

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 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, Secretary Wright, Treasurer Pelkey, Trustee Bohr, Trustee Filkins and Trustee Irving.

Also Present: Russell E. Pickell, Superintendent;
Cathy Rios, Secretary;
and Jalal Almallouhi, acting Student Liaison

PRESENTATIONS: Jamie Rivette, Audit Principal of Yeo & Yeo made a presentation to the board about the Financial Audit Report. She had met with the finance committee before the meeting and went through the report page by page. The Audit process consists of three parts: Financial Statements, Internal Controls and Compliance. Internal Controls focus rotates every year so that we don't know what they will be reviewing. This year the focus was on Journal Entries and they all checked out. The other test they performed was Duplicate Direct Deposits. Everything checked out and again no discrepancies. With regard to the Financial Statement piece we were issued an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance offered. Ms. Rivette indicated that it is a clean opinion indicating that there are no modifications that need to be made. The next page of the power point was the balance sheet dated June 30, 2015. General Fund is the operating fund. The next column is the Non-major Governmental Fund which is all the other funds together. The money due from other governmental units is the state aid that we had not received yet for June and July. Ms. Rivette explained all of the figures in the columns. She pointed out that on slide 6 for the governmental funds our expenditures actually exceeded our revenue by 257,780. The next slide showed the original budget then throughout the year amendments were made and the final budget was shown as well, and then the next column was the actual budget showed a negative 403,599 change. In the final column it showed 99.2% accurate in budgeting revenue and 98.7% accurate in budgeting the expenditures. She indicated that the 403,000 may seem like a large number but in reality it is not when you are dealing with 25-26 million dollars. These percentages were an "A". Lonnie and his team did a great job in budgeting and she knows how difficult of a job it is. Ms. Rivette then explained the general fund revenue pie chart on the next page. Then following that is the general fund expenditures. She noted that .80 of every dollar leaving the district is going to salaries and benefits. Next with regard to the General Fund – Fund Balance chart she pointed out a big dip down in 2010 and slight decreases after that. A little bit of increase in 2014. As the auditor, they are required to issue us a Governance Letter. In that letter they report any suggestions that they might give with regard to compliance or the MDE Guidelines and she was happy to report that they did not have any findings with regard to either one of these areas. The last item she reported on was the single audit. The area tested this year was special education. She was happy to report that there were no findings this year or last year with regard to special education. Ms. Rivard offered to answer questions but there weren't any.

The next presentation was from the High School Cooking Club by Mr. Wayne Stolt and some of his students. Mr. Stolt invited the board to attend his Chopped Competition fundraiser on November 21st. Asia Malwitz talked about their past Chicago trip. She mentioned types of food that they had to opportunity to try. They also toured the city by bus. They stopped at Navy Pier. For dinner they were able to cook with professionals at a restaurant. The next day they went to the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Miracle Mile and the Willis Tower. A good bonding experience was for the group to go to The Blue Man Group show. The last day was the NRA Food Show and after they went to LeCordon Bleu, one of the top culinary schools in the nation. President O'Brien thanked Mr. Stolt for all that he does.

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

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

A-51 – ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Filkins and supported by Secretary Wright that the Riverview Board of Education accepts the Agenda for the October 27, 2015 meeting.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

A-52 – APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING

Moved by Trustee Bohr and supported by Vice-President Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education approves the items listed in the Consent Grouping.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Jalal Almallouhi gave an update as to upcoming events and accomplishments from the high school.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/LEGISLATIVE REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent Pickell wants everyone to know that we had finally received communication from the State regarding the MI STEP assessment scores from last spring. This is the first time that the MI STEP was offered. The State sent the average scores to be used as a benchmark for all testing. This is the starting point. We have not yet received the District scores and anticipate having them as well as the building scores sometime in December.

We are getting some movement with regard to the 3rd grade reading retention legislation and the teacher evaluation legislation and the critical shortage which go hand in hand. They should all be passed and ready go by the end of the week. As educators we are not opposed to retention but we would like to have some say in it.

Legislatively they are really going to start concentrating on roads now. Revenues are going to have to be a part of that and it is probably going to be low key due to the upcoming election. They began to outline the Detroit Plan which focuses on Detroit and Flint and areas like those first but he will keep us informed on that.

Superintendent Pickell said that the students would be having a long weekend with a half day on Friday for Halloween then two professional development days on Monday and Tuesday. He said that it was determined that it was best to put those two days together. The staff will be hard at work doing what we need to do to provide the best educational services for our students.

Mr. Pickell wanted to relay the sad news that our State Superintendent lost his oldest son to a car accident earlier in the week and asked for everyone's thoughts and prayers for the family while they go through this difficult time and tragic loss.

A-53 – ACCEPTANCE OF 2014-2015 AUDIT REPORT

Moved by Treasurer Pelkey and supported by Vice President Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education accepts the 2014/2015 school year audit as presented by Yeo and Yeo.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

A-54 – APPROVAL OF THE RCHS COOKING CLUB FIELD TRIP TO MACKINAC ISLAND

Moved by Trustee Filkins and supported by Secretary Wright that the Riverview Board of Education approves the educational culinary tour, scheduled for May 20 – May 22, 2016 for the high school Hospitality students.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

A-55 – APPROVAL OF DOWNRIVER CAREER TECHNICAL CONSORTIUM PARTICIPATION

Moved by Trustee Irving and supported by Trustee Bohr that the Riverview Board of Education approves the Restated Agreement of the Downriver Career Technical Consortium and authorizes the Superintendent to execute said agreement on behalf of the district

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS

Two people asked and received permission to address the Board of Education.

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

Trustee Filkins wanted to take this opportunity to comment that the community had a fundraiser led by the teaching staff for "one of our own". He commented on what an amazing community we live in and the amount of people that showed up. He was awestruck as he tried to keep up with the kids cooking in the back. It is an amazing place we live in with amazing people and oftentimes it's easy to lose that but he certainly was reminded of it that evening. He said if we all take a look around more often we will see that a little more often than we think.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Filkins and supported by Vice-President Laura-Frazier that the October 27, 2015 Board of Education regular meeting be adjourned.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Amy Wright, Secretary
Riverview Board of Education

Accepted November 24, 2015