



Riverview School District
Education Committee Update MINUTES
September 28, 2015

In attendance: J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh, E. Tillman, M. McClure, H. Dolan, A. Loeffler, D. DiPietro, D. Tompa, T. Nix, E. Hewitt, D. Zolkowski, M. Plance, M. DiNinno, T. Good, R. Rizzo, D. Jaynes.

Dick Jaynes provided the board with an update on the construction project.

No public comments were provided.

The meeting commenced at 7:00 with a role call and the board approved the following motions:

I. Riverview Volleyball Booster Club

I recommend approval of the Riverview Volleyball Booster Organization as an official Riverview School District booster group, according to RSD Policy 915, pending receipt of any additional certification requirements. The motion was approved by Mrs. Ashbaugh, and seconded by Mrs. Dolan. Motion passed 8/8.

II. Superintendent's Evaluation

I recommend approval of the Superintendent's evaluation for 2014-2015 and subsequent compensation according to the contract between the Riverview School District and the Superintendent of Schools. The motion was approved by Mr. Tillman, and seconded by Mrs. Ashbaugh. Motion passed 8/8.

At 7:04, the Education Committee then continued with an update, under the facilitation of Mrs. Dolan.

Dr. DiNinno indicated that the state will be releasing student achievement data for all school district on September 29th via the PDE web site. A letter from the Secretary of Education



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explaining that the 2015 assessment indicated that the new assessment was developed to meet the more challenging demands of the PA Core Standards and cannot be compared with previous assessment data. The entire letter was shared with the board and will be included in the individual student scores sent to parents.

Building principals provided the board with their plans to address student needs for the 2015-2016 school year.

Elementary principals provided the board with updates on the status of the new Reading series and the math curriculum. Mr. Zolkowski discussed the increased focus on writing, the availability of all reading series resources through the online component of the series, and the increase in higher order thinking and application aligned with the common core.

Mr. Hewitt shared details about the new STEAM room at the high school.

Ms. Nix shared information pertaining to a plan for a comprehensive and customized ACT and SAT preparatory course.

Dr. DiNinno shared that Mr. Hedderman will facilitate a visit from University of Pittsburgh international students, as supported by Dr. McClure, for collaborative learning experiences on December 1st. This year, plans to include elementary students are also on the agenda.

Mr. Zolkowski indicated that the two paraprofessionals placed at the kindergarten and first grade levels at Tenth Street this year are working well and meeting student needs.



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Mrs. Plance provide an update on the very successful Pop-Up library at Verner indicating that over 30 families have participated in some events including a Puppet Show that targeted bullying, and a family night that included pizza and board games.

Mr. Zolkowski shared details related to the latest teacher evaluation system and ETEP.

Discussion regarding the upcoming details and agenda for Open House at each building was shared.

- I. Dates to remember:
 - a. Professional Development Day - October 12
 - b. JHSH Open House - October 1
 - c. Elementary School Open House - October 7th
 - d. International Walk to School assembly and walk at the JHSH - October 7th
 - e. Safety Programs/Assemblies for elementary student walkers - October 28th

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45.
No Executive Session was held.