



Monday, May 6, 2024

MINUTES May 6, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

7:00 p.m.

Riverview JRSR High School Library

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

Subject	A. Pledge of Allegiance
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Category	1. OPENING OF MEETING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Dr. English started the meeting. Good evening and welcome to the May study session. Let's start with the pledge of allegiance.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Subject	A. Presentation(s)
Meeting	May 6, 2024 - MINUTES May 6, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	2. PRESENTATIONS
Access	Public
Type	Presentation

Since we have an audacious agenda, I don't want to take too much time, but it is May, and May is the business month of the school calendar by far. It's budget season, we have awards ceremonies, concerts, sporting events, end of the year celebrations, state testing, end of year observations and goal setting, and so much more. That being said, these are all fun, exciting parts of a school district, so we will try to slow ourselves down, appreciate it, and celebrate the work and accolades of the Riverview students, which is something to value and appreciate.

Let's start with the the first item in our presentation section, which is the 2024-2027 Chapter 339 K-12 School Counseling Plan. As you may or may not know, all schools in Pennsylvania are responsible for maintaining and delivering a comprehensive school counseling plan to all K-12 students, including but not limited to a K-12 scope and sequence for college and career readiness, social and emotional learning (of soft skills necessary for successfully participating in the job market), and academic support. Every three years, we tailor and adjust the plan and submit for approval. I am proud to report that the K-12 school counseling plan was submitted and approved by the state of PA with no revisions required. As a matter of fact, Riverview, for many years, is known as a District with a comprehensive offering of activities and experiences for our students, that support the academic, social-emotional, and college and career preparation for our students. Students at Riverview leave a K-12 portfolio of all of the experiences detailed in the plan, which we have included in your board packets. I want to take time to appreciate

and commend our counseling team, for not only their hard work in updating the plan, but for their tireless and relentless efforts to support the academic, college and career readiness, and social and emotional needs of our students and families. As you know, in my previous positions, I have studied Pennsylvania's top counseling programs, along with experience working in other schools, and I can confidently say that program we offer our students is second to none, and that is directly attributed to this wonderful group of people here, Thank you, counselors, for all you do for our students. I have included the plan for you and will asking for your approval of this plan, as a requirement to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Our counselors are here to answer any questions from the Board, or accept comments from the Board, if there are any.

a. 2024-2027 Chapter 339 K-12 School Counseling Plan

Let's move to the Jr-Sr HS Handbook changes.

b. Riverview JRSR High School School Handbook

We will move into discussion of the 2024-2027 Special Education Plan. Similar to the school counseling plan, we are responsible for tailoring and adjusting our special education plan and submitting this plan to the PA Department of Education. The plan has been submitted, but a part of the plan requires Board review. The realities of this particular report, is that it's less of a plan and more of an extension of the audit we will be experiencing next year, which is ensuring that we are meeting the requirements of the law and the PA Department of Education in terms of programming and servicing. The plan has been included in your board docs portals this evening, and is also posted on the website for public review for a period of 28 days. I will have Dr. Monroe provide a brief overview of the plan, and will subsequently have her answer any questions the board feels is appropriate. Thank you, Dr. Monroe. I also want to express my gratitude first to Dr. Monroe, who is somehow managing the duties of principal and special education director, as well as the tireless efforts of our special education department. Riverview is renowned for our special education services and doing what is necessary for meeting the needs of our special education population. We have people move to the district for those services alone. So, Dr. Monroe, we commend both you and your department for all the work you do to support our students. Thank you.

c. 2024-2027 Riverview Special Education Plan

Moving on, I want to take a moment to commend one of our very own board members, who has successfully run and has been appointed to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Board of Directors, serving a three-year position beginning in July and extending through June of 2027. This board member is Mr. Antonio Paris and I ask we take a moment to give him a round of applause. Mr. Paris, thank you for volunteering even more of your personal time to represent Riverview on this esteemed board. We appreciate your advocacy and service and know you will represent us well. Thank you!

d. AIU Board Elections Update

A couple of weeks ago, we received an email from one of our community members regarding school start times, making reference to the research that suggests later start times being beneficial to the social, emotional, and physical health of our students. We are planning to look at start times as an extension to our master planning report, which is set to be presented to the public during study session in the fall. That being said, the Board wanted to set aside time during this May study session to discuss this issue in more detail.

e. Discussion regarding district school start times

Mr. Rizzo will now take over for a brief technology update.

f. Mr. Rizzo - Tech Update

Thank you, Mr. Rizzo, and thank you to the tech department, who worked countless extra hours during the security incident to keep us safe and secure. We couldn't have done it without Mr. Rizzo's leadership, and support of our tech assistants. We appreciate your efforts. Now, last but certainly not least, I will turn it over to Ms. Lubert, to present her first Riverview proposed budget and take questions from the board. Ms. Lubert, the floor is yours. I want to take time to recognize the efforts of Ms. Lubert, who has taken over the job and has quickly gained the

respect and support of the staff, and has worked hard to assimilate into the culture here. She cares about Riverview, and has done a great job managing the district's financial needs, from any objective measure. Thank you, Ms. Lubert.

g. Riverview School District Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 School Year

Administrative File Attachments

[2024-2025 Mentoring Scope Sequence - Copy.pdf \(248 KB\)](#)
[Career Pathways Guide 24-25.pdf \(359 KB\)](#)
[2024-2025 Riverview STUDENT Handbook Edits Breakdown.pdf \(271 KB\)](#)
[2024-2025 Riverview Student Handbook w EDITS.pdf \(1,051 KB\)](#)
[Special Education 2024 - 2027.pdf \(438 KB\)](#)
[2024-2027 Chapter 339 K-12 School Counseling Plan.pdf \(587 KB\)](#)

Executive Content
AIU Election Results

Three-year positions (July 2024 to June 2027)

- Ms. Blakey-Tate (Penn Hills)
- Ms. Minnick (Deer Lakes)
- Mr. Paris (Riverview)
- Ms. Stepnick (Plum)

Two-year position (July 2024 to June 2026)

- Dr. Ford (Clairton)

One-year position (July 2024 to June 2025)

- Mr. Cortazzo (South Allegheny)

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
Meeting	May 6, 2024 - MINUTES May 6, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	3. HEARING OF CITIZENS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Access	Public
Type	Information

It is now time for the first hearing of citizens, which is dedicated to agenda items only. If you would like to speak in this hearing of citizens, please stand before the board, state your name and address, and try to keep your comments to under 3 minutes. Please keep in mind that another hearing of citizens will occur toward the end of the meeting, which is devoted to the discussion of all school-related topics. Also, please note that the board does not typically respond to comments in the hearing of citizens, but rather takes all public comment into consideration. If you would like to speak in the first hearing of citizens, please stand in front of the board and state your name and address prior to public comment.

CITIZENS PRESENT:
Haley Daugherty: Representative from the Tribune Review
Amy Toland: 388 Maryland Ave, Oakmont
Cinzia Gagetta: 510 Eighth St., Oakmont
Ann Morrison: 810 Hulton Road, Oakmont

Amy Toland - reiterated the letter she sent to the board regarding the science behind sleep and supporting an 8:30am.

Ann Morrison - Discussed the science behind sleep and why sleep is important for students. Research on adolescent sleep and why melatonin and sleep deprivation is harmful, and why it is particularly harmful for adolescents. Discussed consequences of a lack of sleep to adolescents.

Amy Toland - Discussed phones at lunch and stated that phones should not be used at lunch and promote social interactions at lunch and at other times during the school day.

Cinzia Gagetta - Sewage plant concerns and smell carrying across the river. What is in the air that the students are breathing in? Are filters changed to catch particles from the plant.

At each open Board meeting, prior to official action by the Board, an opportunity shall be provided for public comment in accordance with law and Board procedures and policy.

Visitors are requested to state their name and address prior to comment.

A maximum time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker has been set.

File Attachments

[903 Public Policy in Board Meetings.pdf \(110 KB\)](#)

4. Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Voting Meeting

Subject

A. Business/Finance

Meeting

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Category

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Access

Public

Type

Discussion

Ms. Lubert oversaw the meeting the discuss Finance and other business.

- a. Change App #005 with First American Industries for Capital Improvements with a decrease on the order in the amount of: \$5,152.96
- b. Pay App #9 with First American Industries for Capital Improvement in the amount of: \$25,431.50
- c. Pay App #12 with Merit Electric for Capital Improvement in the amount of: \$500.00 for retainage.
- d. Forbes Road Career and Technology Center 2024-2025 Proposed General Operative and Administrative Budgets
- e. Tenth Street Elementary and Verner Elementary playground resurfacing by General Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$10,500 (capital purchase)
- f. Discussion regarding alternative paper products in the cafeteria
- g. Proposal from Merit Electrical for electricity for Riverside Park Scoreboard for Capital Improvements in the amount of: \$ 15,950.00 (Conduit - Fiber and Electricity) and \$ 6,470.00 (New Panel in Concessions and Sign)

Administrative File Attachments

[AIA- Final Change Order.pdf \(239 KB\)](#)

[First American Pay App #9 DRAW Approved 230825.pdf \(370 KB\)](#)

[Merit Pay App #12 DRAW Approved 240430.pdf \(2,220 KB\)](#)

[FRCTC Budget Packet.pdf \(178 KB\)](#)
[FRCTC Budget Summary.pdf \(139 KB\)](#)
[gen rec quote RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DIST RUBBER REPAIR.pdf \(54 KB\)](#)
[Styrofoam.jpg \(20 KB\)](#)
[White Tray.jpg \(17 KB\)](#)
[Riverview HS Scoreboard R2 Angled accross field.pdf \(114 KB\)](#)

Subject**B. Agreements/Contracts/Resolutions**

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Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Moving into the next session, we will start with the proposed contract between the USGA and the District for facility use during the 2025 open. We have a longstanding relationship with the USGA and will be asking for your approval of those contracts. We will also be asking for your approval of the 2024-2025 contract with our staffing company, Precision HR. Furthermore, as is typical in May, we will be asking for your approval of the AIU pricing guide, services guide, and services agreement for special education services for the upcoming school year. We will also be asking for your approval of the AIU transition program for the next two years for use of our space for the early intervention program. We have the contracted services agreement of our Riverview doctor and dentist, who have not changed from last year. In addition, we will be asking for your approval of our yearly Waterfront Learning contract, for any elementary aged students and families that may be interested in virtual learning. The contract is only invoked with family interest. This year, we had no families interested and do not expect any next year. Finally, we have a contract with the Western PA School for the Deaf for extended school year services, as well as a contract with River Therapies for speech and language services for extended school year Riverview students as well.

- a. Contract between the USGA and Riverview School District for use of facilities for the 2025 U.S. Open
- b. Contract with Precision HR Solutions 2024 - 2025
- c. Services Agreement between Riverview School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - 1. **AIU Services Guide for 2024-2025.** This guide outlines the complete list of services offered by the AIU.
 - 2. **AIU Services Agreement and Special Education Addendum for 2024-2025.** This agreement outlines the services and terms of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit with individual school districts. *The agreement does NOT require school districts to purchase any of the IU services.* The agreement does require signatures of the Board President and Secretary.
 - 3. **AIU Special Education Pricing Guide for 2024-2025.** While these services are included in the AIU Services Guide, this is a helpful one-page reference when considering the costs of special education services.
- d. AIU Transition Memorandum of Understanding 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school years.
- e. Contracted Services for School Dentist between Dr. Filippo & Riverview School District
- f. Contracted Services for School Doctor between Dr. Shergill & Riverview School District
- g. Contracted Services between Riverview School District and Waterfront Learning for 2024-2025
- h. Contracted Services between Riverview School District and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for 2023-2024 Extended School Year for Student X.
- i. Contracted Services between Riverview School District and River Therapies for services for 2023-2024 Extended School Year.

Administrative File Attachments

[AIU Services Agreement and Special Education Addendum for 2024-2025.pdf \(200 KB\)](#)

[AIU Services Guide-2024-2025.pdf \(685 KB\)](#)
[AIU Special Education Pricing Guide for 2024-2025.pdf \(144 KB\)](#)
[Riverview Elementary School \(2025 USO - Daycare Facility and Passenger D...\).pdf \(237 KB\)](#)
[Riverview High School \(2025 USO - Parking\).pdf \(301 KB\)](#)
[Riverview Contract 20242025 with Precision HR Solutions.pdf \(158 KB\)](#)
[Dr. DiFilippo DMD.pdf \(133 KB\)](#)
[Riverview 24-25 WFL Addendum \(Waterfront 24.25\).pdf \(381 KB\)](#)
[AIU Transition MOU.pdf \(298 KB\)](#)
[Pricing 2024.25 AIU and PAIU \(waterfront\).pdf \(271 KB\)](#)
[RiverviewESY River Therapies.pdf \(132 KB\)](#)
[WPSD Student X Extended Summer School.pdf \(39 KB\)](#)
[Dr. Shergill MD.pdf \(70 KB\)](#)

Subject**C. Board Governance/Regulations**

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Type	Discussion

There will be lots of activity in board governance for the next few months, as we have some PSBA policy updates to consider. Specifically, we are asking the board to consider policy updates to Policy 254: Educational Opportunity for Military Children, Policy 815: Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources, Policy 819: Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, and Policy 903: Public Comment in Board Meetings, which as you may recall, we updated a couple of years ago. We are also asking for your approval of our annual flexible instruction day application for the upcoming school year.

- a. Riverview School District application for Flexible Instruction Days for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- b. Board policy review
 1. Policy 254: Educational Opportunity for Military Children
 2. Policy 815: Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
 3. Policy 819: Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
 4. Policy 903: Public Comment in Board Meetings

Administrative File Attachments

[FID Application 4.29.24.pdf \(135 KB\)](#)
[FID Board Affirmation Statement 5.13.24.pdf \(97 KB\)](#)
[Policy 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children \(1st read 5.6.24\).pdf \(159 KB\)](#)
[Policy 815 Acceptable Use of Internet.....\(1st read 5.16.24\).pdf \(288 KB\)](#)
[Policy 819 Suicide Awareness \(1st read 5.6.24\).pdf \(348 KB\)](#)
[Policy 903 Public Comment at Board Meetings \(1st read 5.6.24\).pdf \(211 KB\)](#)

Subject**D. Personnel**

Meeting	May 6, 2024 - MINUTES May 6, 2024 Study Session Meeting of the Board of School Directors
Category	4. Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Voting Meeting
Access	Public

Type

Discussion

Let's move into personnel, where we have the following items for your consideration next week:

- a. Change in status Part time Paraprofessional to Full time Paraprofessional
- b. Change in Temporary Status to Permanent Status for Part Time Paraprofessional
- c. REA supplemental positions for 2024-2025 school year
- d. Teacher/Para Extended School Year positions at Riverview JRSR High School Summer 2024
- e. Non- contracted Supplemental positions for 2024-2025 school year
- f. An Unpaid day request
- g. Resignation Asst. Women's Soccer Coach and Jr. High Co-Ed Soccer Coach
- h. Boys Basketball Coach's Salary Adjustments and Asst. Coach hires

Proposed Boys' Basketball Coaching Position Adjustments - COST NUETRAL budget adjustments

Varsity HC: \$5,661

Varsity Asst.: \$3,733

JV Head Coach: \$4,500

9th Grade Head Coach: \$4,415

8th Grade Head Coach: \$2,774

7th Grade Coach: \$2,774

- i. Employee #1376 Sabbatical request for part of the 2024-2025 school year per Article XI Section (b) Child-Bearing/Child-Rearing leave of the REA/CBA.

Administrative File Attachments

[Resignations Athletics.pdf \(61 KB\)](#)

[Summer Targeted Assistance Hires.pdf \(170 KB\)](#)

[O'Block - Maternity Leave Letter \(2024-2025\).pdf \(18 KB\)](#)

[Athletics 24.25.pdf \(135 KB\)](#)

[REA Supplements 24.25.pdf \(111 KB\)](#)

[Athletic Event Workers 24.25.pdf \(76 KB\)](#)

Executive Content

- a. Change in status Part time Paraprofessional to Full time Paraprofessional - Debbie Loeffler replacing Jackie Delmonaco
- b. Change in Temporary Status to Permanent Status for Part Time Paraprofessional - Amy Grossman completed 60 days
- c. REA supplement positions for 2024-2025 school year - list attached
- d. Teacher/Para Extended School Year positions at Riverview JRSR High School Summer 2024 - list attached
- e. Non- contracted Supplement positions for 2024-2025 school year - list attached
- f. Unpaid days - LTS Elizabeth Whiteman due to family issues
- g. Resignation Asst. Women's Soccer Coach - Mario Liberati resigned as Asst Girls Soccer Coach & Roya as JR High Coed so she can move into Varsity Girls Asst.
- h. propose salary changes and also hire Dre's assistants.
- i. O'Block sabbatical

Subject

E. Student Life

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Category

4. Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Voting Meeting

Access

Public

Type

Discussion

Let's not move into student life where we have only one item, which is the annual cross country retreat in Jennerstown, PA.

- a. Riverview Cross Country Pine Springs Camp Retreat June 15 - 19, 2024, Jennerstown, PA.

Administrative File Attachments

[XC CAMP itinerary 2024 .pdf \(63 KB\)](#)

[xc camp request letter 2024- school board-2.pdf \(38 KB\)](#)

Subject

F. Education

Meeting

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Category

4. Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Voting Meeting

Access

Public

Type

Discussion

Last but not least, we have three items in education for your consideration next week. First, the science exploration committee and staff have reviewed and chosen a K-8 science curriculum called, Savvas Elevate Science. The curriculum review document, as per board policy, was uploaded for your review, and materials will be available in the central office conference room until the end of the year for public view. I have also included a scope and sequence and pacing guide, in case you want to dive in a little deeper. Ultimately, the curriculum team believes this, "science by doing" focus will be highly beneficial to our students, create stronger connections to standards, and provide a scope and sequence that will allow students to continue to build on their science knowledge through their formative and middle school years. This is exciting news. We also have the annual list of high school graduates for your consideration, as well as a request for Ken Kubistek to attend the national history day competition in Washington DC in June.

1. K-8 Science Resource Update - Elevate Science - SAVVAS
2. 2024 graduating students
3. Ken Kubistek to attend National History Day competition in Washington, DC.

Admin Content

Attachments needed for SAVAAS and Graduation list

Administrative File Attachments

[History Day Finals DC.pdf \(455 KB\)](#)

[5.6.24 Science Curriculum Review Form .pdf \(181 KB\)](#)

[Elevate Science Modules Pacing and Content Guide.pdf \(19,804 KB\)](#)

[Elevate Science Elementary Scope and Sequence.pdf \(1,119 KB\)](#)

[Elevate Science Modules Pacing and Content Guide.pdf \(19,804 KB\)](#)

[savvas modules and topics grades 6 7 8.xlsx \(14 KB\)](#)

[Seniors Diploma List for Central - Class of 2024.pdf \(85 KB\)](#)

Subject

G. Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting

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Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Finally, we will be asking for your approval of the minutes:

1. Study Session Minutes: March 4, 2024, April 8, 2024
2. Regular Voting Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2024, April 15, 2024

Administrative File Attachments

[March 4 2024 Study Session Meeting.pdf \(216 KB\)](#)
[March 11 2024 Regular Voting Meeting.pdf \(279 KB\)](#)
[April 8 Study Session Meeting Minutes.pdf \(221 KB\)](#)
[April 15 Regular Voting Meeting Minutes.pdf \(1,555 KB\)](#)

5. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Subject	A. Guidelines for Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Items
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Type	Information

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	A. Adjourn the Meeting
Meeting	

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Category	6. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Thank you for your attendance at the May study session. We appreciate your support of the Riverview School District. Meeting is adjourned at: **9:40pm**