

Study Session / Student Life Committee

September 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Remote Access via ZOOM
as a result of necessity due to coronavirus pandemic sanctions

In attendance: N. English, L. Ashbaugh, J. Hurt-Robinson, M. McClure, A. Loeffler, M. Pallone, J. Miller, B. Hawk, J. Chaparro, T. Schaaf, T. Good, F. Muscante, D. Zolkowski, E. Hewitt, C. Monroe, R. Rizzo, A. Pater, D. Engen, W. Wilton, T. Abraham, additional unnamed residents

Announcements

- Student Action Network Brief Update
- Athletic Update – Mario
- Flexible Instructional Day (FID) application acceptance – 3-year acceptance through 22-23 school year
- Technology Update
- Riverview Educational Foundation Membership Drive
- AMPCO—Pittsburgh Charitable Foundation
- PARSS Membership (Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools)

Dr. English introduced Ms. Tanaeja Sheffey, from the newly founded Student Action Network to discuss the purpose of the student organization, as well as provide an update on the current status of the organization.

Following the discussion, Dr. English asked Mr. Rometo to provide a brief update regarding the athletics department. Mr. Rometo discussed the status of sports. All sports are in session, and games have begun. There is no current Covid cases, although some students had to quarantine based on travel and exposure. He discussed the status of transportation as well, saying that busing and social distancing are in effect, and transportation is going well. He mentioned that the coaches are following the strict protocols set forth on the sports and resocialization plan.

Dr. English explained to the Board that the FID application had been accepted by PDE. This three-year acceptance permits the district the use of five flexible instructional days. Under this approval, snow days and emergency days will be completed virtually through at-home learning.

Mr. Rizzo provided the board with a brief update from the technology department. Mr. Rizzo mentioned that devices are in the hands of all students and families that need them. There are times when the Microsoft servers have been slow, but they have improved. There are times when technology has had glitches, but they seem to be improving. Mr. Rizzo discussed having the Seesaw application up and running for all teachers K-6, as well as the Insync site for teachers in math. He discussed on Friday, September 18, the Clever application will be up and running and delivered to each student for easy access to applications.

Additionally, Dr. English shared information regarding the importance of the Riverview Educational Foundation. Since 2017, the REF has funded approximately \$115,000 in projects. The projects have supported students district-wide in all grades. The foundation is looking for support from district parents and community members. They have asked that interested individuals join them on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 via Zoom at 6:30 pm. They are looking for ideas and energy. Please attend and spread the word.

Dr. English mentioned that the Ampco-Pittsburgh Charitable Foundation has sent a donation to the REF in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for the students of Riverview School District for Pandemic Relief, and is being designated to Mr. Rizzo to assist the District IT needs related to the pandemic. We would like to thank the REF and Ampco-Pittsburgh Charitable Foundation for their generous support.

Lastly, Dr. English mentioned that Riverview has joined the PA Association of Rural and Small Schools. This allows us to have a voice in Harrisburg and partner with small schools throughout the Commonwealth, along with providing legislative updates, job posting capabilities, staff development opportunities, and school board retreats to name a few. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Good for VEBH Introduction.

Presentation

VEBH – Dan Engen

Mr. Engen did a presentation to explain the 5 year construction plan and discussed the potential projects for summer 2021. His goal is to have bids out in December.

Discussion/Review of Potential Motions for Approval for Regular Voting Meeting

Personnel

- Supplementals:
 - Academic
 - Athletic
- Substitutes
- Paraprofessional – Resignations
- Assistant Principal Update

Dr. English reviewed the personnel items scheduled to appear on the voting meeting agenda. Academic supplemental approvals will include Tenth Street Safety Coordinator, Ecology, Raiderettes, and Yearbook to name a few. Also included for approval will be a number of fall athletics (golf, volleyball, cross country, boys and girls soccer and Jr. High soccer) along with a number of athletic event workers.

We received two paraprofessional resignations, with one being a 5.5 hour contracted employee. This was posted internally and will be filled via seniority. The posting is set to expire on September 16.

Dr. English also shared that from a pool of over 70 candidates, interview teams consisting of teachers, administrators, and board members have settled on a candidate. Final details are being worked out and we hope to have the candidate ready for the voting meeting on September 21st.

Student Life

- Swimming Approval

Dr. English explained that we have received the annual request for one of our students to represent us. This will be the student's last year as she is currently a senior.

Board Governance

- Budgetary Outline-Booster-VPTO
- Small Games of Chance

Dr. English explained that over the next few months we will be receiving budgetary outlines from our booster groups. We will also be preparing resolutions permitting the groups to apply for a Small Games of Chance license through the County.

Agreements/Contracts:

- **Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf** – Para - The letter of agreement with WPSD is for 1:1 para services. Tuition for the WPSD was approved previously.
- **Southwood Psychiatric Hospital** – The Southwood agreement is being presented should it be needed.
- **Memorandums of Understanding M2021-001 and 002** - Both MOU's are with the teacher's union and are included in everyone's packets. These address specific needs in regard to online "live" instruction and professional development agreements for teachers on leaves.

- **Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee Elected Officers** - Information regarding the elected officers for the Eastern Area Board will be presented for approval. We will vote on 2 resolutions – Resolution 2021-001 is our resolution stating that our ballot with them will be completed by mail. Resolution 2021-002 is our vote for the elected officers. This motion will be done by ROLL CALL vote.
- **Soccer Agreement (Potential)** – Creekside Park – We discussed this agreement at the last study session, and this is simply a yearly agreement that Riverview makes with Creekside Park for sports practices.

Business/Finance:

- Pay Apps
- Transportation Update
- Tax Revenue Update
- Charter School Update

Ms. Good presented the board with the real estate collections and earned income collections for the month ending August as well as a look into the first two weeks of September. Real estate collections looked strong. EIT was lacking but not to the extreme predicted by Pasbo.

In addition, enrollment was discussed, which is currently 910. There was a discussion regarding a comparison of home schooled, charter school, outside placements and secondary parochial school students compared to 19-20. Currently there are no spikes and most have decreased as of September 10. We will continue to watch.

Ms. Good then presented the board with a brief update on transportation and the bumps due to COVID, along with an update on meal distribution, which has reverted back to SSO. Additionally, she explained that SSO was good for revenue, but also good as a means to continue feeding kids again should there be a need to close schools again due to COVID.

Ms. Good mentioned that the pay apps were final minus some retainage. She invited all to visit the maker space at Verner – It is beautiful. We are still waiting on furniture.

Student Life Committee Update

Mrs. Schaaf presented the remaining student life topics, including a recap of the Student Action Network, a student group consisting of students with the goal of analyzing the student code of conduct and certain school curricula, and create opportunities to address issues of race and equity. She also discussed working with the high school to create additional opportunities for students in regard to the benchmark activities for high school students including homecoming and senior night.

Committee Updates

Finance – Dr. McClure, Mr. Hawk

- Cost per student at 27K
- The need to hire a new business employee in central office

Safety – Dr. Pallone

- No report

Marketing – Mrs. Chaparro

- Shared the marketing communications report

Forbes – Dr. Loeffler

- Update on numbers of students

Eastern Area and Legislative – Ms. Miller

- HB2797 – Sports and the Governor's Veto, and ability to override the veto
- Science Standards in legislative

Education – Mrs. Hurt-Robinson

- Technology Update with Mr. Rizzo
- Software deployment – Seesaw and Clever

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.