

RIVERSIDE BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
318 Country Club Drive
Ellwood City, PA 16117

MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2018
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/VOTING MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call:

Present: David Bender, Katie Chrobak, Seth Foley, Christy Hughes, Shawn Plassmeyer, Roger Radevski, Dr. David Steinbach and Charles Sterner

Absent: Michael Garvin

Also Present: Dr. David Anney, Bret Trotta, Debbie Brandstetter, Gregory Fox, Steve Girting, Randy Walker and approximately 5 visitors.

- 1.2 • Minutes: It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the December 4, 2017 Reorganization Meeting and the combined Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting.

Motion to approve item 1.2 made by Mr. Plassmeyer, second by Mrs. Hughes

Roll Call: Mr. Bender, Mrs. Chrobak, Mr. Foley, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach and Mr. Sterner voted yes. Motion carried – 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Mr. Plassmeyer announced the Board of School Directors met prior to the meeting for an Executive Session for personnel matters.

1.3 Superintendent's Report –

- **School Board Recognition** - January is School Board Recognition month. Dr. Anney thanked the board members for their many hours of service to the residents and students of the District. Board members were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and light refreshments were served to all in attendance.
- **ROAR** – Lara Zelch and Suzanne Fornataro from the Riverside Outdoor Athletic Renovation (ROAR) group gave an update to the School Board on the field house project. Mrs. Zelch thanked a number of local business owners and residents whose generous donations have helped to bring this project to a reality. Through donations from community members including alumni, district residents and business owners enough funds have been raised to proceed with the project. An architect has drawn up the plans and they are ready to break ground. Dr. Anney thanked the members of ROAR for their dedication and work over the past 7 years. He noted that this will be a privately constructed building that will be donated to the District. The Solicitor is working with the ROAR team to ensure all necessary documents are in place prior to the start of construction.
- **2016-2017 Audited Financial Report** – Chad Agnew of Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates presented the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Report to the School Board. Mr. Agnew gave a high level review of the financial status of the District. He explained that the audit

included an unqualified opinion which means that the financial report fairly states the financial position of the District. For the 2016-2017 school year the District's financial operations resulted in an increase to the general fund balance of just under \$300,000.

- **PTO Recognition** – Mr. Steve Girting, Primary School Principal, recognized the PTO for the countless volunteer hours spent in November and December to bring the following activities to our students:
 - Whoville Celebration – 1st Grade
 - Polar Express Event – 2nd Grade
 - Colonial Days – 3rd Grade
 - Dickens Festival – 4th & 5th Grade
 - Angel Project

1.4 PTO Report – No Report

1.5 Visitors - No Visitors

2. FINANCE/TAX ADVISORY/FOOD SERVICE

2.1• Treasurer's Report: It is recommended that the Board approve the treasurer's report for November & December, 2017.

2.2• Payment of Bills: It is recommended that the Board ratify and/or approve for payment the following general fund bills

a. December 2017 wire transfers	\$1,239,982.58
b. December 2017 invoices	\$374,438.03
c. January 2018 invoices	\$385,818.17

2.3 • Cafeteria Report: It is recommended that the Board approve the cafeteria fund treasurer's report for November & December, 2017.

2.4 • Cafeteria Bills: It is recommended that the Board ratify the December checks issued for cafeteria invoices in the amount of \$10,154.45 and approve the January invoices to be paid in the amount of \$ 42,262.09.

2.5 • Activity Fund Report: It is recommended that the Board approve the activity fund report for November & December 2017.

2.6 • Per Capita Tax Exemption: It is recommended that the Board approve the 2018 Per Capita Tax Exemption Forms as presented.

2.7 • Approval of Resolution: It is recommended that the Board adopt a Resolution to not increase its tax rate beyond the index for the 2018-2019 school year as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The 2018-2019 index is equal to 3.3% which translates to a maximum increase in real estate taxes of 2.212 mills.

2.8 • Bids for General Supplies: It is recommended that the Board give approval for the administration to advertise for bids for industrial arts, janitorial and athletic supplies and equipment for the 2018-2019 school year.

- 2.9 • Purchase Agreement: It is recommended that the Board approve a 3 year purchase agreement between Trebon Company, Inc. and Riverside Beaver County School District for software licensing through July 9, 2021.
- 2.10 • Election of Treasurer: It is necessary for the Board to appoint a Treasurer to replace Mr. Sterner for the remainder of the one-year term running through June 30, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Plassmeyer and seconded by Mr. Bender to nominate Mrs. Christy Hughes. There were no other nominations.

Motion to approve items 2.1 to 2.10 made by Mr. Sterner, second by Dr. Steinbach
Roll Call: Mrs. Chrobak, Mr. Foley, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner and Mr. Bender voted yes. Motion carried – 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

3. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/FUTURE PLANNING

- 3.1 • PDE Approval for Construction: It is recommended that the Board request approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Proposed Rest Area Center to be constructed and paid for by ROAR.

Motion to approve item 3.1 made by Mr. Plassmeyer, second by Mrs. Hughes
Roll Call: Mr. Foley, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender and Mrs. Chrobak voted yes. Motion carried – 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

4. EDUCATION & PERSONNEL

Commendations:

- Congratulations to the December top five Accelerated Reader point earners for 2017-2018:
1st Grade – **Anna Ruggeri** 2nd Grade – **Cody Haffey**
3rd Grade – **Angel Creese** 4th Grade – **Luke Nelson**
5th Grade – **Lucas Moody**
- Congratulations to the **Riverside Continuous Chain Reaction Contraption Team** for their hard work and participation in the Carnegie Science center event held on Friday December 8th. The contest fosters an interest in engineering by challenging students to create a machine that will accomplish a specific task using a series of at least 20 steps. Our Riverside team received an award for Best Use of a Transportation System for their innovative techniques of moving marbles, which represented water, through the contraption. Team members are **Colby Belczyk, Aaron Falk, Zoe Dwyer, Hannah O’Connell** and **Amanda Young**.
- On December 13th, Riverside junior **Morgan Deiseroth** was one of two student speakers at the Ellwood City Rotary Club’s weekly meeting. She was invited to talk about her experience at the World Affairs Council for Student Leaders held October 18th, where she analyzed and evaluated the issue of global climate change through panel presentations and a simulation. It was at the Council that Morgan was inspired to investigate the possibility of solar energy at Riverside High School.
- Congratulations to Riverside high school student **Susan Bond** who was awarded the 2017 Student of the Year at BCRC’s School-to-Work Transitions Program. In this program students learn quality job habits and skills through coaching and practice. They learn these

- skills at the BCRC work center and at community job sites, where they have the opportunity to put their learning into a real-life experience.
- 4.1 • Released Time/Field Trips: It is recommended that the Board approve the list of requests for released time and field trips as presented.
 - 4.2 • Leave of Absence: It is recommended that the Board approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for a District employee from March 6, 2018 through May 31, 2018.
 - 4.3 • Substitutes: It is recommended that the Board approve the following substitute employees as a support substitute for the 2017-2018 school year. All clearances have been received.
Sharon Hyre
Kimberly Falorio
 - 4.4 • Volunteer Coach: It is recommended that the Board approve **Mark Hall** as a Volunteer Coach for Girls Basketball. All clearances have been received.
 - 4.5 • Employment of Support Staff: It is recommended that the Board approve the employment of the **Angela Daniels** as a 2.5 hour Middle School Monitor effective January 3, 2018. All clearances and pre-employment testing have been received. Hourly wages and benefits will be in accordance with the negotiated agreement with the support staff.
 - 4.6 • Homebound Instruction: It is recommended that the Board approve homebound instruction for an eleventh grade student from November 16, 2017 to January 11, 2018.

Informational Items:

- ❖ **John Severn** has resigned as Junior High Football Coach effective January 2, 2018.

Motion to approve items 4.1 to 4.6 made by Dr. Steinbach, second by Mr. Radevski
Roll Call: Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender, Mrs. Chrobak and Mr. Foley voted yes. Motion carried – 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

5. ATHLETIC/RECREATION – No Report

6. TRANSPORTATION/POLICY – No Report

7. NEGOTIATIONS/INSURANCE – No Report

8. BOARD BUSINESS

- 8.1 • Joint Purchasing Board: It is recommended that the Board approve both a Resolution to authorize Riverside Beaver County School District to participate in a Joint Purchasing Program with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) and the Joint Purchasing Agreement with the AIU effective January 8, 2018.

Motion to approve item 8.1 made by Mr. Plassmeyer, second by Mr. Foley
Roll Call: Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender, Mrs. Chrobak, Mr. Foley and Mrs. Hughes voted yes. Motion carried – 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Due to the frigid temperatures, school was cancelled on Friday, January 5th. The make-up day for this cancellation will be Friday, February 16th.

- 8.2 New Board Business – Mr. Garvin updated the Board regarding a request to establish a co-op with Ellwood City for a wrestling team.
- 8.3 Visitors - None
- 8.4 Meeting Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. was made by Mr. Plassmeyer with a unanimous voice vote in favor of adjournment.