

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Riverview Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by President Laura-Frazier in the Council Chambers at Riverview City Hall, 14100 Civic Park Drive, Riverview, MI 48193.

The following members were present at roll call: President Laura-Frazier, Secretary Wright, Treasurer Pelkey, Trustee Bohr, Trustee Filkins and Trustee Irving.

Excused was Vice-President Gary O'Brien.

Also Present: Russell E. Pickell, Superintendent;
Cathy Rios, Secretary;
and Lauren Day, Student Liaison

PRESENTATIONS

Brandon Garcia, Varsity Wrestler was acknowledged as well as 11 members of the Varsity Swim Team

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

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

A-14 – ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Filkins and supported by Secretary Wright that the Riverview Board of Education accepts the Agenda for the April 26, 2016 meeting.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, Pelkey, Wright

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

A-15 - APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING

Moved by Trustee Bohr and supported by Treasurer Pelkey that the Riverview Board of Education approves the items listed in the Consent Grouping which contains Minutes of the March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting, Check Registers and Purchase Card Expense Reports and Employment of Certified Personnel.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, Pelkey, Wright

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT: Lauren Day gave an update as to student accomplishments at the High School as well as recent and upcoming events.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/LEGISLATIVE REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent Pickell advised that we are still waiting for the State Budget to be finalized. That is the important thing for all of us that work in education and he is hoping that they will have that wrapped up very soon. The DPS bill package with both the financial structure and the governance of the DPS which significantly affects the rest of us that are in Wayne County. We don't expect that to move until the state budget is taken care of and they are dragging their feet a little bit trying to get through the summer.

The other thing that Superintendent Pickell addressed was the Third Grade Retention Bill which is actually a resolution that we have on the Agenda for this evening. The Senate bill and the House bill are both stuck in committees right now. These are both very different bills. We have worked very hard to help structure the Senate bill which is a very palliative bill over some of the other ones that we've come in contact with, especially the House bill so we are really looking for that resolution to pass. We all understand that retention can sometimes be a necessity for certain students but it should by no means be a punishment. The House version has a lot of issues with that.

Research shows that retention has more negative consequences than positive ones which is why we rarely use that as a solution. The big difference between the Senate bill and the House bill is that the Senate bill has a parent component. Taking away a parent's voice in their child's education is ridiculous.

We knew going into this that there would not be a version where retention is not an option at all so we worked very hard to have something that is meaningful, ethical and bent more towards the student learning.

The Superintendent then moved on to congratulate the Choir. At their State Competition they received a score of a 2 which is phenomenal. He also was able to see our High School Drama Club perform The Crucible and they did a remarkable job as well.

Lauren Day was thanked for the remarkable job this year reporting the high school events.

A-16 – 3rd GRADE READING RESOLUTION

Moved by Secretary Wright and supported by Treasurer Pelkey that the Riverview Board of Education supports the Senate version of the third grade reading bill because it establishes high standards for reading performance, gives parents a say in deciding their child's future and can help break the cycle of poverty through supporting low-income students in learning how to read.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, Pelkey, Wright

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

A-17- APPROVE 8th GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Moved by Trustee Irving and supported by Treasurer Pelkey that the Riverview Board of Education approves the 8th Grade Washington D.C. educational trip for March 27 through March 31, 2017.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, Pelkey, Wright

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

There was one person who addressed the Board of Education at this meeting.

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

Trustee Filkins reported that the Robotics Team at the High School had their best finish ever at Woodhaven. The program is really going, Mr. Gill and the kids are really doing a fantastic job. He also complimented Lauren Day for doing a fantastic job as Student Liaison. He invited her and Jalal Almallouhi back for a presentation at the May Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Bohr and supported by Trustee Filkins that the April 26, 2016 Board of Education Regular Meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Irving, Laura-Frazier, Pelkey, Wright

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Accepted May 24, 2016

Amy Wright, Secretary
Riverview Board of Education