



Monday, January 8, 2024

MINUTES: January 8, 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
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Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Dr. English welcomed everyone to the study session: Good evening and thank you for attending our January study session. As always, we have some great information to share with you in preparation for our voting meeting next Monday. It's great to be here at Verner for the next four meetings. A number of presentations for tonight. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDEES:

- Charles Joshua Untalan: 522 Maryland Ave, Oakmont, PA 15139
- Emily Erdeljac-Aftanas: 143 Oak Meadow Dr., Oakmont, PA 15139
- Sylvia Sullivan: 139 Oak Meadow Dr., Oakmont, PA 15139
- Tara Jo P-Morascyzk: 220 Eighth St., Oakmont, PA 15139

2. PRESENTATIONS

Subject	A. Presentation(s)
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Category	2. PRESENTATIONS
Access	Public
Type	Presentation

We have multiple presentations for you this evening. First will be a virtual presentation from Michael Young, regarding digital ticketing.

- a. 7:00 - 7:15, Michael Young: Go Fan/NFHS on line ticketing (virtual presentation)

Next, we have a presentation from our architects, Dan and Alena from Draw Collective, who will provide an update on our upcoming projects for the 2023-2024 school year.

b. Draw Collective: Daniel Engen - regarding Master Planning and Kitchen Update

Thank you Dan and Alena. Draw has been with us for quite some time and have been great partners to the District. We are excited for these upcoming changes, as they will have a direct and immediate impact on our students. Next, we welcome Ms. Cerce, Mr. Maiello, and Mr. Muscante from Maiello, Brungo and Maiello to discuss tax collection services.

c. Tax Collection Discussion - Maiello, Brungo, Maiello

Thank you for joining us. Each year in January, the HS administration discusses any changes for the upcoming program of studies. Here to present these changes is Mr. Hewitt.

d. Principal Eric Hewitt - Program of Studies 2024 - 2025

Finally, in your board packets this week is the proposed school calendar. The calendar is very similar to those in the past. The only small change is Oct. 14th, which is usually a day off for staff and students. This is a PD for staff, as we needed to be sure that the school year ended by June 6th, to make way for the US Open. In 2025, championship week begins on June 9th, and as you know, Oakmont gets very busy. We will be asking for your vote on the calendar next week, in order to provide ample lead time for our parents and community members to plan accordingly.

e. 2024 - 2025 School Calendar

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

At each open Board meeting, prior to official action by the Board, an opportunities shall be provided for public comment in accordance with law and Board procedures and policy. This is our first of two hearings of citizens. The first hearing is on agenda topics only. All speakers are requested to state their name and address prior to comment, and try to keep your comment to 3 minutes or less. Please note, that the board will not traditionally respond and will take all comments into consideration. Does anyone wish to speak at our first hearing of citizens?

Thank you.

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

Dr. English thanked the presenters, well done and appreciated. Next move into business and finance discussion, which will be led by Business Manager Ms. Sheila Lubert.

- a. Draw Collective: Professional Services for the period ending October 31, 2023, in the amount of: \$17,991.95.
- b. Resilite - The Mat Company for Wrestling Team in the amount of: \$12,361.40. (capital expense)
- c. Eichenlaub - Bleacher repair (capital expense)
- d. Dobil Sound Systems (capital expense)

Subject B. Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions

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Type	Discussion

Next discussion is agreements/contracts and resolutions. We have a few items for your consideration for next Monday. The first is the contract with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for our Internet services. This allows us to benefit from the power of the Allegheny county schools consortium. The internet service extends through 2027 and the network services extend through 2029. This contract goes up every few years. The second is the business services agreement with Consolidated Communications, which is a change to the agreement that started two years ago. This is to modernize our phone connection to a voice over Internet Protocol system for our phone lines. This is an amendment to the five year contract we already have in place to update it to fiber lines for our district. Next we have an individual student agreement for Wesley Spectrum, to serve the needs of one of our outplaced students. This is an annual agreement. Next we have another contract with the AIU for joint purchasing for the 2024-2025 school year. This once again provides us with the bargaining power of all of the AIU schools, which helps us to save costs on big ticket items such as paper, . We have been talking about the restated jointure agreement and in your packet is the new agreement and the resolution for that agreement. Additions that Riverview required for the new agreement that were included were in regards to a Superintendent of record, new stipulations to withdrawing from the jointure, right and title language pertinent to exiting the jointure, and length of term. The administration and EAS board representative approve and feel that the changes better serve the needs of both the district and the jointure itself. I'm going to stop there. Are there any questions or discussion regarding the jointure? As we have discussed, this has been a long time coming, and will hopefully result in better oversight of Sunrise, the completion of a multi-year priority list for improvements, and a monetary structure that is sustainable and will address the ongoing infrastructure needs of the building. Ok. Hearing no additional discussion, we are happy to announce the last item in this section, which is the expansion of the junior high baseball program to include Allegheny Valley students. This will ensure that we remain competitive, extend opportunities to both schools, and ensure that we protect the liability and interests of the District. Allegheny Valley will be voting on this MOU as well. Are there any additional questions or discussions related to agreements, contracts or resolutions?

- a. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) - Allegheny Connect RWAN Consortium (Technology Services)

- b. Consolidated Communications - Business Services Agreement (Technology Services)
- c. Wesley Schools - Individual Student Agreement for Student "X"
- d. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) - Resolution with the AIU for Joint Purchasing Program for the 2024 - 2025 school year
- e. EAS Restated
- f. EAS Restated Resolution of Jointure Agreement
- g. Cooperative Sponsorship for Junior High Club Baseball

Subject**C. Board Governance/Regulations**

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Thank you! Let's move into board governance. There is only one item in this section, and that is our annual resolution, through the PSBA, to approve the principles of governance. This is simply a reminder each year of our governance priorities to lead responsibly, act ethically, plan thoughtfully, evaluate continuously, communicate clearly, advocate earnestly, and govern effectively. There are delineating bullet points in each section, but I'm not going to read through each of those items. Like I said, the board votes to approve this annually, along with most other school district across the commonwealth.

- a. Principles of Governance Resolution

Subject**D. Personnel**

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Next are the usual January personnel items, which this month include, but are not limited to, the following. We will be asking for your approval for these positions and/or changes to positions at the January voting meeting.

- a. Temporary Professional Employee status change to Permanent Professional Employee
- b. Paraprofessional Change: Status change to full time, replacing retiree
- c. Paraprofessional Change: temporary to permanent (2)
- d. Precision Paraprofessionals (3) and Substitute Teachers (8) and Secretaries (1)
- e. Assistant Baseball Coach
- f. Wrestling Coach Resignation and status change to Volunteer
- g. Assistant Wrestling Coach
- h. Jr. High Baseball Club Coaches (3)
- i. Student Intern: Penn State New Kensington - 8th grade math
- j. Para request for 1 day unpaid

Subject**E. Student Life**

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Access

Public

Type

Discussion

Nothing at this time

Subject**F. Education**

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

Access

Public

Type

Discussion

Nothing at this time

Subject**G. Board Meeting Minutes**

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Access

Public

Type

Discussion

We will be asking for your approval of the November 6th study session minutes as well as the Nov. 13th and Dec. 4th voting meetings. Finally, we will be asking for your approval of the Dec. 4th reorganization minutes.

1. Study Session Minutes: November 6, 2023
2. Regular Voting Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2023, December 4, 2023
3. Reorganization Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2023

5. HEARING OF CITIZENS

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

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Access

Public

Type

Information

We will now move into the second hearing of citizens. The second hearing is for all school related topics. All speakers are requested to state their name and address prior to comment, and try to keep your comment to 3 minutes or less. Please note, that the board will not traditionally respond and will take all comments into consideration. Does anyone wish to speak at our second hearing of citizens?

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	A. Adjourn the Meeting
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Category	6. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no further discussion, that is all of the items we have to discuss until our January voting meeting, set to occur on Monday, January 22nd, 2024. We skip a week, as we will be honoring the 29th anniversary of the National Day of Service celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. next Monday. As our country remains divided on so many issues, hopefully we can all agree that courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service through love, forgiveness, and peace (all of which Dr. King exemplified) can be unifying themes for 2024 and beyond. In this spirit of this service to others, we consider it an honor to serve you, your children, and the communities of Verona and Oakmont. Enjoy the remainder of the week and we will see you on January 22nd.

Meeting Adjourned at: