

**REAVIS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 220
6034 WEST 77TH STREET, BURBANK, ILLINOIS 60459
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
LIBRARY**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The following Board Members were physically present at the meeting:

Ted Arnold
James Brodinski
Andrea Creger, Vice President
Steve Ficker
Russell McKinley, President
Ruben Moreno
Linda O'Dowd, Secretary

Also Present: Eric Novak, Chief School Business Official
Julie A. Schultz, Principal
Eileen M. Jastrzebowski, Student Services Director
Erika Banick, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Thomas Witting, Activities Director
Students & Community Members

Also present via web-conference:

Daniel J. Riordan, Ed.D., Superintendent

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Public Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2021.

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: R. Moreno
Aye: J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O'Dowd, T. Arnold
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Doris Trinidad – Parent has questions regarding COVID-19 quarantine procedures. She is asking if the Board plans to follow the guidance from Health Department.

Dr. Riordan stated he will contact Ms. Trinidad directly to discuss her questions and/or concerns.

4. COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES

There was no *Facility Requests* at this meeting.

5. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

A. Approved to participate in the FY2022 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant Application to secure funding for paving improvements.

Motion: L. O’Dowd
Second: A. Creger

Mr. Novak reminded the Board that two years ago Reavis applied for a Maintenance grant for rooftop units. It is a dollar for dollar match up to \$50,000. Last month the bid was approved for the paving project. The application is to seek reimbursement up to \$50,000 for that project.

Aye: A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

B. Financial Statements dated August 31, 2021.

Motion: J. Brodinski
Second: R. Moreno
Aye: S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

C. Payment of Bills for September, 2021.

Motion: A. Creger
Second: S. Ficker
Aye: R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

6. TRAVEL

There were no *Travel Requests* at this meeting.

7. PERSONNEL

A. Approved the hire of Mr. Joseph Lorusso, Full-Time Substitute, effective September 8, 2021.

Motion: L. O’Dowd
Second: R. McKinley
Aye: R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

B. Approved the following sponsor positions, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Stacie Scheiner	Diversity Club
Mr. Adam Zawada	Leo Club
Ms. Katie Glenn	Co-Sponsor - Future Teachers of America
Mr. Jake Juracka	Co-Sponsor - Future Teachers of America
Mr. Patrick Kustok	Co-Sponsor - eSports Club
Mr. Anthony Pape	Co-Sponsor – eSports Club

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: R. Moreno
Aye: L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

C. Approved Ms. Kaitlyn Moylan, Volunteer Cheer Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: A. Creger
Aye: T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

D. Approved Ms. Kim Zaucha, Volunteer Softball Coach, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: A. Creger
Second: L. O’Dowd
Aye: J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

- E. Approved request for an intermittent leave of absence according to the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act for Ms. Laurie Schoenfeld, Teacher, beginning September 22, 2021 through October 29, 2021.

Motion: R. Moreno
Second: S. Ficker
Aye: A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

- F. Approved the resignation of Ms. Latricia Alonzo, Cafeteria Staff, effective September 24, 2021.

Motion: J. Brodinski
Second: A. Creger
Aye: S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no *Old Business* at this meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approved first reading of updated and new School Board Policies as presented.

Motion: L. O’Dowd
Second: S. Ficker

Dr. Riordan stated this is quarterly update. Adding most being updates and a few new policies for school code or new laws.

Aye: R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

- B. THIS ITEM IS INFORMATIONAL ONLY – NO ACTION NECESSARY. The Physical Education, CTE & Fine Arts Department will be disposing of two (2) Life Fitness 93si Isotrack Climbing Systems that are no longer functioning.

10. CATEGORICAL REPORTS

- A. Student Reports – Principal Schultz introduced Ms. Shahad Abdelsalam, student, from the Principal’s Voice Team. Shahad has been a member of the PVT team for 3 years.

Ms. Abdelsalam's report - Good Evening, I am Shahad Abdelsalam and I am a 3-year member of the Principal's Voices Team. I am here to provide you with a summary of the first PVT meeting that was held September 1st; as well as to inform you about upcoming events that support Self-Care, Attendance Matters, and Suicide Awareness Month.

Members from all grade levels met to discuss the priority topics for the first semester. Mental health and inclusivity will be a focus. September is Self-Care Month and Suicide Awareness Month. We are encouraging students to get involved in the events.

- Ms. Ahern has been hosting Mindful Puzzles in the library before and after school and during homerooms.
- Today from 2:45-3:45 the **Kindness Rocks** event with Principal Schultz was held in the Senior Courtyard; students were invited to create positive rock messages.
- Next Wednesday, September 29 students and staff will wear purple and teal to support Suicide Awareness. More information will be posted soon.
- Our behavioral health team and health classes are teaming up to do the annual depression and suicide screener in our health and pe classes.
- PE and health classes will be hosting mindful activities this month.
- The Student and Staff Stretch will conclude the month. The routine is classroom friendly and designed for all abilities.

Our school theme is Rams WILL and through the Principal voices we will encourage students to participate in our events and support each other on our journey to improve mental health awareness and inclusivity at Reavis High School.

The next Principal's Voices Team meeting will be held in October.

- B. Administration – Mr. Novak reminded that the annual audit is still ongoing. He is anticipating the need for an extension passed the October date. He plans to present the audit to the Board in November.

Mr. Novak that the activity bus that has been purchased and delayed is set to be on campus tomorrow. At that time, the 2 with expired leases will be removed from the lot.

Principal Schultz reported on the following:

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 12. The parent and teacher surveys that were sent out following the spring parent teacher conferences assisted us in a few adjustments to the fall schedule. Conferences will consist of a hybrid approach that includes both virtual and in-person appointments. Parents will receive directions for signup in the upcoming days.

PLC team time will discuss questions related to final exams. Teams will discuss the purpose of your final exam, the best format (essay, portfolio, project, test, etc.) for your common course team's final exam, and how much should the final exam be weighted?

Principal Schultz extended a sincere thank you to students, parents, and Reavis staff for a strong start to the school year. Our school spirit, participation, and engagement has been extraordinary. Their involvement and support are greatly appreciated.

Ms. Jastrzebowski stated that this being Suicide & Depression month the SSD Behavioral Health team is pushing into the Health classes to screen students. This is done twice a year. Last year the freshman was able to access the screening from Erika's Lighthouse online. The

feedback from teachers and students is they preferred the Erika's Lighthouse compared to the organization used in the past.

Lastly, Ms. Jastrzebowski shared that herself and Ms. Jooste are working with Mr. Luis Alvarez, a 2004 Reavis graduate, who owns his own constructions company and is interested in giving back to the community. Mr. Alvarez will teach and mentor students who want to work in the trades. The program is in the very early stages.

Also, September 30th, Reavis will be conducting the mandated active shooter drill. It will be a modified version to be empathetic to students in the building for the first time.

Ms. O'Malley began by stating she had reports from all four divisions to share.

Special Education: IEP meetings are in full swing. We will schedule 300+ meetings this year. The goal this year is to create a more collaborative environment in the meetings and to include more parent and student participation and input. The initial meetings have been very successful.

ELL: The first of four bilingual parent meetings were held last week via Zoom. Thanks to Ms. Krystyna Nasinska and Dr. Erika Banick for creating an informative and engaging agenda for these important meetings.

Humanities: Reavis will be hosting the Seal of Biliteracy test on Tuesday, October 12. It will be held the morning of Parent/Teacher conferences; it's a non-attendance day for students, so they will not have to miss any class time if they choose to test. We have 178 students who are eligible to test based on their ACCESS or SAT scores from last spring, and those students were notified about their eligibility today.

PE: Aligned with September's Suicide Prevention Month, tomorrow all Physical Education classes will be watching a short self-care video, receiving resources about mindfulness, and participating in a guided meditation. Health classes will be working with the BHT team in the next few weeks, to bring Erika's Lighthouse, into all of our health classes.

The Science PLCs are making great progress in updating curricula, as well as the development of assessments aligned to the curricula. The Biology team is currently in the middle of a curriculum overhaul, including alignment to NGSS, and common assessments are being developed for all Chemistry and Physical Science courses.

In math, teacher Ms. LoVerde is starting to analyze SAT data, question by question, and will use this information to develop a robust plan for our SAT prep program.

Mr. Witting began by thanking the Board for approving the new sponsor positions on the agenda this evening.

Mr. Witting also outlined the remaining Homecoming activities for the week.

Dr. Riordan concluded the meeting by informing Ms. Trinidad that he will contact her directly to discuss her concerns.

C. Teachers Union – No Report

A. Support Staff Union – No Report

B. Maintenance Union – No Report

C. Board Reports – No Report

11. CLOSED SESSION

Enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2, to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, dismissal or evaluation of personnel, contract negotiations, possible or imminent litigation, resident delegate concern, student disciplinary issues, and held recommendations with any required action taken in open session.

No action necessary as the Board did not enter into *Closed Session*.

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:29 p.m.
Motion: T. Arnold
Second: A. Creger
Aye: R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

Signed and approved this 19th day of October, 2021.

President

Secretary