

Riverview School District
Study Session Minutes - August, 2011
7:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Present: L. Ashbaugh, J. DiMario, H. Dolan, J. Hackworth, D. Kadylak, A. Loeffler,
A. Shearon
L. Black, J. Moser, J. Hadley, S. Wiegand, F. Thompson, C. Erdeljac
Heidi Dezayas, Plum-Patch Reporter
Dena Tsambis, Abby Entwisle

Absent: D. Hornsby, M. Stein

All items listed on the August 22, 2011 Superintendent's Report to be introduced as voting motions were discussed. In addition, Robert Lindeman and Lynn Black explained our plans to focus on the Positive Behavior Management System and National Common Core Standards during professional development this year. We will look closely at the relationship between positive cultures in our buildings and student achievement.

Lynn Black reported on the summary of Riverview School District's 2011 PSSA scores. As a district, Riverview achieved Adequate Yearly Progress; however, the State has issued a warning status regarding achievement on the math PSSA in grade 11. Board members and administrators agree that our mathematic improvement process, initiated two years ago, should continue with vigor and commitment, even as we scrutinize student achievement measures relative to Connected Math 2 in grades 6, 7 and 8 and the Discovering Mathematic programs in Algebra I and II. Dr. Erdeljac stated that our goal is to make these programs "Riverview's Math Programs" by connecting the goals of the programs to the specific needs of our students. Our secondary mathematic teachers met on August 15 for a voluntary professional development day to initiate this year's effort. Dr. Peg Smith, a national expert at the University of Pittsburgh in secondary mathematics, will observe our math teachers in September in order to provide a follow-up snapshot of our instructional practices for comparison with her observations in September 2009.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the status of Riverview School District's delinquent tax effort and distributed a report from Megan Ott of GRB. The seven board members present authorized Ms. Ott to continue her efforts regarding next legal steps in the process. Dr. Erdeljac reviewed several updates regarding physical plant improvements and needs at our buildings. He informed the Board that PSBA policy review of Riverview School District's policies began on July 21, 2011. Riverview School District booster club guidelines will be reviewed at the September 26th Student Life Committee meeting. At the October 3rd Education Committee meeting, Dr. Stein, a national expert in middle school math, and Dr. Briars, our math consultant, will discuss our current math improvement efforts.

The TIF Study Committee will meet (met) on August 16th for their second meeting to review the market study done by Laurie Volk and the findings of her study, which are optimistic in their forecast. At the next TIF Study meeting, the group will examine the fiscal impact and TIF financial model. Ms. Volk forecasts that the Riverview School District could potentially see 100 new elementary students and 100 new secondary students from this development over the next decade.

The Board went into Executive Session.