

***Riverview School District***

Study Session Minutes for June 11, 2012

RSD Central Office 7:00—9:10 p.m.

**Present:** Lisa Ashbaugh, Heidi Dolan, John Hackworth, Arlene Loeffler, Maureen McClure,  
Ernie Tillman, Dori Tompa, Lois Vitti (by phone) **Absent:** Dave Kadylak  
Lynn Black, Chuck Erdeljac, Jay Moser, Jason Shoaf, Frank Thompson

**Citizens:** Frank Bell, Sandy Drabicki-Bell, Heidi Dezayas--Patch, Sarah Kovish--VND, Mike McNally—REA

Mr. Thompson reviewed the final draft of the RSD Budget for 2012-13. Mr. Hackworth and Dr. McClure both expressed concerns about rising expenditures relative to revenues. Mr. Hackworth inquired about the Board members support for the new budget, relative to personnel expenditures that had been discussed in the previous budget meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. McClure expressed concern regarding the staff to student ratio in Riverview as being lower than private academies. Dr. Erdeljac explained that the RSD Board has been supportive of small class size to achieve the goals of the RSD Strategic Plan and No Child Left Behind's "Adequate Yearly Progress." Mrs. Tompa again raised the possibility of inviting 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Tenth St. School to attend Verner Elementary next year, instead of hiring a third teacher for the TSS 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Ashbaugh and Mrs. Dolan indicated their support for the personnel positions in the proposed budget, which does include a third K teacher and third 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at TSS. Dr. Loeffler indicated she would like to see the millage lower than the proposed .5686 increase. Dr. Erdeljac reminded the Board that it will again consider these personnel and budgetary matters in October, when the budgeting process begins again for 2013-14, since these are decisions that are made annually after much study and discussion. He emphasized that public education and Riverview are entering a new era with a new Board and a new superintendent. He expressed the administration's support for the proposed 2012-13 RSD Budget as presented. Mr. Thompson expressed his belief that the proposed budget is a responsible one to meet our current needs. The Board will vote on the proposed RSD Budget for 2012-13 at the June 18<sup>th</sup> public meeting in the JSHS library at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hackworth invited any citizens present to comment on the proposed budget. Mr. McNally, REA President, expressed his concerns as to the challenges in this difficult economy. He urged the Board to examine the personnel needs in the administrative ranks as a means of cutting future costs. No other citizens chose to comment.

Mr. Thompson then reviewed the other fiscal matters that will be voted upon at the public meeting next week: tax collectors, depositories, summer workers, Homestead resolution, Forbes Road Tax Anticipation Note, contract with AOT for occupational therapy services for special needs students, and TIF commentary by Tim Favo at the June 18<sup>th</sup> public meeting. RSD has received no additional communication from anyone regarding the TIF Study.

Dr. Erdeljac then reviewed the personnel matters, including a resignation from Audrey Terebessy, approval of supplemental positions for 2012-13, acknowledgement of tenure for two teachers, summer school supplemental positions, an Article XI. (b) leave for one teacher, and completion of probation for

JSHS custodian William Craig. These items will be introduced as voting motions at the June 18 public meeting. Dr. Erdeljac expressed that any new elementary teachers to be hired will occur in July or August, not at the upcoming June meeting. He encouraged the principals to keep the new Superintendent Mrs. DiNinno apprised of their grade level enrollments over the summer, as changes can occur with families moving both into and out of RSD. Next, he indicated that one JSHS special education teacher will also serve Verner Elementary in 2012-13. This does mean RSD will not hire a new teacher for this position. Annual administrative evaluations are also in progress this week, and this confidential information will be shared with the Board in their Board packets on Friday.

Dr. Erdeljac emphasized that the third and final reading of the new RSD Policies will occur next Monday. He also noted that the Board will be asked to vote upon the HP contract for lease of student computers. Dr. McClure inquired as to whether or not it would be more frugal to buy additional laptops rather than pay for the insurance for accidental damage. Mr. Dunkle will look into this matter.

Mr. Moser stated that Mr. Kariotis will supply Board members with the revised RSD Football Booster Guidelines, in order that the Board may vote to approve this group as a recognized RSD booster organization.

The Board went into executive session at 8:55 p.m. to consider a parental request for an ill child.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Erdeljac, Superintendent