



Riverview School District

Study Session MINUTES

August 12, 2013

In attendance: Mr. Hackworth, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Kadylak, Dr. McClure, Mrs. Tompa, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. Loeffler, Dr. DiNinno, Dr. Coudriet, Mr. Zolkowski, Mr. Moser, Ms. Nix, Mr. Kariotis, Mr. Dunkle, Sophie Belch (student).

Absent: Ms. Vitti

Mr. Jaynes provided an update on the Verner School Safety Project indicating that all renovations will be in place prior to the first student day except for the replacement glass and glass for some of the newly installed doors. He indicated that he will be honoring Mrs. DiNinno's request to close certain openings in the doors until the glass is received in order to maintain safety. No work will be conducted during school hours once the glass arrives.

I. Dr. DiNinno indicated that the following items will be presented to the board for approval at next week's regular voting session:

a. General

- i. Annual Agreements – Adelphoi Education, American Staffing, UPMC
Western Psych, Watson Institute
- ii. 2013-2014 Bus Driver/Van Drivers –(Roenigk Transportation)
- iii. List of Student Activity Accounts
- iv. Handbooks – Student and Athletic (revisions/changes to 2012-2013)



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b. Personnel

- i. Jackie Ianodi as Targeted Assistance Teacher –Verner (7/30/13 – 8/15/13)
- ii. Foreign Language Teacher (French) – Status
- iii. Teacher Permanent Contracts (Ryan O’Malley, Marlee DeLuca, Ashlee Cosentino, Missy Arnett)
- iv. Auditorium Managers (9/21/13 - 9/20/14) – Stacey Galata, Tom Ketterer
- v. Bob Hanson, Computer Technician set 2013-2014 salary at \$17 per hour effective 7/1/13.
- vi. Long-term substitute Teachers
 1. Destiny Day – for Melissa Arnett (Gr. 7/8 Reading) – 8/19/13-1/1/14
 2. Zachary Hamm – for Suzie Everett (Chemistry) – approx. 9/25/13-1/1/14
 3. Ashley Duncan – for Jill Waffensmith (Verner) – 8/19/13-6/6/14
 4. Jackie Ionadi – for Megan Sather - Grade 4 (Tenth Street) – 8/19/13-1/10/14
 5. Kristen Ravotti – for Shawna Joos - District Speech – Approx. 9/23/13-2/14/14
- vii. 2013-2014 Substitute Teachers



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- viii. Elissa Miller successful completion of probationary period as of 7/5/13
- ix. Bus Aide Compensation at \$10.15 per hour
- x. Additions to Supplemental List for 2013 – 2014 school year
- xi. Student Teacher: Courtney Polka at Verner; Potential placement at JHSH as well.

II. Student Life Committee (See 8/12/13 Student Life Minutes - Attached)

III. Dr. DiNinno provided the board with the following school district updates

- a. Finance: Ms. Tuccarello joins the District on 8/19/2013
- b. School Lunch Program
 - i. A new process will be followed using the new ProSoft system. This will impact how credit cards are used to add monies to student accounts. Letters, the Riverview Reporter, and the web page will be used to communicate the new process to parents
- c. Back To School News
 - i. Staff report for Professional Development Days, beginning with a Wellness Walk at Riverside Park at 8 a.m. on August 19th.
 - ii. Students report for the first day of school on Thursday, August 22nd.



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- d. Various modes of communication are being used to share district information including the Riverview Reporter, Real Estate Brochure, Collaborative efforts with local businesses, and our new Employee Manual
- e. Dr. DiNinno shared the following update related to Student Activity Funds

In response to a concern over the potential loss of funds associated with the Student Activity Account, the district conducted an investigation.

The results of that investigation revealed that:

- A loss occurred within the student activity accounts.
- No loss occurred in the General Fund.
- Full restitution of all losses to the district was made to the district.
 - This included restitution for the loss of funds AND restitution for expenses incurred by the district to conduct the investigation.
- All Student Activity Funds have been refurbished.
- In addition, the district has put internal measures in place, through revised procedures and processes to minimize any potential future exposure to a similar situation.
- We are pleased that restitution has been made and we are confident that these new procedures will help to prevent any future concerns.
- The case is closed.

IV. Administrator Updates

- a. Mr. Zolkowski indicated that he has had several personal meetings with Special Education student parents to support any concerns related to his new role as



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Special Education Supervisor. He also reported that no parents attended the Parent Meet the Special Education Supervisor evening that was scheduled on August 12th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Zolkowski also reported that the District will receive approximately \$49,000 in Accountability Block Grant funds for the 2013-2014 school year.

- b. Ms. Nix reported that the Middle School Transition Program continues to be supporting student needs, the counselors continue to analyze the district Pupil Support Services plan and that the district now has approximately 5 students in the ESL program.
- c. Mr. Moser shared details about the STEM program he will be spearheading in cooperation with the WIU and a potential local business. He also indicated that preparations are being made for the new Music and Dance course at the high school.
- d. Dr. Coudriet shared tentative PSSA and Keystone testing with the board. She updated the board on meetings held with math teachers over the summer as they examined potential resources to include as part of the new Math pathways course. She also provided details of the August 19th and 20th Professional Development Schedules and a plan for gathering information and feedback from



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Riverview Alumni, along with Mr. Moser, in an effort to dig further into the curriculum and its impact on preparing students for their futures.

- e. Mr. Dunkle provide the board with an update on the implementation of Pro Soft, he status of Netbook Distribution to students and some recommendations pertaining to Swipe Card Entry systems at district buildings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50.

The board held a brief executive session from 9:50 to 10:05 to discuss a personnel matter.