

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.
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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

Absent: Linda O'Dowd, Secretary

Also Present: Daniel J. Riordan, Ed.D., Superintendent
Eric Novak, Chief School Business Official
Julie A. Schultz, Principal
Donald Erickson, NBCT, Director of Information & Educational Technology
Kelly O'Malley, Division Chair Math & Science
Students & Community Members

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022.

Motion: A. Creger
Second: R. Moreno
Aye: J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, T. Arnold
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

B. Closed Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022.

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: R. Moreno
Aye: A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

C. Special Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022.

Motion: R. Moreno
Second: S. Ficker
Aye: S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, J. Brodinski, A. Creger
Nay: None
Abstain: T. Arnold
Vote: 5-0-1

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Aryanna Mancilla addressed the Board regarding her concerns with vaping in school. Dr. Riordan told Ms. Mancilla that Principal Schultz will follow up with her regarding this matter.

Ms. Doris Trinidad addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the COVID mask mandate in school.

Ms. Mariyna Cklak also addressed the Board regarding that Reavis has not changed to mask optional. Stating that she understands Reavis was not named in the recent lawsuit in Illinois but she could begin a lawsuit if that is what is necessary to give students the choice.

Mr. Arthur Chruscik addressed the Board with his dissatisfaction of students being required to wear masks. Stating that his children will be coming to school tomorrow without masks.

4. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

A. Financial Statements dated January 31, 2022.

Motion: A. Creger
Second: R. Moreno
Aye: R. McKinley, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

B. Payment of Bills for the month of February, 2022.

Motion: J. Brodinski
Second: S. Ficker

Aye: R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

5. PERSONNEL

- A. Approved the approval of the following volunteer coaches, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Patrick Kustok	Baseball
Ms. Maeve Fahey	Girls'/Boys' Track
Mr. Dominick Strom	Girls'/Boys' Track
Mr. Marty Chappetto	Girls'/Boys' Track
Ms. Kimberly Zaucha	Softball

Motion: R. Moreno
Second: A. Creger
Aye: T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

- B. Approved request for an intermittent leave of absence according to the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act for Ms. Deborah Horan, Support Staff, beginning January 6, 2022 through July 6, 2022.

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: R. McKinley
Aye: J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, T. Arnold
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no *Old Business* at this meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Schedule a Special Board Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022 to discuss staffing needs for 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: J. Brodinski
Second: S. Ficker

Dr. Riordan reminded the Board that this is the meeting scheduled each year after students have signed up for their classes for the following year. Once the sections needed are reviewed, how many teachers to fill those sections will be determined.

The Special Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Aye: A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

8. CATEGORICAL REPORTS

A. Student Reports – No Reports

B. Administration – Principal Schultz reported on the following two items -

GIFT Sessions

We hosted GIFT Sessions (Great Idea for Teachers) for our faculty led by faculty on February 9 during our late start PLC team time. A special thanks to our teacher leaders Ms. Stacie Scheiner, Ms. Alex Mil, Ms. Kate Szczudlo, Mr. Jake Oswald, Ms. Theresa Zoltek-Kwak, Mr. Mike Gonzalez, Ms. Gina Winiecki, Ms. Grace Campe, Ms. Mary Claire Ahern, and Ms. Meg Madera. Topics included: Group Work for Socially Distanced Classrooms, Wrapping our Minds around Standards Based Grading, Rubrics, Top 5 Tips for Teaching ELs, Understanding the Function of Student Behavior, Tagging Essential Standards in Schoology.

Advisory Committee

A faculty meeting will be held to discuss the upcoming advisory period that will be implemented during the 2022-2023 school year. The advisory period will be four days per week, 30 minutes in length, and will be placed between 2nd and 3rd period Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. The purpose of the advisory period is to offer academic and behavioral intervention and enrichment opportunities for all students. The joint advisory committee has been meeting since the fall and have resulted in collaborative and productive outcomes. The late start presentation is a chance for all faculty to receive an update on the committee's progress and outline the work still to be completed. Faculty input will be asked through a survey following the presentation as well as several other steps including: training for staff, communications, additional meetings, building the scheduler, simulations of student placement in advisory periods, and organizing the alternative programs calendar.

Mr. Don Erickson reported that Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 8 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. As like first semester, parents will be able to sign up for either virtual or in-person appointments using PowerPTC software. An email invite went out to all parents on February 14 and as of February 15 118 parents have created accounts.

Ms. Kelly O'Malley reported on behalf of Humanities that there are 23 students retaking their Seal of Biliteracy test on Thursday. There are four sections on the test, and 20 of these students are only retesting in *one* section because that is the only section they need to earn this honor – so that's very exciting and we wish them luck on Thursday.

The freshman Reading for Mastery class will be starting their Lit. Fest projects soon. We'd like to thank our media specialist, Mary Claire Ahern, for all the work she's done to introduce new titles to these students. Ms. Ahern does monthly book talks with these classes and also created a website for students to use as they did their book search for this project. We are thankful to be able to purchase the books for each student through the Title I grant, as students will be able to annotate and keep their copies at the conclusion of the project. Lit.

Fest is scheduled for the first week of May, and Ms. Hanik will share more details later this semester.

Ms. O'Malley also reported on behalf of Physical Education that student safety is a consistent priority within the physical education department. At the end of January, PE teacher Ms. Sue Williams led two American Red Cross recertification courses for our PE department. All PE teachers and our dean, Ms. Jamie Johnson, successfully completed the online and in-person training and all physical education teachers have renewed their CPR and Lifeguard certification for the next two years.

On behalf of Science, Ms. O'Malley reported the Illinois Science Assessment will be administered on March 2nd and 9th this year. The ISA is a state-mandated exam, and every junior student will test on one of these two days. This exam is aligned with NGSS, and will consist of Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth & Space Science components. The junior class will soon be notified on which day they are scheduled.

Preparations are underway for our annual STEM Day. This year's event will be held on Thursday, April 28th and will include all students enrolled in our Physics courses. The last STEM Day was held nearly three years ago in the spring of '19, so I am especially excited for its return. One note is that the title of STEM Day has officially been changed to the Gerry Ayala STEM Day, to honor late, veteran School Board member, Mr. Gerardo Ayala. Mr. Ayala was a huge advocate of STEM Day since its inception– he was so proud of our students and this learning opportunity, and always made a point to express this– so it is only fitting that we continue to remember his infectious personality and support for STEM education in all future STEM Days.

Dr. Riordan began his report by stating how fitting that Ms. O'Malley concluded her report speaking of Mr. Ayala. Unfortunately, Mr. Ayala passed away in the summer 2020 while visiting family in Mexico. Dr. Riordan also acknowledged COVID was raging across our country but also across the globe. Although there was no documented cause of death, Dr. Riordan stated we cannot discount that it very well could have been that Mr. Ayala passed away from COVID. The reason Dr. Riordan brings up the passing of Mr. Ayala is that the past two years have been difficult on everyone from students, teachers, staff members and the School Board. Several staff members and students have lost loved ones to this virus over the last two years. Dr. Riordan understands that we are at a pivotal point that masks have become the main issue. He stated that he empathizes with people wanting to get back to a normalcy. As he stated before, Reavis will follow the legal and health department advice as it relates to mask wearing in the schools. Also, stating that he is aware of the ruling that was just released in the last couple of hours. Dr. Riordan is planning to contact the Reavis attorney tomorrow and consult with the School Board. Dr. Riordan concluded that he appreciates the trust the parents have put in the School Board and administrators to do what is fair, right and safe for staff and students.

- C. Teachers Union – No Report
- D. Support Staff Union – No Report
- E. Maintenance Union – No Report
- F. Board Reports – No Report

9. 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.

Time: 6:29 p.m.
Motion: A. Creger
Second: R. Moreno
Aye: S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Time: 7:44 p.m.
Motion: R. Moreno
Second: T. Arnold
Aye: R. McKinley, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

11. NEW BUSINESS

There were no motions brought up after *Closed Session*.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 7:45 p.m.
Motion: T. Arnold
Second: S. Ficker
Aye: R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley
Nay: None
Vote: 6-0

Signed and approved this 15th day of March, 2022.

President

Secretary