

Riverview School District

Study Session Notes – October 8, 2012

Central Office Conference Room 7:00 p.m. – 8:26 p.m.

In Attendance: Lisa Ashbaugh, Heidi Dolan, Dr. Arlene Loeffler, Dr. Maureen McClure, Ernie Tillman, Dori Tompa, Lois Vitti, Margaret DiNinno, Jay Moser, Tiffany Nix

Personnel:

Mrs. DiNinno explained that the following personnel matters would be placed on next week's agenda:

- Resignation of Kristy Lape (Supplemental 1/2 time Elementary Language Arts Coordinator position)
- Recommendation and appointment of Long-term Substitute teacher for Kate Davidson while on maternity leave (paperwork provided)
- Appoint Jackie Delmonaco as a Class II paraprofessional (was a Class III paraprofessional)
- Add to current list of teachers: Melissa Arnett – Supplemental position - Student Assistance Program (English)
- Appoint Volunteer, musical, Alex DiClaudio

Agreements:

Mrs. DiNinno explained that a motion was being recommended next week to amend a previously approved agreement with UPMC in an effort to add wording related to trainers making use of the Impact concussion monitoring program.

- Amendment to UPMC agreement

Other:

Mrs. DiNinno asked if there were any revisions or questions regarding the minutes from the following committee meetings:

- Student Life Committee Minutes
- Education Committee Minutes

Mrs. DiNinno acknowledged and congratulated Dr. Loeffler for being appointed to the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network. The appointment is a two-year term that begins in January of 2013.

Finance Matters:

Discussion Items: Mr. Frank Thompson provided the board with information and updates pertaining to:

- RSD Tuition Research – (The state formula was shared and Mr. Thompson provided the board with details pertaining to tuition costs at several other school districts for comparison purposes. Several board members suggested that Mr. Thompson research Burrell School District's research and policy on the matter.)
- Department of Transportation – Hulton Bridge Project (Oct. 4th Meeting)
- New regulations from the state require that all school districts must rebid their food service contract for 2013-2014 unless the original year of the contract was 2012-2013.
- Mobile Heated Serving Counter – Tenth Street Cafeteria
- Act 125 & RESPA reimbursements

Academic / Curricular Updates (Discussion):

Mrs. DiNinno explained the steps that are currently being taken to examine and refine the math curriculum. She explained that teachers are currently meeting to identify the specific skills students should know and be able to do at the completion of each course and prior to beginning a new course. She also detailed the process teachers are using to locate supplemental materials to assist students with understanding any areas in the curriculum where they are struggling or need enrichment. Additionally, Mrs. DiNinno discussed a plan for having teachers meet across grade levels to discuss and revise the curriculum, and create final examinations that can be used to assess student throughout the

year, monitor their progress and assist teachers with gaining a better understanding of where students are in an effort to adjust their instruction. Teachers will also be provided with the ability to give the administration feedback related to any additional time, training, support, or other resources they feel they need in order to support phase two of this process and meet student needs.

Mr. Moser and Ms. Nix provided an update on a successful homecoming weekend experience for the kids.

Mr. Moser updated the board on student needs related to:

- Online Programs
- Independent Study