



Monday, April 8, 2024

MINUTES April 8, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

7:00 p.m.

Riverview JRSR High School Library

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Detailed agenda can be found on website: rsd.k12.pa.us

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Subject	A. Pledge of Allegiance
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Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 pm by Superintendent Dr. Neil English

Good evening everyone and happy solar eclipse day! We hope that everyone was able to experience the solar eclipse safely and it was a memorable experience for all! We were outside looking at it and it was pretty incredible. I think we made the right decision today to allow students and families the once-in-a-lifetime chance to safely view it. I also am aware that the NCAA National Championship game is this evening, so let's jump right in with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS in ATTENDANCE:

Tony Lascola - 828 Pennsylvania Ave, Oakmont

Bill Tomlinson - 234 Third St., Oakmont

Jarret Lewis - 710 13th St., Oakmont

David Delsandro - 712 Tenth St, Oakmont

2. PRESENTATIONS

Subject	A. Presentation(s)
Meeting	Apr 8, 2024 - MINUTES April 8, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	2. PRESENTATIONS
Access	Public
Type	Presentation

Let's start with some good news regarding one of our administrators, who has just successfully defended their dissertation and earned their doctorate. Earning a doctorate in education is no small task and takes a significant amount of hard work. On top of that, this administrator has balanced this with a very demanding day job and family obligations at home. The title of his dissertation was A QUALITATIVE PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY INVESTIGATING THE LINK BETWEEN COMPREHENSIVE PBIS ADOPTION AND ENHANCED STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH TIERED IMPLEMENTATION SUCCESS, which he successfully defended to earn his doctorate from Marymount University. Please join me in giving a big Riverview round of applause to DR. David Zolkowski! Great job, Dr. Z!

a. Congratulations to Dr. David Zolkowski - Doctorate - **A QUALITATIVE PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY INVESTIGATING THE LINK BETWEEN COMPREHENSIVE PBIS ADOPTION AND ENHANCED STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH TIERED IMPLEMENTATION SUCCESS**

That was a positive way to start our meeting. Let's continue with the positive energy and welcome our next speaker. As you know, the District is working in collaboration with the Borough to procure lights for the upper fields at Riverside park. To provide an update on the scope and cost of the project, I would like to welcome Mr. Tony Lascola, from the Oakmont Recreation Board. We have provided background information for you on Board docs, for your review. Mr. Lascola, thank you for being here and providing an updated to Board.

b. Tony Lascola - Oakmont Recreation Board - Park Lights

We appreciate the update and look forward to our continued collaboration on the project and hope we can work together to get this done for our community and especially, our students. Ok, the final portion of the presentation section of the agenda is simply an update, which is a follow up to a "pulse of the community" email I sent out prior to spring break. As a part of the administration's duty to enforce the drug policy, we will, at times, invite the K-9 division of our police department, to do a sweep of the school. We haven't done so since Covid and hope to bring them in at an undisclosed time and date during the last quarter of school. Are there any questions or discussion related to this? Thank you for your feedback and input.

c. Discuss Drug Dogs in schools

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
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Category	3. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Access	Public
Type	Information

It is now time for the first hearing of citizens, which is dedicated to agenda items only. If you would like to speak in this hearing of citizens, please stand before the board, state your name and address, and try to keep your comments to under 3 minutes. Please keep in mind that another hearing of citizens will occur toward the end of the meeting, which is devoted to the discussion of all school-related topics. Also, please note that the board does not typically respond to comments in the hearing of citizens, but rather takes all public comment into consideration. If you would like to speak in the first hearing of citizens, please stand in front of the board and state your name and address prior to public comment.

At each open Board meeting, prior to official action by the Board, an opportunity shall be provided for public comment in accordance with law and Board procedures and policy.

A maximum time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker has been set.

File Attachments

[903 Public Policy in Board Meetings.pdf \(110 KB\)](#)

4. Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Voting Meeting

Subject	A. Business/Finance
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Category	4. Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Voting Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Thank you for your feedback. We will now move into the discussion and review of potential motions for approval for the April 15th voting meeting, starting the business and finance. For those items, and to provide an update to the board regarding the budget, Business Manager Ms. Sheila Lubert presented.

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

a. Merit Electrical Pay App #11: \$44,287.44

Subject	B. Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions
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Thank you, Ms. Lubert. We will be looking forward to the official presentation at the May study session. Now move into agreements/contracts and resolutions. There are a few items in this section, starting with a confidential student agreement for one of our students to attend the Learn Well program. The next two items are in regards to maintaining our current partnerships with the AIU in order to support Riverview students, and maintain current programming. For the pass through funds, we received \$1,395 dollars last year from PDE, which we annually use to support our early intervention program through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Therefore, we will be asking your approval of the pass through use of funds agreement with the AIU for the upcoming school year, ensuring that the District executes the agreement according to the law, and with cost records of expenditures made in association with this agreement. In tandem to that, we be asking for your approval of the AIU's policies and procedures for the upcoming school year, which is a part of this agreement. Next, we will be asking for your approval of our annual policy maintenance agreement for the upcoming year. Please note, also, that we will be updating a number of policies over the next couple of months, and we will include those in the May's meetings, as first readings for your approval. We will be also asking for your approval of the solicitor reappointment for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. There is a relatively minimal cost increase of \$15 on the hourly rate from the previous two year agreement. Please keep in mind that solicitor fees depend of our need for solicitor services. During my tenure, for instance, our overall costs, even with teacher negotiations and the minimal two-year increases on hourly rates, have

gone down by over thirty thousand dollars a year and have remained relatively consistent. These increases should not have any budget impact on the District. Finally, we will be asking for your approval of our yearly AIU lease for their early intervention program. The AIU rents space at the Verner elementary school, and we have a yearly agreement with the AIU regarding this partnership. Additionally, this benefits the District in terms of assimilating our own Riverview students that may attend this program. Are there any questions and/or discussion regarding to the items in this section?

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

- a. Confidential Student Settlement Agreement CSA2324-001 with Learn Well for Student X
- b. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) - IDEA - Part B Use of Funds Agreement for 2024-2025
- c. AIU - Notice of Adoption of Approved LEA Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by Riverview School District
- d. Policy Maintenance Agreement with Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) for 2024-2025
- e. Solicitor Reappointment for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years.
- f. AIU Lease Agreement

Subject	C. Board Governance/Regulations
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We have one item for your consideration in board governance/regulations, and that is the MOU with the RESPA union regarding summer hours. This agreement allows for the district to be shut down for one day a week for energy and cost saving reasons and has been signed by the association's leadership. We had a similar agreement in place last year as well, as a trial run, which was reported to have gone well, and there is language in the agreement this year that will make this a permanent summer solution until more detailed discussions occur in the RESPA negotiations, which will occur during next school year.

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

- a. MOU for Summer Schedule between Riverview School District & Riverview Education Support Professionals Association

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We will now move into Personnel and we will be asking for your approval on a number of fairly typical items. We have a sabbatical request for next year, a request for unpaid days, volunteer coaches as well as the head volleyball and boys basketball coach, one Allegheny Transportation bus driver, the change from temporary to permanent

status for one of our computer technicians, paras, teachers and nurses for our Extended School Year summer program for special education students, and a substitute teacher through Precision. As you know, official names and documentation will be provided for next week's voting session.

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

- a. Sabbatical Teacher Request
- b. Unpaid days for paraprofessionals (1)
- c. Volunteer Coaches: Football (1), Volleyball (2)
- d. Head Volleyball Coach
- e. Head Boys Basketball Coach
- f. Allegheny Transportation bus driver (1)
- g. Computer Technician - Permanent Status (1)
- h. ESY Hires: Paras/Teachers/Nurses
- i. Precision Substitute Teachers (1)

Subject

E. Student Life

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Let's move into student life, where we have one item for your consideration in next week's voting meeting. We compete every year in the Academic Games of Western Pennsylvania, and depending on the students performance, qualify for the National Academic Games. Riverview has attended the National Academic Games on a number of occasions including 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023. Participation requires qualification of the students and the interest of families willing to travel and attend. This year we have had the most successful season in school history with numerous students qualifying for the national tournament with several families indicating their interest in attending. The District always pays for the students' registration fees, which we've already expended, as well as the travel expenses of Dr. McNally, our Junior-Senior High School gifted teacher, who attends as their supervisor. We will be asking for your approval of travel and fees for Dr. McNally. Dr. McNally recently has returned from sabbatical, and I know that the students and administration are happy he has returned.

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

- a. Participation in the Academic Games Leagues of America, Inc. National Tournament to be held 4/18/24 – 4/23/24 in Atlanta, GA, under the direction of Dr. Michael McNally.

Subject

F. Education

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Moving on to the last section of the evening, education, where will be asking for your approval on two items. The first is an exchange student on a tourist visa through the Expedis program. For those that have been here awhile, we have a number of students from Belgium attend our school through this program, and have all been

associated with one family. Her letter was included in your packet. This is a great way to learn about other cultures through interactions with those that live in other countries and is a great opportunity for us. We also have our affiliation agreement renewal with Duquesne University for student teachers. Both of these items are typical for this time of year.

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

- a. Student Exchange Belgium – USA, EXPEDIS
- b. Affiliation Agreement Renewal - Duquesne University

Subject

G. Board Meeting Minutes

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We will be asking for your approval of both the March 4th and March 11th minutes as well. Are there any additions, omissions, changes you see in these two sets of minutes?

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

- a. Study Session Minutes: March 4, 2024
- b. Regular Voting Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2024

5. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Subject

A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items

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Thank you. This brings us to our second hearing of citizens, which is dedicated to all school-related items. If you would like to speak in this hearing of citizens, please stand before the board, state your name and address, and try to keep your comments to under 3 minutes. Also, please note that the board does not typically respond to comments in the hearing of citizens, but rather takes all public comment into consideration. If you would like to speak in the second hearing of citizens, please stand in front of the board and state your name and address prior to public comment.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Subject**A. Adjourn the Meeting**

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Category

6. ADJOURNMENT

Access

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Adjourn the meeting.

That concludes our April study session. We thank all those in attendance for your continued support of the Riverview School District. Have a great weekend. May I have a motion to adjourn?

Meeting adjourn: 8:00 pm