

## **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 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.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mr. Hatzl commented on the fall sports teams and congratulated all athletes. Certificates were presented to the Middle School Football team by Coach Meeks and to the High School Varsity Football team by Coach McLaughlin. Coach Buchanan then presented certificates to the High School Varsity Swim team.

### **GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS**

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

### **A-63 – ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Moved by Secretary Wright and supported by Vice-President Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education accepts the Agenda for the December 15, 2015 meeting.

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **A-64 – APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING**

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

Yeas: Bohr, Filkins, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, 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 the Governor will be signing the Critical Shortage Bill to allow districts to hire retirees or people of alternative certifications for hard to fill positions. This is a larger problem in other areas of the state where they just don't have enough teachers to go around. This is not really an issue for us but it will benefit many others.

He shared that we are also getting some positive movement on some sinking fund flexibility. It looks like they are going to include security and technology to be eligible for sinking funds.

There is still a lot of discussion on the Detroit Bills but nothing is going to be happening with this before the end of this year.

There is still a push from a lot of deep pockets in the private sector to restrict who we can purchase electric and gas services from and Superintendent Pickell urges everyone to contact their Representative regarding this matter. If this passes, it will have an impact on our budget.

Mr. Pickell commented on and congratulated the High School and Middle School Music Departments for their phenomenal job during their concerts and holiday community activities. He has been to three concerts and they all have been very well attended by the community. The day after the concert the high school choir went to 4 different assisted living and nursing homes. They sang songs with the residents and personally interacted with them afterward.

Middle School Robotics had a competition this past Saturday. The Superintendent thought it was a great experience for our kids and they did a phenomenal job. Mr. Pickell loves dealing with middle school robotics because those students truly see the beauty of the process and not the product. They are so proud of themselves for what they have done. A special kudos was sent out to Ben Waugh who is a member of middle school band and robotics. Ben is one of the prime builders and programmers for middle school robotics and at the middle school concert he was asked to conduct the first song that the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders performed. He is a very talented individual and a great kid.

We have a lot of positive things in our district and a lot of things to be proud of. We get spoiled because we have athletic accomplishments every season due to our students being able to perform at such a high level. Our students are able to perform at a high level athletically, artistically, and we do it with our technology programs as well.

Amy Farkas is in her first year as sponsor of the Middle School Robotics Club and she is doing a phenomenal job. Mr. Pickell also wanted to acknowledge our High School Robotics sponsor, Mr. Gill who has been helping out with the middle school as well. They both have done a great job.

**A-65 – ACCEPTANCE OF WAREHOUSE PURCHASE FINANCING BID**

Moved by Trustee Bohr and supported by Vice President Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education approves the Installment Purchase Agreement through Monroe Bank and Trust at an interest rate of 2.9% as presented.

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

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A-66 – ACCEPTANCE OF WEIGHT ROOM FINANCING BID**

Moved by Trustee Filkins and supported by Vice President Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education approves Bid Resolution – General Obligation – Limited Tax Bonds as presented.

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

Nays: Pelkey

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS**

One person 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 had the pleasure of going to the Holiday Concert at the High School and was very impressed, he said the band and the choir students did a fantastic job. Mr. Hoying and Mr. Beson should really be proud. With regard to the Robotics team, he said that the one thing that really stood out was the fact that one of the three middle school teams came in third place out of 32 teams. That team had the opportunity to continue to the end of the competition but knew how hard one of the other Riverview teams had worked and allowed that team and compete in the semi-finals instead without even blinking an eye. He was just so impressed by that. Lastly, Mr. Filkins commented on the Goodfellows stating that they do such a fantastic job. The amount of toys and canned goods that the schools collected this year for them is just off the charts. He prompted anyone still wishing to donate to do so and wished everyone a happy, safe, holiday season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Secretary Wright and supported by Treasurer Pelkey that the December 15, 2015 Board of Education regular meeting be adjourned.

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Accepted January 26, 2016

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Amy Wright, Secretary  
Riverview Board of Education

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