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**Riverdale School Board
Work Study
Monday, August 19, 2019, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Riverdale Grade School Commons**

In Attendance

Member Carrie Spurlock; Cindy Duley; Jim Schlachter; Joanna Tobin; Joe Prats; John Bogaty; Megan Ticer

Not In Attendance

Member Carrie Banks; Michelle Janke; Paula Robinson; Rob Pridemore

1. Call to Order

Director Bogaty called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Board Training Debrief

Superintendent Schlachter opened the floor for the board to review highlights from the August 12th Board Retreat.

Director Prats stated that the legislative highlights were helpful especially in regards to the Student Success Act. Director Prats was also appreciative of the review of ADMW and how state school funding is calculated. Director Prats also mentioned that the Strategic Plan breakout was helpful as well. He further gave kudos to the Riverdale Business Manager, Cindy Duley.

Director Spurlock said that the Strategic Plan breakout and review was helpful.

Director Bogaty said that the review of the Board/ Superintendent Working Agreement was helped to delineate what the board's authority and responsibility actually is.

Superintendent Schlachter mentioned that it was helpful that most of the Riverdale Cabinet was at the retreat this year.

4. Preschool Program Review

Superintendent Schlachter presented an overview of the Riverdale Preschool program. Barbara Lamb, Riverdale preschool teacher, was present. Please see Powerpoint for details.

Director Bogaty asked for some comparable data, specifically what is the student to teacher ratio with our competitors?

Principal Tobin answered that it is consistent with Riverdale's 6 to 1 ratio. What varies is the structure of the program.

Director Prats mentioned that the Foundation does not historically communicate to the preschool population as strongly as they do to k-12 parents. This could be something for Foundation to think about.

Director Spurlock asked if it is first come first serve for preschool enrollment?

Principal Tobin answered yes. It is aligned with needs for k-12 enrollment, however priority is not given to residents.

Director Spurlock asked how many kids go on to Riverdale from the preschool program?

Principal Tobin answered that not very many leave for another program.

Director Bogaty stated that the board initially thought about using the Riverdale Preschool as a pathway to enrollment. Director Bogaty also wanted to review staff tuition requirements.

Superintendent Schlachter said that if there is a tuition increase, the board needs to announce the change by October.

Director Spurlock asked whether it was advisable to increase the full 20% in one year, or do it gradually?

Director Bogaty commented that he would love to get some public comment about this issue.

Director Spurlock asked that a metric be created for the cost per instructional hour.

Director Spurlock asked what Barbara Lamb's thoughts on blended preschool classroom versus one classroom per age group?

Barbara Lamb responded that it depends. The big kids can act like an example for the younger kids on how to do things. When kids are grouped by age, you are able to dig a bit deeper with skills.

5. Policy BFC Adoption and Revision of Policies

Superintendent Schlachter discussed the role and reasons for reviewing and updating school policies. Riverdale, like most school districts, pays OSBA (Oregon School Board Association) to evaluate our policies. This process ensures the district that Riverdale's policies are legally sound. We follow current recommended language from OSBA as a default.

Director Spurlock asked how other districts manage the review?

Superintendent Schlachter responded that it is not uncommon for a district to have OSBA do a two year review of policy for a fee. This process is very time consuming for the board, and includes a subcommittee that meets regularly.

Director Bogaty suggested setting a goal to review and update a certain number of policies each year.

Superintendent Schlachter said that a goal of two policies per meeting would be reasonable.

Director Spurlock liked the idea of updating a certain amount each meeting.

6. Adjourn

Director Bogaty adjourned the meeting at 5:30PM.