



## MINUTES

**Riverdale School Board  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, August 19, 2019, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Riverdale Grade School Commons**

### In Attendance

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

### Not In Attendance

Member Michelle Janke; Paula Robinson; Rob Pridemore

#### 1. Call to Order

Director Bogaty called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

#### 2. Roll Call

Director Banks attended the meeting over the phone.

#### 3. Approve Meeting Agenda

Director Prats made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

Director Prats made a motion to pass the Consent Agenda. Director Spurlock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Riverdale School District Foundation Report

There was nothing to report.

#### 6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Schlachter gave an overview of the Riverdale Grade School playground project. It is in progress, and the swings, climbing wall, and bark chips will be installed before school starts on September 3rd.

He announced that the high school lighting project is 90% finished.

Superintendent Schlachter stated that there are still a few staffing roles to fill before school starts. There will be a personnel update in September once everything is finalized.

New Staff will be on campus on Monday, August 26th for New Hire Orientation. On August 27th, all staff officially report to their campuses, and Non-Licensed staff will meet in the morning. They will be given the Non-Licensed Staff Handbook.

Wednesday, August 28th is Convocation, which serves as a way for all Riverdale School District staff to interact and be informed. There will be a barbeque lunch hosted by the school board

Thursday and Friday, August 29th and 30th are regular work days.

#### 7. Presentations

#### 8. Information Items

##### 1. Student Success Act Overview

Superintendent Schlachter reviewed the Student Success Act with the board.

Director Bogaty asked what the dollar amount would be for Riverdale.

Superintendent Schlachter responded that it would be approximately \$400,000-\$500,000.

Cindy Duley mentioned that the District may need to set up a separate fund for this money in order to effectively manage it.

Superintendent Schlachter said that the state is pushing hard for an inclusive public process on how this money is spent.

Director Bogaty asked what the process is to get the funding every year? Is it one time money or is it ongoing money?

There will be an initial planning year followed by a roll out year. The assumption is that this funding is long term, but the rules and the application guides will shift. Cindy Duley indicated that the set up is similar to the state school fund, which is in monthly installments.

Director Bogaty asked if the funds anticipate adding a position, when does the hire?

Superintendent Schlachter stated that it will coincide with the budget calendar and processes.

## 2. Preliminary Enrollment Report

Hilary Chandler presented her report on enrollment:

There has been flux this summer and it is still very fluid right now. There are a few families that still need to provide proof of residency. Things are starting to slow down as school approaches, though.

Director Bogaty asked what the low grade at the grade school is this year?

Hilary Chandler responded that it is 2nd grade, however, they picked up the numbers from last year. The grade school is up by ten students this year compared to last year. She indicated that she will review numbers with the board in September when they become more solid.

Director Prats asked if enrollment numbers are down for kids going from 8th to 9th?

Hilary Chandler responded that 36 of the 54 8th grade students (67%) are coming up to the high school. She stated that this is still a good percentage, historically.

Director Bogaty clarified that we have 648 students and we estimated for 640.

Director Spurlock asked if having smaller class numbers in the lower grades is intentional?

Hilary Chandler responded that this is intentional.

Director Spurlock asked what the size of the waiting list for preschool is?

Hilary Chandler responded that it is not a large wait list. In the Spring it was in the 20s.

Director Prats stated that last year's resident Freshmen numbers were 28. This year that number dropped to 20.

Hilary Chandler said that was an unusual drop, and the reasons for not continuing with Riverdale were varied.

Hilary Chandler also stated that the interest in Riverdale is mostly generated by word of mouth, and not necessarily through advertising. Most students who transfer or pay tuition learn about Riverdale from families that actually attend our school.

Director Bogaty stated that a push from social media would be helpful in this area.

## 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 10. Action Items

### 1. 1st Reading: Preschool Tuition Discussion

Superintendent Schlachter reminded the board that tuition is annually looked at in September. Superintendent Schlachter recommended that the board consider increases to the preschool tuition for the 2020-21 school year.

Director Bogaty stated that in order for the preschool to break even, the board would need to consider increasing tuition 15%-20% for the 2020-21 school year.

Please see attachments for comparables.

### 2. 1st and 2nd Reading: Board Leadership

Director Spurlock nominated Director Bogaty to serve as Board Chair. Director Prats seconded the motion. Director Spurlock nominated Director Prats to serve as Vice-Chair. Director Banks seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.

3. 1st and 2nd Reading: Organizational Resolution

Director Prats made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-01. Director Spurlock seconded the motion. Chair Bogaty asked if Riverdale is committed to our current auditors? He asked if the board would consider other auditors in January 2020?

Cindy Duley confirmed that we are committed to our current auditors for the rest of the year.

The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Board Reports and Requests**

There was nothing to report.

**12. District Leadership Team Reports**

1. Riverdale Grade School

Principal Tobin announced that Kristin Snook, 1st grade teacher, has resigned. Interviews were conducted, and she has strong candidate who accepted today.

She also announced that Devon Halvorson, grade school Educational Assistant, has resigned.

Principal Tobin also announced that they are still looking to fill a short term sub need in 2nd grade.

In terms of professional development, she met with grade school CES facilitators today for planning. The focus is still on Restorative Justice. They also spent a lot of time looking at student achievement and student needs.

Chair Bogaty asked if the 1st grade offer was accepted?

Principal Tobin said yes.

2. Riverdale High School

Principal Robinson was not in attendance.

**13. Announcements**

The minutes from the June 17th meeting need to reflect Director Prat's attendance.

Director Banks made a motion to make a change to the minutes to reflect Director Prat's attendance.

Chair Bogaty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. September 9th, 2019 Work Study Meeting Riverdale Grade School Commons 4:30PM

2. September 23rd, 2019 Work Study Meeting Riverdale Grade School Commons 4:30PM

3. September 23rd, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting Riverdale Grade School Commons 6:00PM

**14. Adjourn**

Chair Bogaty adjourned the meeting at 7:08PM.