

Riverview School District

Study Session Notes – September 10, 2012

Central Office Conference Room - 7:00 p.m.

Academic / Curricular Updates (Discussion):

Lynn Black

- Targeted Assistance Program - update
- 2012 PSSA Scores – district grade level bands
- Date adjustment for 4 Sight Tests
- 4Sight Predictability – test 3 and PSSA scores show correlation
- Replacing 4Sight at the secondary level with PDE’s CDTs for Algebra 1, English Literature, and Biology
- Demonstration of how Ed Insight/On Hands Schools data tools are used to assist with meeting student needs
- Education Committee to meet October 1st

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- District Academic Needs
 - In response to the needs revealed in the data shared by Lynn Black, Targeted Value Added Plans that include Riverview Customized Education Plans have been developed by administrators. These plans will include the use of Riverview Customized Education Plans (RCEP) with a small group of students at each school building as part of a pilot program this school year.
- Value Added Plans – Principal Presentations

Personnel:

- Hiring of a part-time library aide to replace a position left open from realignment of staff following retirement of a paraprofessional
- Potential hiring of paraprofessional for Tenth Street to replace retiring full-time paraprofessional

- Will recommend the hiring of two volunteer coaches: Carlo Rometo volunteer 7/8 grade football, Steve Myers volunteer junior high soccer - pending all required clearances and documentation
- Casey Rocchini – extension of leave until November 27, 2012

Agreements:

- Will recommend 2013 JSH Yearbook Agreement with Herff Jones
- Will recommend continuation of agreements with Alert Now (emergency notification system) and Edlink (Act 48 system for teacher professional development record keeping)
- Motion to approve closing the James Jacesko scholarship fund and apply the remaining balance of these funds to the English Department's budget at the high school as per the request of Mrs. Christine Jacesko and family.
- Recommend agreement with Leaders in Learning to assist with Special Education Audit
 - Susan Weigand (discussion)

Finance Matters:

Discussion Items: Frank Thompson:

- Construction Invoices Update – may have this available for next Monday
- Tax appeals – September 21st meeting at IU
- Audit started
- August deed transfer taxes are up

Pupil Services:

- Request of non-resident to attend Riverview via tuition payment
 - Discussion was held on this topic related to - tuition amounts and other variables that impact the district when accepting students, as well as the need to research and investigate tuition charges
 - Frank Thompson will investigate history and variables associated with a cost for tuition.

- Policies will be reviewed in the future in an effort to proactively make a decision that is advantageous to students and taxpayers.
- This subject also includes factors related to the enrollment of students from Low Achieving School List / Scholarship Recipients.
- Note: Since the study session, the request from the nonresident who made this original request was withdrawn.

General District and Community News/Updates:

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- Thank you to students, staff, parents for a great start to the new school year.
- Thank you to Oakmont Carnegie Library for the donation of kindergarten books.
- Special thank you to Oakmont Presbyterian Church for their questions and comments related to the school district during their monthly breakfast series.
- Adjustment to High School Schedule (Jay Moser)
- Tour of Locker Room is scheduled to take place next week – those interested in the tour should meet at 6:30 p.m. - September 17th in the main lobby of the high school.
- Record Breaking Attendance at Verner Kindergarten Curriculum Night – Congratulations parents!
- October 4th Soccer Game
 - Girls Game Start Time 6:00 / Boys Game Start Time at 8:00
 - This arrangement was created at the request of members of the girls on the soccer team.

Bob Dunkle

- Update on status of the web page
- Discussion related to uploading annual forms containing student data that parents must complete

- Student confidentiality is a priority
- Bob will look into potentially uploading forms as PDF files so that parents can keep these forms saved on their home computers and revise and then reuse them as needed in an effort to assist with efficiency and time

An executive session was held following the study session until approximately 10:15 p.m.