

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Organizational Meeting of the Riverview Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Superintendent Pickell in the Council Chambers at Riverview City Hall, 14100 Civic Park Drive, Riverview, MI 48193.

The following members were present at roll call: Trustee Bohr, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Laura-Frazier, Trustee Davis, Trustee Dominski, Trustee Walker and Trustee Walter.

Also Present: Dr. Russell E. Pickell, Superintendent  
Cathy Rios, District Secretary

ITEM: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A-1

The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Board will be elected by a majority of the Board members elected and serving. The majority vote referenced means at least four (4) votes are required to be elected. Board officers are eligible for reelection to their office.

Trustee Bohr has volunteered to serve as Board **President**, Seconded by Trustee O'Brien.  
Roll call vote for Trustee Bohr as Board **President**:

Bohr	_____	Yes	_____
Davis	_____	Yes	_____
Dominski	_____	Yes	_____
Laura-Frazier	_____	Yes	_____
O'Brien	_____	Yes	_____
Walker	_____	Yes	_____
Walter	_____	Yes	_____

Congratulations President Bohr the election of officers is now turned over to you.

Trustee O'Brien has volunteered to serve as Board **Vice President**, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Roll call vote for Trustee O'Brien as Board **Vice President**:

Bohr	_____	Yes	_____
Davis	_____	Yes	_____
Dominski	_____	Yes	_____
Laura-Frazier	_____	Yes	_____
O'Brien	_____	Yes	_____
Walker	_____	Yes	_____
Walter	_____	Yes	_____

Congratulations Vice-President O'Brien.

Trustee Davis has volunteered to serve as Board **Treasurer**, seconded by Vice President O'Brien. Roll call vote for Trustee Davis as Board **Treasurer**:

Bohr	Yes
Davis	Yes
Dominski	Yes
Laura-Frazier	Yes
O'Brien	Yes
Walker	Yes
Walter	Yes

Congratulations **Treasurer** Davis.

Trustee Walker has volunteered to serve as Board **Secretary**, seconded by Trustee Laura-Frazier. Roll call vote for Trustee Walker as Board **Secretary**:

Bohr	Yes
Davis	Yes
Dominski	Yes
Laura-Frazier	Yes
O'Brien	Yes
Walker	Yes
Walter	Yes

Congratulations **Secretary** Walker.

Matt Domininski has also volunteered to be Liaison to the Riverview City Council.

**PRESENTATION:** Nancy Holloway spoke on behalf of Howard Berlin to honor Karen Sabuda and her almost 30 -years of service with the District as Speech Pathologist in our Special Education Department.

#### **GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS**

There were two people addressing the Board of Education at this time.

#### **A-2 – ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Moved by Trustee Laura-Frazier and supported by Secretary Walker that the Riverview Board of Education approves the Agenda for the January 29, 2019 Organizational Meeting.

Yeas: Bohr, Davis, Dominski, Laura- Frazier, O'Brien, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **A-3 - APPROVAL OF CONSENT GROUPING**

Moved by Vice President O'Brien and supported by Treasurer Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education approves the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting, check registers, expense reports and Designate Meeting Schedule as all contained in the Consent Grouping.

Yeas: Bohr, Davis, Dominski, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**STUDENT LIAISON REPORT:** Mackenzie McMahon gave a summary of current and upcoming events.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/LEGISLATIVE REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Superintendent Pickell indicated that we are just getting the new legislative year underway and finally have the benefit of having kind of a split-party system. We had eight straight years of total Republican control with a fast and furious legislation cycle. Now that we have a Governor with veto powers things are going to go a lot slower because they now have to be agreed upon as opposed to being railroaded through. At the State of the State Address, the Governor is going to focus on the two major components of our State and that is fixing the roads and fixing our education system. She will be highlighting the work of the school finance committee and using that as a pilot so that we start restoring and providing appropriate school funding for our students in the State of Michigan.

The Superintendent was happy to report that our first semester of Early College was completed. For that semester, 45 Juniors received full credit in their Speech and Psychology classes and 31 Seniors received full credit in their English and Political Science classes. This puts us on pace that for this year we will have 31 Seniors that will be graduating Riverview High School with 12 college credits that can be applied toward any program in the State of Michigan. If these 45 Juniors continue next year they will be leaving with 29 college credits. This tuition is paid for basically by the District and is a program that we are very happy to have implemented and look to see grow in the future. Having discussions with various Superintendents around the state and around the country, this is something that many are pushing for. We are looking for the balance of our Career Tech program for the certification as well and we are going to continue to highlight those roads and make sure our students are leaving with the best preparation possible for their next endeavor.

### **A-4 –BUDGET AMENDMENT #1, 2018-2019**

Moved by Secretary Walker and supported by Trustee Laura-Frazier that the Riverview Board of Education adopts Budget Amendment #1 for the 18/19 School year as attached.

Yeas: Bohr, Davis, Dominski, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A-5 – DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION**

Moved by Trustee Laura-Frazier and supported by Trustee Dominski that the Riverview Board of Education adopts the attached Depository Resolution.

Yeas: Bohr, Davis, Dominski, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A-6 - RESOLUTION FOR INVESTMENT AUTHORITY**

Moved by Secretary Walker and supported by Vice President O'Brien that the Riverview Board of Education approves the attached Resolution for Investment Authority, authorizing the Director of Business and Finance and the Superintendent to make investments on behalf of the district.

Yeas: Bohr, Davis, Dominski, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A-7 – APPOINT ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTOR**

Moved by Vice President O'Brien and supported by Secretary Walker that the Riverview Board of Education appoints Siemens as the School District's Performance Contractor; and authorizes the Superintendent, with the support of the School District's Attorney, to negotiate and execute a performance contract between the School District and Siemens at a cost not to exceed \$2,000,000; and further that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or designee to solicit and accept responses for proposals for the financing of the Project; and to negotiate, secure and execute final rate and terms.

Yeas: Bohr, Davis, Dominski, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GUEST AND VISITOR COMMENTS**

There weren't any people addressing the Board of Education at this time.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRESENTED BY BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING WHICH NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN**

Trustee Laura-Frazier announced her resignation as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. After much discussion with her family, she has decided to take another path career-wise as well as other things with her family. She has served in education for seven years and comes from a family with a background in education. Knowing that she wanted to do something with her passion for children and education her husband suggested she run for school board, actually pulling her petition, and she did. She reminisced about her first election and being the highest-ranking candidate.

Trustee Laura-Frazier thanked the community and the voters, teachers and administrators and Dr. Pickell for allowing her to serve on this Board. This would have been her 10<sup>th</sup> year, telling Vice President O'Brien that he is now the senior board member. To our newly elected, Trustee Dominski and Trustee Walter, she advised them to always vote with your heart as far as what is the best for our students. It is not always easy but she remembers the first time she voted with her heart and it wasn't the popular vote, being the only one to vote no. Going home crying and calling her father who had served on a board for 20 years, he said she did the right thing. He said that if you always vote for what is best for the district and best for the students you will never fail. That is her number one word of advice.

Dr. Pickell told Trustee Laura-Frazier that she has always been very solid in her convictions and has always been there in the best interest of the kids. She has been on this board during some very difficult times including failed bond attempts, though finally we have a successful one. He knows that she is going to keep in touch with us to see how our progress is moving. The Superintendent feels a little bit disappointed that she is leaving but he is very happy for her and for her new adventures. Dr. Pickell said that Trustee Laura-Frazier has been a tremendous asset to this community and this Board and he thanked her for that service. In her 9 years of service, Trustee Laura-Frazier has served in every capacity and every office. She has been the President, Vice President, Treasurer multiple times and the Secretary and she has done a fantastic job of serving with distinction. He wishes her all the best and thanked her once again for what she has provided for all of us.

Vice President O'Brien thanked Trustee Laura-Frazier for the example that she set. They went through a lot of difficult times over the years they served together. He commented that she has always conducted herself very professionally even when there wasn't always agreement. She always had an open mind and deliberated the facts and when she voted a different way it was just done with the most professionalism. He thanked her and commented that the other board members should take note of that example and follow the standard that she set. Vice President O'Brien wished Trustee Laura-Frazier all the best to where life is taking her and her family and knows she will be successful due to her strong work ethic.

Trustee Dominski was talking to Mrs. Meli about Safe Schools and suggested that maybe someone from the Board could attend those meetings. President Bohr agreed and said that it could be brought up at a future meeting.

President Bohr also thanked Trustee Laura-Frazier for her lengthy dedication and her board service over the last nine years. She is the longest serving board member and clearly having filled all board positions shows her leadership and dedication to her board service. If we were ever to have a Hall of Fame for board members Trustee Laura-Frazier would be a natural for the inaugural inductee. Serving the community with professionalism and passion. She has kept at all time the interest and needs of the children first and foremost. President Bohr wished Trustee Laura-Frazier and her family the best in their future endeavors and said she will be missed.

President Bohr then presented Trustee Laura-Frazier with a gift from the Board of Education.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Laura-Frazier and supported by Vice President O'Brien that the January 29, 2019 Board of Education Organizational Meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Bohr, Davis, Dominski, Laura-Frazier, O'Brien, Walker, Wright

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Sheila Walker, Secretary  
Riverview Board of Education

Accepted February 26, 2019