

MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Riverview Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President O'Brien in the Council Chambers at Riverview City Hall, 14100 Civic Park Drive, Riverview, MI 48193.

The following members were present at roll call: President O'Brien, Vice President Laura-Frazier, Treasurer Pelkey, Trustee Bohr, Trustee Filkins and Trustee Irving.

Excused: Secretary Wright

Also Present: Russell E. Pickell, Superintendent;
and Cathy Rios, Secretary

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

1 person asked and was granted permission to address the Board of Education.

A-48 – ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Filkins and supported by Vice President Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education accepts the Agenda for the August 25, 2015 meeting.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Pelkey

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

A-49 – APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING

Moved by Treasurer Pelkey and supported by Trustee Filkins that the Riverview Board of Education approves the items listed in the Consent Grouping.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Pelkey

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/LEGISLATIVE REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Pickell gave an update with regard to the Early Warning Package. It is a seven package bill that is now in effect for districts across the State of Michigan. There are now 14 districts that meet the threshold for financial distress. Fortunately Riverview is not one of them but we are close to it. The threshold used to be 0% and it has been moved up to 5%. The intent of the bill is to notice financial problems sooner, hopefully get help from the ISD and correct them before they hit a deficit threshold. We are aware of our threshold but without any school funding it is a moot point. Next is the teacher and administrator evaluation bill. We had some momentum on this bill before summer however it is now being stalled. This bill would reduce the number of assessments included in an evaluation from 50% back down to 25%. Until this passes we have half of the evaluations consisting of state assessments and those are not stabilized enough for us to make any meaningful interpretation out of that data. We are hoping for them to pick this back up again.

The Governor did sign the bill eliminating February elections so now there are only 3 opportunities for districts to go to the voters which are May, August and November election cycles.

3rd Grade reading is one that we are really looking at and are hoping for momentum. Most professional organizations are opposed to the bill. There are a few areas of this bill that are problematic. The piece that requires mandatory retention is one, research shows that this is not necessarily the best solution. The other part is that there are a lot of violations and crossovers with regard to title funding. These are a couple of pieces that need to be worked out for that legislation to get some valid support.

Road funding is the other piece that has unfortunately stalled. The Senate plan is stuck on the house floor and it doesn't look like they are going to come to any consensus soon. Until they get that fixed we do not know what they are going to do with school funding.

Superintendent Pickell also wanted to remind everyone that our first football game is this Friday.

A-50 – APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC FEES

Moved by Trustee Pelkey and supported by Trustee Bohr that the Riverview Board of Education approves the 2015/2016 Athletic Event Admission Rate and Annual Pass Increase Athletic Fee and that these rate changes will remain in effect until changed by subsequent action of the Riverview Board of Education..

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frasier, O'Brien, Pelkey

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRESENTED BY BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING WHICH
NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN**

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice-President Laura-Frazier and supported by Treasurer Pelkey that the August 25, 2015 Board of Education regular meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Pelkey

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Amy Laura-Frazier, Vice-President acting as Secretary
Riverview Board of Education

Accepted October 26, 2015