



**Monday, March 4, 2024**

## **MINUTES March 4, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors**

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Riverview JRSR High School Library**

**\*Please enter through the front of the building. Follow to the right to the library on the left.**

### **1. OPENING OF MEETING**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>A. Pledge of Allegiance</b>
Meeting	Mar 4, 2024 - MINUTES March 4, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Dr. English opened the meeting: Good evening everyone. Thank you for attending our March study session. Let's start this evening with the pledge of allegiance.

Citizens in Attendance:

Ms. Sylvia Sullivan: 139 Oak Meadow Drive, Oakmont

Ms. Emily Aftanas: 143 Oak Meadow Drive, Oakmont

Ms. Paula Tomlinson: 234 Third Street, Oakmont

### **2. PRESENTATIONS**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>A. Presentation(s)</b>
Meeting	Mar 4, 2024 - MINUTES March 4, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	2. PRESENTATIONS
Access	Public
Type	Presentation

Dr. English mentioned how hard it is to believe that it's March, and the weather has not disappointed, as it feels like spring. Our students, as always, are doing a great job both in and out of the classroom and we are excited for our spring sports, which start today, as well as musical week, featuring Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. A ton of students are involved in all of these activities and we are excited for this week, and the remainder of the school year, which will go fast. This is our annual winter sports wrap up and spring preview, so we will start with Mr. Corey Thomas, our Athletic Director.

a. Corey Thomas - Winter Sports Wrap Up/Spring Preview

Thank you, Mr. Thomas! We are excited for our girls basketball team and wish them well in Altoona this weekend.

As you know, our Jr-Sr HS experienced some gas leaks last week. Our Buildings and Grounds Director, Mr. McKenzie, will provide an update.

#### b. Jeff McKenzie - Gas and Evacuation Update

Thank you, Mr. McKenzie, and I want to publicly thank you, and our administrative team, who worked calmly, collaboratively, and systematically to evacuate 500 students and staff and keep everyone informed, accounted for, and safe and secure. Great job, everyone. We met last week with our student life delegate and we will now hear from our administrators for their student life updates. Mr. Hewitt and Dr. Turk, let's start with you this evening. Dr. Monroe was out today, so we will ask Mr. Z to provide the 10th Street and Verner reports this evening.

#### c. Principals - Student Life Updates

Thank you, everyone. Student life reports always remind us of why we work so hard to support the students in our school district. There are so many wonderful things happening in the district, and so many accolades that are students have achieved, and will achieve. Thank you, administrators. Finally, I wanted to have a discussion with the board regarding the snow day that occurred on January 19th. As you may or may not know, there was a recent legislative change in Pennsylvania related to flexible instructional time. Act 56 of 2023 **changes the requirement** that public schools be kept open for at least 180 days and 900 hours at the elementary level or 990 hours at the secondary level each school year, **to allow schools to be open 180 days or 900/990 hours in a school year**. The act took effect December 14, 2023. At Riverview, we have more than enough hours built in the calendar that this state legislative change **provides potential flexibility for whether or how a day must be made up**. Therefore, the recommendation both for this year, and in future calendars, that the "traditional" snow day not be made up by students or staff, and the Thursday before the Easter break remain intact and a holiday.

#### d. Snow Day Calendar & 2024/2025 Calendar

### 3. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
Meeting	Mar 4, 2024 - MINUTES March 4, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
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 on all school-related topics. Also, please know that the board does not typically respond to comments in the hearing of citizens, but rather takes all public comment into consideration. 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**

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

Ms. Lubert will now discuss Business items that will be considered for approval at the Voting meeting.

1. District Copiers and Postage machines
2. Foodservice Renewal
3. RHS JRSR High School Repairs (Capital Expense)
4. RHS JRSR High School Gym resurfacing
5. Tenth St. Elementary Gym repairs
6. Riverside Park Sound System
7. Riverside Park/Football Field Scoreboard

<b>Subject</b>	<b>B. Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions</b>
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Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Dr. English moved into the next area of discussion: agreements, contracts and resolutions. There is only one item for next week in this section, and that is the AIU Program of Services Budget Proposal. As you may or may not know, the AIU's program of services budget is mandated by school code and is developed following a series of discussions among the district superintendents and administrators at the AIU. All Allegheny County Schools partner with the AIU to provide services in areas such as curriculum development and instructional improvement, educational planning, educational technology, continuing professional education, pupil personnel, state and federal liaisons and leadership support services. As is usually the case, the program of services budget reflects a very slight increase in the overall district allocation. Next week, The administration will recommend that the Board approve the proposed 2024/2025 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,263,093. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$1,936,965. The Riverview School District's contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$20,545.78. This is an approximate 340 dollar increase from last year, so fairly negligible increase. The districts' final withholding allocation will be based on the District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM). The withholding allocations will be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education sometime after July 1, 2024.

## 1. AIU Program of Services Budget Proposal

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

Meeting

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Category

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Access

Public

Type

Discussion

No report at this time.

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

Meeting

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Access

Public

Type

Discussion

There are a few items in personnel that we will be asking for your approval as listed below:

1. Retirements (2)
2. New hires: Custodial (1), Para (2)
3. Athletic Resignation (1)
4. School Safety Coordinator
5. Unpaid days Para
6. Coach - Track
7. SADD Sponsor
8. Volunteer Coach - Football Program

**Subject****E. Student Life**

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Access

Public

Type

Discussion

No report at this time.

**Subject****F. Education**

Meeting

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

No report at this time.

**Subject**                      **G. Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting	Mar 4, 2024 - MINUTES March 4, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	4. Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Voting Meeting
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

We will be asking for your approval of the February 5 study session minutes and the February 12th voting minutes. Are there any suggested additions, edits, or omissions for those minutes at this time?

1. Study Session Minutes: February 5, 2024
2. Regular Voting Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2024

Administrative File Attachments

[February 5, 2024 Study Session Minutes.pdf \(187 KB\)](#)

[February 12, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting Minutes.pdf \(280 KB\)](#)

## 5. HEARING OF CITIZENS

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

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Category	5. HEARING OF CITIZENS
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Citizens:  
Ms. Sullivan: questions regarding the scoreboard and asked for clarification  
Ms. Aftanas: gave an RABA update and mentioned budget concerns and possibilities for future budgets  
Ms. Tomlinson: gratitude for the handling of the Evacuation and gave some scoreboard sponsorship ideas, i.e. The Oakmont Elks.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	A. Adjourn the Meeting
Meeting	Mar 4, 2024 - MINUTES March 4, 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 for your attendance to our March study session. We hope everyone can enjoy the beautiful weather. As always, we appreciate your continued support of the Riverview School district and hope you can continue to stay happy, peaceful and safe! With that, we can adjourn. Have a great night.

Adjourn: 8:25 pm