

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

MINUTES – DECEMBER 4, 2017
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/VOTING MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present: Dr. David Anney, Bret Trotta, Debbie Brandstetter, Gregory Fox and 5 visitors.

- 1.2 • Minutes: It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the November 20, 2017 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, Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach and Mr. Sterner voted yes. Motion carried – 9 Yes, 0 No

- 1.3 Superintendent's Report – Dr. Anney introduced Bret Trotta who provided an update on the technology related e-rate funding for this year. The district has \$50,000 of e-rate eligible technology funds available with a discount rate of 60% which translates to \$20,000 of District funds being spent to receive \$50,000 worth of equipment with the remaining \$30,000 being covered by e-rate. The District has plans to purchase access points, switches and license agreements for the access points. Bids for these items are being prepared. Mr. Trotta will bring the results of the bids to the Board for approval in February.

Mr. Trotta also updated the Board on the status of the special education plan and asked anyone interested in serving on the committee to review and update the plan to notify him. The revised plan will be presented to the Board in March or April for their approval.

- 1.4 PTO Report – No Report

- 1.5 Visitors - There were no public to be heard visitors

2. FINANCE/TAX ADVISORY/FOOD SERVICE

- 2.1• PSEA Health & Welfare Fund Vision Program Renewal: It is recommended that the two-year vision program agreement between the District and PSEA Health and Welfare Fund be approved. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019, with rates and coverage the same as the current program.

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

a. November 2017 wire transfers	\$314,212.82
b. November 2017 Payments	\$682.00
c. December 2017 Payments	\$316,330.36

- 2.3 • Spanish Club: It is recommended that the Board approve Spanish Club as a student activity club on a trial basis for the 2017-2018 school year and naming Judy Bowser as the club sponsor. The sponsor position is an unpaid position for 2017-2018 due to the trial year for the club.

Motion to approve items 2.1 to 2.3 made by Mr. Foley, second by Mr. Bender
Roll Call: Mrs.Chrobak, Mr. Foley, Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner and Mr. Bender voted yes. Motion carried – 9 Yes, 0 No

3. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/FUTURE PLANNING – No Report

4. EDUCATION & PERSONNEL

Commendations:

- Congratulations to **Morgan Deiseroth** for being selected to participate in the Apprenticeship Program on International Affairs as a condition of her Global Studies Scholarship nomination.
- Congratulations to the following football players who were named to the Midwestern Conference's All Star Team:
Offense - **Austin Dambach** - 1st Team, Conference Offensive MVP
Ben Hughes - 1st Team, **Jarrett Speer** - 1st Team, and **Shane Kirkham & Noah Harris**
Defense - **Woodrow Hughes** - 1st Team, Conference Defensive MVP
Shane Kirkham - 1st Team, **Kyle Marweg** - 1st Team and **Dylan Shannon**
- Congratulations to the November top five Accelerated Reader point earners for 2017-2018:
1st Grade – **Emma Jeanette** 2nd Grade – **Cinderella Gwengo**
3rd Grade – **Angel Creese** 4th Grade – **Evan Vardzel**
5th Grade – **Michael Styn**

- 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 • Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Schools: It is recommended that the Board approve a three-year Assistant Superintendent of Schools Employment Contract between Riverside Beaver County School District and Bret Trotta for the term July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

- 4.3 • Volunteer Coach: It is recommended that the Board approve Tyler Falk as a Volunteer Coach for Baseball, pending receipt of clearances.

Informational Items:

- ❖ **Toni Hughes** transferred from Middle School monitor to High School Aide effective 12/1/17.
- ❖ A Student Council sponsored **Senior Citizen’s Lunch** will be held at Noon on Thursday, December 14, 2017.
- ❖ A Student Council sponsored **Christmas Dance** for High School students will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 7:30 to 10:00 in the High School cafeteria.
- ❖ The high school and middle school **band concert** and **choral concert** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

Motion to approve items 4.1 to 4.3 made by Mr. Sterner, second by Mr. Foley
Roll Call: Mr. Foley, Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender & Mrs. Chrobak voted yes. Motion carried – 9 Yes, 0 No

5. ATHLETIC/RECREATION – No Report

6. TRANSPORTATION/POLICY – No Report

7. NEGOTIATIONS/INSURANCE – No Report

8. BOARD BUSINESS

8.1 New Board Business

- Payment of school real estate taxes via credit card – Ms. Brandstetter reported that the tax collectors of North Sewickley and Franklin Townships would like to offer taxpayers the ability to pay their school real estate tax bill with a credit card via an online portal. Municipay would be the third party administrator. The depository bank account will be in the name of the tax collector, not the District. There will be no cost to the District. The fee of 2.65% of the transaction amount will be paid by the taxpayer at the time of payment.
- Archery Club – Mr. Garvin inquired as to the status of the archery club. Dr. Anney reported there is interest in the club but that the decision was made to wait until after football season to begin. The equipment has been received. The plan is to run one week after school classes for two hours each day.
- Buildings & Grounds/Future Planning – Mr. Foley requested the Board start receiving monthly updates on the status of buildings and grounds conditions. Dr. Anney
- Committee Lists – The 2017 committee list was distributed to the Directors. Mr. Plassmeyer asked them to review the list and contact him if they are interested in serving on a particular committee.

- 2018 School Board Meeting Dates: A motion was made by Mr. Plassmeyer and Seconded by Mr. Bender to approve the combined committee of the whole meeting and voting meeting dates for January 2018 through November 2018, with one meeting per month as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Garvin, Mr. Plassmeyer, Mr. Radevski, Dr. Steinbach, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Bender & Mrs. Chrobak voted yes. Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Foley voted no. Motion carried – 7 Yes, 2 No

- Kindergarten Playground Update – Mr. Foley requested an update on the Kindergarten playground. Mr. Trotta shared with the group that they have talked with two of the three vendors who supplied quotes. Meetings are scheduled with these vendors for mid-January. We are looking to receive a few different options from the two vendors. Once those are received a meeting will take place with the Kindergarten teachers to get their input and then a presentation to the Board will occur. This is tentatively scheduled for February.

8.2 Visitors - None

8.3 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M. was made by Mr. Plassmeyer, Second by Mr. Radevski. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote in favor of adjournment.