



Monday, February 5, 2024

MINUTES: February 5, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

7:00 p.m.

Verner Elementary Library

\*Please enter from First Street in the front of the building. Head down the main stairs to the library

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Subject	A. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting	Feb 5, 2024 - MINUTES: February 5, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Dr. English opened the meeting: Good evening and welcome to our February study session. As we have a number of presentations this evening, so I will be short by saying that we are mid-year hitting our stride! The third marking period has officially started and the high school students are relieved to have completed their midterms. The winter sports season is coming to a close and we will be transitioning into spring sports fairly soon, which is exciting, and we can hopefully have some warmer temperatures. It's national school counselors week this week, and will be taking time to appreciate our school counselors, who consistently put the needs of others before themselves, and who work tirelessly to support students, families and staff each and every day. We couldn't do it without them, so we extend our appreciation. Let's rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Attendees:

- Paula Tomlinson: 234 3rd Street, Oakmont
- Emily Aftanas: 143 Oak Meadow, Oakmont
- Sylvia Sullivan: 139 Oak Meadow, Oakmont
- Aaron Boyer: 726 Fourth St, Oakmont
- Kristy Bodnar: 910 Washington Ave, Oakmont
- James Cecere: 1316 Summit Dr., Oakmont
- Jessica Geppert: 620 California Ave, Oakmont

2. PRESENTATIONS

Subject	A. Presentation(s)
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Category	2. PRESENTATIONS

Access	Public
Type	Presentation

Let's jump right into our presentations for this evening. We start with Mr. Vancheri, from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood to provide an overview of our 2022-2023 audit. Mr. Vancheri, thank you for being here.

#### **a. 2022-2023 Audit - Justin Vancheri, HMSW**

Thank you, Mr. Vancheri. I will turn it over Ms. Lubert, to introduce our next speaker, Mr. Joseph Christof, VP of Treasury Mgmt. for Dollar Bank.

#### **b. Dollar Bank - Joseph Christof, VP Treasury Mgmt.**

Thank you, Mr. Christof. As you know the fitness center is a part of our capital improvement plan. As such, our next presentation will be from Dr. Turk, who in collaboration with our Athletic Director, Mr. Thomas, our high school administration, our high school health and fitness teachers, and our head football coach, has led the fitness center bid and equipment process. Dr. Turk will provide the board with a summary of the process, the bids, and a recommendation for the board to consider in the voting meeting. The goal of which is to engage in a comprehensive and collaborative effort to provide a space for all 420 students to utilize, put forward a cost effective and judicious plan for purchase and implementation, and ensure that many occupants that will be utilizing the space have a representative part in the process. You will also be able to ask questions as you see fit.

#### **c. Dr. Turk - Health and Wellness Center**

Thank you, Dr. Turk. We thank you and the team for your hard work and efforts on this project. We will now move into a brief discussion on the calendar that was approved. The board did receive feedback from a parent regarding the calendar. We wanted to open the discussion up, once again, in case there were any discussion. The question, specifically, was in regard to adding 181 student days into the school calendar. I thought I would add a few points of clarification, and then open it up for any further discussion. First, the student days, act 80 days, and professional days, are all clearly delineated and set by the language in the collective bargaining agreement with the teachers. It sets for 180 student days. If we added an additional day, we would have to ask the union for an MOU, which would allow for an extra day for students. We did also discuss the end date for the 2024-2025 year in particular, as being boxed in by the US Open. This makes our end date more urgent. The only other days would have to be taken away during breaks or holidays, which parents and staff both express the need for. Therefore, the final decision, which was in collaboration with the administration and teachers, was to utilize the Thursday before spring break as the in person give back day for a snow day, and be sure to provide plenty of reminders for parents about the day, and explicitly include this into the calendar. This holds tight with our union agreements and avoids extending the school year. The last thing I will say, is that ultimately, it is a parent's decision whether or not to send their children to school. For instance, if they make travel arrangements on spring break and take the risk, they can always make a decision as a family to choose the vacation as opposed to having their child attend on that day. However, with proper lead time and reminder, we hope that will not be the case.

#### **d. School Calendar/days**

This study session is designated as our mid-year education report, and we ask our principals to provide a brief educational update to the board. Our principals met in person with the education delegates, Ms. Scheutz and Ms. Seery last week, to make sure they were briefed prior to tonight's meeting. Let's start tonight with Dr. Monroe. Mr. Z., and finally, Dr. Turk, who will present this evening, as Mr. Hewitt is at a technology education conference today and tomorrow with Mrs. Madden.

## e. Mid-Year Education Update - Principals

Finally, although we have been showing progress of this project, we are in the final stages of the safety decal project for all three schools. I wanted to briefly show you the mockups. We will be asking for your approval in the voting meeting this week. This project, like all of our work, has been collaborative. The administration, the buildings and grounds and safety directors all had a heavy role in the project, and the mockups have gone through months of iterations. Some of our administrators have also run this through their steering committees as well. The purpose is to ensure the project was collaborative, we keep our students safe, we make sure that all additions work to enhance the curb appeal of the district, and we utilize capital funds judiciously. Here are the final mockups.

## f. Safety Decal Project - Dr. English

Thank you to all those that presented this evening.

## 3. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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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

We will now move into the first hearing of citizens, which are comments pertaining to agenda items only. If citizens wish to speak, we ask they they stand in front of the board, state their name and address, keep their comments to less than three minutes, and to try not repeat previous comments. Please be advised that the board does not typically discuss comments, but takes them into consideration only. Hearing that, would anyone like to speak in our first hearing of citizens?

Thank you.

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.

Visitors are requested to state their name and address prior to comment.

**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

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

Access	Public
Type	Discussion

The rest of the meeting is fairly straightforward, beginning with agenda items to be considered for business and finance for the February 12th voting session.

Ms. Lubert will discuss business/finance.

- a. District Banking
- b. Audit Draft Approval
- c. Pay App #3 to Moret Construction

**Subject**                      **B. Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions**

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Thank you, Ms. Lubert. Let's move into agreements, contracts and resolutions. Since both of these items are in business and finance this month, I will once again turn the meeting over to Ms. Lubert.

- a. Exonerate PA Municipal Service, School District Tax Collector & transfer unpaid to MBM Collections, LLC
- b. AIU Fuel/Diesel Joint Purchasing Resolution

**Subject**                      **C. Board Governance/Regulations**

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Type	Discussion

No report at this time.

**Subject**                      **D. Personnel**

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The following items are to be considered for the Feb. 12th board meeting regarding personnel, which is fairly straightforward for this time of the year.

They are as follows:

1. Unpaid days: Paraprofessional (2)
2. Letter of interest: Jr High Volleyball Coach
3. Targeted Assistance: Verner Elementary 12 teachers
4. Hiring 5.5 Class III Para Professional
5. Hiring Substitutes: Teacher (2), Para (1)

**Subject**

**E. Student Life**

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No report at this time.

**Subject**

**F. Education**

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Type	Discussion

No report at this time.

**Subject**

**G. Board Meeting Minutes**

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Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Last but not least, we will asking for your approval of the January 8th study session minutes and the January 22nd voting meeting minutes. Are there any questions, omissions, exceptions, etc., to those two sets of minutes?

1. Study Session Minutes: January 8, 2024
2. Regular Voting Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2024

## 5. HEARING OF CITIZENS

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Category	5. HEARING OF CITIZENS
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Hearing no further discussion, we will now move into the second hearing of citizens, which are for non agenda school related topics or concerns. If citizens wish to speak, we ask they they stand in front of the board, state their name and address, keep their comments to less than three minutes, and try not to repeat previous comments. Please be advised that the board does not typically discuss comments, but takes them into consideration only. Hearing that, would anyone like to speak in our second hearing of citizens?

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### Citizens:

**Kristy Bodnar: discussed going to the Oakmont Borough Council meetings regarding traffic and safety at 3rd street and 10th Street.**

**Paula Tomlinson: shared support of Jr. High Basketball Coach Josh Sprajcar.**

**Jim Cecere: feedback regarding high school basketball program.**

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## 6. ADJOURNMENT

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>A. Adjourn the Meeting</b>
Meeting	Feb 5, 2024 - MINUTES: February 5, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	6. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Thank you, everyone. That concludes our February study session agenda. We thank those that have attended this evening, and we thank the ongoing dedication of our school board members and administration as well. Have a great week. Remember, we will hold our February voting session meeting next week, February 12th, at 7pm, right here at Verner elementary. Have a great week!

TIME ADJOURNED: 9:08 pm