



Monday, May 13, 2024

MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

7:00 p.m.

Riverview JRSR High School Library

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

Subject

A. Call to Order

Meeting

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Category

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Access

Public

Type

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm

Subject

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting

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Category

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Access

Public

Type

Procedural

Subject

C. Roll Call

Meeting

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Category

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Access

Public

Type

Procedural

Mrs. Chaparro: _____X_____

Mr. Pogoda: _____X_____

Mrs. Garibay: _____X_____

Ms. Schuetz: _____X_____

Mr. Hawk: _____X_____

Ms. Seery: _____X_____

Ms. Jacobs-Rohan: _____X_____

Mrs. Wilton: _____X_____

Mr. Paris: _____X_____

2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION UPON

Subject	A. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION UPON
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to Approve the past meeting minutes: _____

Motion to approve:

1. Study Session Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2024, April 8, 2024
2. Regular Voting Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2024, April 15, 2024

Motion: Ms. Garibay

Second: Mr. Pogoda

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Subject	B. Treasurer's Report
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION UPON
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

2B. Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented:

General Fund: April 2024
 Food Service: April 2024
 Capital Reserve Fund: April 2024
 Student Activities: April 2024

Pa. Municipal - Delinquent EIT Collections: April 2024

Keystone Collections Group: EIT Collections - April 2024
LST Collections - April 2024

Approval of Bills - Fund 10 - \$ 587,774.12

Motion: Ms. Schuetz

Second: Mr. Paris

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Subject	A. Remarks from the President
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Ms. Chaparro - thank you for coming, we are in the home stretch of activities before the school year ends. All the best to the Teachers, Staff, students. We received a thank you from Mrs. Clontz at Verner and cookies in appreciation.

4. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	4. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Access	Public
Type	Information

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.

CITIZENS PRESENT: (no comments at this time)

Nathan Sprajcar: 719 Center Ave, Verona

Joshua Berthoud: 222 Seventh St., Oakmont

Audrey Myers: 1417 Eaton Dr., Oakmont

Haley Daugherty: Tribune Review Reporter

Paula Tomlinson: 234 Third St., Oakmont

5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton

Subject	A. Approval of Business and Finance Items: 2024-2025 RSD Budget
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton
Access	Public
Type	Action

5A: Motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval and direct the advertisement of the Riverview School District Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2024-2025 school year with total expenditures of **\$26,935,000** and total revenues of **\$26,935,000**, which budget includes a millage increase, for a total of **25.4203** mills. The proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Riverview School District Central Office and will be available on the Riverview School District website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us. A public hearing of the budget will occur on June 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Tenth Street Elementary School Auditorium at 901 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139. Citizens are invited to attend this hearing to make comments or ask questions about the Proposed Final Budget. **(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

Mrs. Chaparro:	Yes	Mr. Pogoda:	Yes
Mrs. Garibay:	Yes	Ms. Schuetz:	Yes
Mr. Hawk:	Yes	Ms. Seery:	Yes
Ms. Jacobs-Rohan:	Yes	Mrs. Wilton:	Yes
Mr. Paris:	Yes		

Discussion: Clarified that this was a roll call vote to advertise and that discussion is still occurring. (millage in dollars is: \$127.94)

Board discussion: Mr. Paris stated that funds have been allocated to new positions, need a Special Education Director (that is not also a principal) We didn't raise taxed during COVID and benefited by receiving funds. Feels that we need the teachers, do not want to have 25 students per class, if 70-90 kids in one grade in one school alone, then we need to give adequate attention to these kids. Need to provide the extra teachers to displace larger class size. Requires money for that, preference would be to take the fund balance at least one year and look at increasing tax over the next couple of years.

Ms. Garibay: with max index how much more did that bring in?

Ms. Lubert: That is breaking in, includes the new teachers and SPED director. Contractual obligations, etc.

Ms. Wilton:

24-25 Budget Thoughts

Concerns:

Unknown BEF and SEF from the State -\$220K total proposed increase.

Federal Funding from Covid Relief is gone - Riverview was very conscientious when using those funds that the money did not go toward increasing budgeted positions that would have to be sustained.

Healthcare, Dental and Vision increases.

Declining Common Level Ratio (CLR) - Reassessments and appeals are unknown but have shown decreases in our assessed values and thus funding for our school district already.

Discussion over the past couple years that we need a Special Education Director. I believe this is essential. Not sustainable to continue this.

Budgeting for 2 teacher positions that we are unsure at this point that we will need. Declining enrollment year to year. Could this lead to layoffs in the future. Keeping class sizes small but the question is what is too big or too small. When will we know about the need for these teachers. We laid off teachers 7-8 years ago in our arts programs with outrage from the community. It may have needed to be done financially but there was also no tax raise at the same time. We lost that base.

Important reminders about our fund balance

We can only have up to 8% of our budget unassigned which is less than 1 month of expenses. The committed and assigned are used for paying pension costs, insurance costs, future capital projects that are planned but not the near future, planning for changes in mandated costs that are unexpected.

Being fiscally responsible means keeping our district in good standing, preparing in case of emergencies so we do not have to borrow at higher interest rates or hurt our credit rating, maintaining and updating our facilities and programs. Reminder that we have always had clear audits with reasonable levels of fund balance. Living in a community that has a financially stable school district and updated programming and facilities in the end will keep our home values up. Yes we are in times inflation, and nobody wants their taxes to go up but as a board we have to keep the district sustainable in the future. We are looking forward the feasibility study regarding the future of the district.

Mr. Paris - what about the interest? 8 million to still accrue interest.

Ms. Lubert - some was interest, some rates went up and also rates have tanked and we can't control that. 2 million was not all interest, it was a combination of revenues.

Ms. Garibay - is in favor of splitting the cost of increasing not to the max and half of the reserve. Pockets will be hit hard.

Ms. Lubert - proposed final budget is a proposal, changes can still be made.

Ms. Schuetz - need to find a middle ground that we can take and give and not put full burden on the public.

Ms. Jacobs-Rohan - only about \$200 for her, and she can handle, but understands that everyone's situation is different, but due to the fact that she doesn't agree with some of the things her taxes go towards, she feels this is something good and supports.

Subject**B. Approval of Business and Finance Items: Pay Apps/Work Order Proposals**

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Category	5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton
Access	Public
Type	Action

5B: Motion to approve the following pay apps:

1. Pay App #009 with Frist American Industries for Capital Improvement in the amount of: \$25,431.50
2. Pay App #012 with the Merit Electric for Capital Improvement in the amount of: \$500.00 for retainage
3. Playground Resurfacing by General Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$10,500 for Tenth St. and Verner Elem. playground resurfacing (Capital Project)
4. Proposal from Merit Electrical for electricity for Riverside Park Scoreboard for Capital Improvements in the amount of: \$15,950.00 (Conduit-Fiber & Electricity) and \$6,470.00 (New Panel in Concessions and Sign)

Motion: Ms. Garibay

Second: Mr. Pogoda

Discussion: Ms. Chaparro questioned the life span of the playground resurfacing? Ms. Lubert clarified that it is only guaranteed for a year but current was a 1 year warranty but made it 3 years. Hope that is lasts longer.

clarification that #4 - is for the electricity and board.

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Subject	C. Approval of Business and Finance Items: Change Orders
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the following business and finance items as presented:

5C: Motion to approve the following change orders in conjunction with the Riverview Capital Improvement Project:

1. Change Order #005 with First American Industries for Capital Improvements with a decrease on the order in the amount of: \$5,152.96

Motion: Ms. Schuetz

Second: Ms. Seery

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Subject	D. Approval of Business and Finance Items: Contracts & Agreements
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	5. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - FINANCE - Mr. Hawk/Ms. Wilton
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the following business and finance items as presented:

5D: Motion to approve the following contracts/agreements subject to final review and approval of the solicitor:

1. Forbes Road Career & Technology Center (FRCTC) 2024-2025 Proposed General Operative & Administrative Budgets (ROLL CALL VOTE)
2. Contract agreement between Riverview School District and the USGA for use of building space for the U.S. Open June 2025.
3. Contract renewal agreement between Riverview School District and Precision HR Solutions for services to continue for new school year: July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025.
4. Services Agreement between Riverview School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
 - a. AIU Services Guide for 2024-2025
 - b. AIU Services Agreement and Special Education Addendum for 2024-2025
 - c. AIU Special Education Pricing Guide for 2024-2025
5. AIU Transition Memorandum of Understanding for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.
6. Contracted Services for the 2024 - 2025 school year with School Dentist: Dr. Richard J. DeFilippo DMD
7. Contracted Services for the 2024 - 2025 school year with School Doctor: Dr. Kultar Shergill, MD
8. Contracted Services between Riverview School District and Waterfront Learning for the 2024-2025 school year.
9. Contracted Services between Riverview School District and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for 2023-2024 Extended School Year for Student X.
10. Contracted Services between Riverview School District and River Therapies for the 2023-2024 Extended School Year.

Motion: Mr. Pogoda

Second: Ms. Chaparro

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Request was made to read #4 and #5 separately

Made Motion to approve: Ms. Jacobs-Rohan

2nd : Mr. Paris

discussion -

vote: Motion passed, unanimously with one abstention by Mr. Paris, due to member of AIU Board

Admin Content

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6. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - STUDENT LIFE - Mr. Pogoda

Subject	A. Approval of Student Life items:
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	6. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - STUDENT LIFE - Mr. Pogoda
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Student Life items as presented:

6A: Motion to approve Student Life items:

1. Riverview Cross Country Pine Springs Camp Retreat (June 15, 2024 - June 19, 2024), Jennerstown, PA under the direction of Palma Ostrowski. The trip would follow guidelines as established in the Riverview School District Field Trip Policy #121, and the District would not incur any costs for the trip.

Motion: Ms. Seery

Second: Ms. Wilton

Discussion: No cost to the district, have a great trip, thank you Ostrowski's. Such a great experience for the Cross Country Team.

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

7. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - EDUCATION - Ms. Schuetz

Subject	A. Approval of Education items
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	7. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - EDUCATION - Ms. Schuetz
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Education items as presented:

7A: Motion to approve Education items as presented:

1. All 2024 graduation candidates for the aware of a diploma as presented and pending high school principal final approval and fulfillment of all requirements.
2. Ken Kubistek to attend History Day State Finals competition in Washington, DC/University of Maryland, June 10 - 13, 2024
3. 2024 - 2025 Riverview JRSR High School Student Handbook with approved edits.
4. 2024-2027 Riverview Special Education Plan

Motion: Mr. Pogoda

Second: Ms. Seery

Discussion: Congratulations to graduates

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

8. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - BOARD GOVERNANCE - Ms. Chaparro

Subject	A. Approval of Board Governance items: Regulations
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	8. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - BOARD GOVERNANCE - Ms. Chaparro
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Board Governance items as presented:

8A: Motion to approve Board Governance items as presented:

1. Riverview School District application for Flexible Instruction Days for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Motion: Ms. Garibay

Second: Ms. Wilton

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Subject	B. Approval of Board Governance items: Policy Manual
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	8. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - BOARD GOVERNANCE - Ms. Chaparro
Access	Public
Type	Action
	Motion to approve Board Governance items as presented:

Recommended
Action

8B: Motion to approve Board Governance items as presented:

1. The following revisions to the Riverview School Board Policy Manual:
 - a. Policy 254: Educational Opportunity for Military Children (First Reading)
 - b. Policy 815: Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources (First Reading)
 - c. Policy 819: Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response (First Reading)
 - d. Policy 903: Public Comment in Board Meetings (First Reading)

Motion: Ms. Schuetz

Second: Ms. Seery

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

9. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - PERSONNEL - Ms. Chaparro

Subject	A. Approval of Personnel items: Employment - Staff
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	9. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - PERSONNEL - Ms. Chaparro
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Personnel items as presented:

9A: Motion for approval of Personnel items as presented:

1. Change of status for Debbie Loeffler, from Class III Part-Time Paraprofessional to Class II Full-Time Paraprofessional, replacing retiree Jackie Delmonaco, effective August 19, 2024, with a thirty (30) working day demonstration period at the compensation rate according to the RSD/RESPA CBA pending clearance certification and health requirements.
2. The approval of the change of status from Probationary to Permanent after successfully completing the 60 working day demonstration period for as a Class III Part-Time Paraprofessional:
 - a. Amy Grossman, effective May 9, 2024
3. Teachers for Targeted Assistance Instruction in our JR-SR High School according to the RSD/REA CBA as per list attached:
4. Unpaid leave according to Board Policy 339 for the following:
 - a. Employee ID 1707, when needed until end of year for personal reasons
5. Employee #1376 Sabbatical Request for part of the 2024-2025 school year per Article XI Section (b) Child-bearing/Child-Rearing leave of the REA/CBA.
6. Precision HR Solutions Custodial Substitute: Nathan Davis upon completion of health/clearance requirements

Motion: Mr. Pogoda

Second: Ms. Seery

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Executive Content

Subject	B. Approval of Personnel items: Employment - REA Supplements
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	9. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - PERSONNEL - Ms. Chaparro
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Personnel items as presented:

- 9B: Motion for approval of Personnel items as presented:
1. Patricia Kvortek as JR-SR High School Attendance, Truancy, and Student Support Specialist for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$2,000, with an additional \$2,000 in alignment with the master teaching schedule in the current REA Collective Bargaining Agreement, along with any additional duties approved by the building principal at a rate of \$45.00 per hour per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 2. The 2024-2025 Supplemental Positions, as per attached detail, pending any certification and/or health requirements according to the RSD/REA CBA:

Motion: Mr. Pogoda

Second: Ms. Seery

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Executive Content

Subject	C. Approval of Personnel items: Employment - Non REA Supplements
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	9. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL - PERSONNEL - Ms. Chaparro
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve Personnel items as presented:

9C: Motion for approval of Personnel items as presented:

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Varsity Assistant Coach of Girl's Soccer: Mario Liberati
2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jr. High Co-Ed Head Soccer Coach: Roya Fashandi
3. Proposed Boys' Basketball Coaching Position adjustments - COST NEUTRAL Budget Adjustments:
 - a. Varsity Head Coach: \$5,661
 - b. Varsity Assistant: \$3,733
 - c. JV Head Coach/Varsity Asst.: \$4,500
 - d. 9th Grade Head Coach: \$4,415
 - e. 8th Grade Head Coach: \$2,774
 - f. 7th Grade Head Coach: \$2,774
4. The 2024-2025 Athletic & Non-Contracted Supplemental Positions
5. The 2023-2024 Athletic Event Worker(s), as detailed below, pending any clearance certification and/or health requirements

Motion: Ms. Schuetz

Second: Ms. Wilton

Discussion:

Vote: Motion passed, unanimously

Executive Content

10. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	10. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Access	Public
Type	Information

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.

NO CITIZENS AT THIS TIME

11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Subject **A. Finance Delegate Report**

Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
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Category	11. DELEGATE REPORTS
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Subject **B. Student Life Delegate Report**

Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
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Category	11. DELEGATE REPORTS
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Access	Public
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Subject **C. Education Delegate Report**

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Category	11. DELEGATE REPORTS
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Subject **D. Safety Delegate Report**

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Category	11. DELEGATE REPORTS
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Subject E. Communications and Marketing Delegate Report

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Subject F. Forbes Delegate Report

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Forbes graduation ceremony on Wednesday at Highlands at 7:00
Lots of great kids attend.

Subject G. Legislative Delegate Report

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

Subject H. Eastern Area Delegate Report

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Category 11. DELEGATE REPORTS

Access Public

Type

12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Subject A. Solicitors Report from Falco Muscante

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Category 12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Falco informed meetings with REA and hope for a final resolution to a matter in June.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	A. Executive Session
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	

*An executive session was held beginning at 6:00 pm, to discuss legal matters and to receive information on May 6, 2024.

Next meeting will be a Study Session, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Tenth Street Elementary Auditorium. An Executive session will be held on June 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	A. Adjourn the Meeting
Meeting	May 13, 2024 - MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Voting Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	14. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ms. Garibay

Adjournment: 8:19 pm