoint Dr. Neil English as Superintendent for a term of five (5) years from August 21, 2023 to June 30, 2028.

Motion to approve by Mr. Paris, Mrs. Wilton second the motion, which passed with 6 yes, and 2 abstentions (Mr. Gahed and Mr. Tillman)

Discussion: Mr. Tillman read the contract, thinks it is great to have and continue, but will abstain due to recent appointment, but feels the contract looks pretty good. Mrs. Chaparro added that there was a delay due to timing.

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Dr. English has done a solid job and the process could be trying at times but they got through language items and it was longer than needed to complete due to scheduling.

Subject **B. Approval of Personnel Items: Employment - Superintendent Contract**

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Recommended
Action

Motion for approval the following personnel items as presented: Superintendent Contract

Approval of the five (5) year contract between Superintendent Dr. Neil English and the Riverview School District effective August 21, 2023 and concluding June 30, 2028 as presented to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Motion to approve by Mr. Hawk, Mrs. Wilton second the motion which passed with 6 yes, and 2 abstentions (Mr. Tillman and Mr. Gahed)

Discussion: no further discussion

Administrative File Attachments

[MAIELLO-#365742-v1-Final 2023 Superintendent Contract for Signature.pdf \(355 KB\)](#)

6. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Subject A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions

Citizens:

Lisa DeVita, 230 Pennsylvania Ave, Oakmont: Question when was the donate button put on website? Why is it there? We don't want to double dip with our parents.

Carrie Del Rosso, 7th Street, Oakmont: stated as president of RABA, we want to fundraise, when they saw the donate button there was concern and that was reason why we turned in fundraisers. Want to supplement the budgets. Thank you for hearing us.

Dr. English stated that they think it is a default thing that may have just updated. Do they want to consider it if it is a possibility?

Carrie Del Rosso – would like to have a button for donations on the RABA page on the website.

All are in RABA except basketball.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Subject A. Adjourn the Meeting

Additional discussion before adjournment:

Mr. Tillman had additional questions: about board updates. Dr. English stated they are sent out via email weekly.

Question for Ms. Wehner regarding legislative actions on budget and the reporter – 13 line items from State, what does budget look like?

Ms. Wehner explained that the budget was made with last year budget and no state budget. State budget not approved yet so we don't know yet. The 13 items in list are still 'grey' until the State decides.

Mr. Paris had a question for Dr. English regarding Mr. Hewitt welcome back letter and transportation, is it an issue if live in Verona and have after school detention? Explained that the 'late' bus was canceled pre-covid due to it not being used for students actually in detention. Also, students who ride the bus notify parents ahead of time and if needed it is rescheduled or other accommodations made.

Lisa Devita, as a parent, also clarified the policy that was received.

Dr. English also explained that technically we don't even have to have a bus, based on our district size and distance, but we always have.

Mrs. Chaparro added that Mr. Hewitt back to school letter was super clear.

Motion to Adjourn by Mrs. Chaparro. Mrs. Garibay second the motion and meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.