

MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2018 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 Tim Bohr in the Council Chambers at Riverview City Hall, 14100 Civic Park Drive, Riverview, MI 48193.

The following members were present at roll call: President Bohr, Vice-President O'Brien, Secretary Wright, Trustee Davis, Trustee Irving and Trustee Walker
Treasurer Laura-Frazier was excused

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

PRESENTATIONS: Coaches congratulated the winter athletes from 7th Grade Girls Basketball, Varsity Bowling and Boys Varsity Swim teams, presenting them with certificates from the Board.

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

There weren't any people addressing the Board of Education at this time.

A-8 – ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Secretary Wright and supported by Trustee Walker that the Riverview Board of Education approves the Agenda for the March 27, 2018 regular meeting.

Yeas: Bohr, O'Brien, Davis, Irving, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

A-9 - APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING

Moved by Vice President O'Brien and supported by Secretary Wright that the Riverview Board of Education approves the Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Regular Meeting, Check Registers and Purchase Card Expense Reports as contained in the Consent Grouping.

Yeas: Bohr, O'Brien, Davis, Irving, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

STUDENT LIASON REPORT

Elena Tyler gave a report of recent and upcoming events at the High School.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Hatzl indicated that the committee met in March and the meeting was mostly organizational. All parties will have preset agenda items for the meetings and they will have a set timeline. They discussed the formation of the ELA committee, the members have been set and they will be meeting tomorrow afternoon.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zulewski reported that on March 19th at 7 p.m. the committee met and there were 25 present to talk about conditions with our facilities with the topics including building facilities, building safety, playground improvements, athletic fields, instructional technology and different funding options. There were various staff members included as well as parents and members of the community. After the meeting Mr. Zulewski and Gary Kennedy took the group to see the condition of the Seitz pool. There will be follow-up meeting sometime after spring break.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/LEGISLATIVE REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Pickell started with reporting that the State of Michigan is beginning a Safe Schools Reform Plan. The plan creates three types of grants to help to try and keep schools safe. One is to contract with local law enforcement to place resource officers in buildings, another is to hire mental health professionals and lastly to make security upgrades to school buildings. The proposal also includes mandatory reporting of school violence and creating a more graduated penalty range for those offenders.

The district will be able to apply for any of the grants as we feel best suited. Unfortunately, there is only 120 million dollars available throughout every district in the state so that is going to go very quickly. This is not a windfall to solve all of our problems but certainly every little bit helps. The superintendent indicated that we will take a look at those grants and decide what is our best course of action.

The Senate passed their school aid budget proposal out of the subcommittee and it is now in the hands of the Governor and we are waiting for the House to pass theirs. After that they will do their budget for the next school year.

The House also passed some teacher preparation legislation. Basically, what that means is that they are starting to hold universities accountable for teaching certificates if they are putting teachers out into the workplace that are not prepared to be in a public education setting. Unfortunately, those degrees are the cash resources for the universities and they are not producing the product that they need to.

The Senate approved legislation that allows school boards discuss security plans in closed session. This would be a change to the Open Meetings Act and it makes perfect sense to do so. Last time when we had this meeting we had newspaper reporters there and everything went public and when you do that it defeats the purpose of making sure that you have a plan in place.

A-10 –APPROVE PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Moved by Vice-President O'Brien and supported by Trustee Walker that the Riverview Board of Education approves the partnership with the city for a community newspaper.

Yeas: Bohr, O'Brien, Davis, Irving, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

There weren't any people addressing the Board of Education at this time.

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

Secretary Wright shared that although she missed the Seitz Drama Club presentation at the last meeting she was able to attend the play and wanted to say congrats to them. She also went to the Huntington STEM night and that was a very nice evening.

Dr. Pickell saw the Middle School play as well and commented that we have very talented students in our district. He also wished everyone a happy and restful spring break.

President Bohr also congratulated the Drama Club and thanked Mr. Hoying for a great job. He also congratulated all staff and students who were honored at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Wright and supported by Vice-President O'Brien that the March 27, 2018 Board of Education Regular Meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Bohr, O'Brien, Davis, Irving, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Amy Wright, Secretary
Riverview Board of Education

Accepted April 24, 2018