

Riverview School District
Student Life Minutes for May 7, 2012

Present: Lisa Ashbaugh, Heidi Dolan, John Hackworth, Arlene Loeffler, Maureen McClure, Ernie Tillman,
Dori Tompa, Bob Kariotis, Jay Moser, Tiffany Nix, Chuck Erdeljac

Absent: Dave Kadylak and Lois Vitti

Mindy Baginski, RSD Food Service Manager, updated the Board regarding nutritious food offerings required for school lunch offerings for next year. She, Frieda Augenbaugh and Frank Thompson will be attending special seminars in July related to these new requirements. Mindy will provide the Board an update after the seminars.

Board members discussed the need to purchase new band uniforms and the use of \$80,000 of fund balance for this need. This is an annual cost of \$8,000 per year, since uniforms are used for ten years. Mr. Hughes may form a committee of band members, parents, Mr. Moser and Mrs. Dolan to examine uniform options. Mr. Thompson will place the revenue in the new RSD budget.

The Board discussed the language in new RSD Policies 229, 913 and 915 related to fundraising by student groups. The Board agreed that this language is appropriate minus one sentence in the Administrative Guidelines which will be stricken. This sentence reads, "We are irritating the community and each other since many conflicts and problems are created." Mr. Moser affirmed that all fundraisers must be approved by the principal and superintendent BEFORE they can begin.

Mr. Kariotis updated the Board on RSD efforts to implement the Safety in Sports provisions required as of July 1, 2012. Dr. Erdeljac commended Mr. Kariotis for his leadership and efforts on this important safety issue. Mr. Kariotis also updated the Board on progress at Riverside Park related to athletic facilities for our teams.

Mr. Kariotis, Mr. Moser and Ms. Nix discussed the role of cheerleaders with the Board. After insights about the time commitment, sentiments of our young women involved, cost of transportation to away games and length of the cheerleading season, it was agreed that Ms. Nix will meet with the cheerleader sponsors this summer to discuss which teams will have cheerleader presence and support next school year. Equity should be a guiding principle related to cheerleader support for teams.

Mr. Moser and Dr. Erdeljac discussed the evolution of the RHS Dance Club and RHS Ski Club over the last couple years. Previously, these have been run by parents with funds managed through the RSD Student Activity account for payment of instructor fees for RHS Dance Club and lift tickets for Ski Club. Dr. Erdeljac has requested the solicitor Pat Clair to offer his counsel on the status of these clubs as RSD Student Activities and the manner of compensating the dance instructor. We must decide whether the Board needs to formally approve these two activities, even though they have been listed on the RSD Student Activity Report for several years.

Mrs. Ashbaugh reviewed the many activities that will be enjoyed during the last six weeks of the school year. She also acknowledged the successful school musical that occurred in April. The Academic Awards Assembly for grades 7-11 is scheduled for Friday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Tenth St. Auditorium.

In executive session, Mr. Moser reviewed the annual evaluation of the Athletic Director. The Board plans to approve Mr. Kariotis for another contract for the 2012-13 school year. He continues to serve our students, coaches and programs with enthusiasm and commitment.

Mrs. Tompa raised the possibility of the Board extending an invitation to parents of sixth graders at Tenth St. School to attend Verner Elementary School next year. This may allay concerns about 23 students in each sixth grade section at Tenth St. next year. Mr. Shoaf, Verner Principal, has indicated he can welcome up to six students in his sixth grade next year. We will seek counsel from our solicitor on this matter regarding.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Erdeljac, Superintendent