

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 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
Linda O'Dowd, Secretary

Also Present: Daniel J. Riordan, Ed.D., Superintendent
Julie A. Schultz, Principal
Victoria Schwarz, Ed.D., Director
Donald Erickson, NBCT, Director of Information & Educational Technology
Julie Jooste, Division Chair for PE, CTE & Fine Arts
Erika Banick, Ed.D., Director Curriculum & Student Assessment
Thomas Witting, Activities Director
Students & Community Member

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024.

Motion: J. Brodinski
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

B. Closed Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024.

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

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no *Audience Participation* during this meeting.

4. COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES

- A. Approved request by *Burbank American Little League* to use the North Gym for annual player evaluations on March 21, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

- B. Approved request by *Burbank American and Burbank National Little Leagues* to use the Driver's Education lot for parade line up, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 14, 2024.

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

5. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- A. Approved authorization to develop specifications and solicit bids for the potential demolition and reconstruction of the Reavis East building and property.

Motion: A. Creger
Second: R. Moreno

Dr. Riordan explained the approval of this motion will allow formal discussions to begin with the civil engineers about estimates. To either knock the entire building down or partial part of the building. The Board has toured the building and there have been discussions of different ideas but overall knocking at least 75-80%, if not the whole building, is where it seems to be headed. The gym, two washrooms and a classroom may be the part that would make sense to keep. Currently, the gym is being used by the dance team and the track throwers.

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

B. Financial Statements dated January 31, 2024.

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

C. Payment of Bills for the month of February, 2024.

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

6. TRAVEL

A. Approved request by Ms. Julie Jooste, Mr. Jake Juracka, Mr. James McDonough and Ms. Lindsay O'Donnell to attend the *National Work-Based Learning Conference* in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 1-3, 2024.

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

B. Approved request by Mr. Nicholas Bouhoutsos to attend the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) *Championship Basketball Clinic* in Las Vegas, Nevada from May 17-19, 2024.

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

C. Approved request by Reavis Band and Reavis Choir to travel to Nashville, Tennessee from October 11-15, 2024.

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: R. McKinley

Dr. Riordan asked Mr. Witting, Activities Director if the choir has accompanied the band on past trips. Mr. Witting responded this will be the third time the choir travels with the band.

Ms. Creger asked if the students perform while attending. Mr. Witting replied that they will perform and also will visit Vanderbilt University.

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

7. PERSONNEL

- A. Approved the resignation of Ms. Rosa Jutzi, Teacher, effective January 24, 2024.

Motion: J. Brodinski
Second: R. McKinley

Dr. Riordan stated Ms. Jutzi, Social Studies teacher, accepted a position at another district and her service to Reavis was appreciated. Dr. Riordan added that she was also a Reavis graduate and he wished her well in her new position.

Ms. O'Dowd asked how many years she has been at Reavis. Dr. Banick responded she was at Reavis for 11 years in different roles.

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

- B. Approved the hire of Ms. Patrycja Klocek, Teacher, for the 2nd semester of the 2023-2024 school year, effective January 17, 2024.

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: R. McKinley

Dr. Riordan stated that Ms. Klocek, also a Reavis graduate, is the hire to replace Ms. Jutzi. She has been in the classroom for a couple weeks. Ms. Klocek has previously been a full-time substitute.

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

- C. Approved the hire of Mr. Anthony Pape, eSports Head Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: S. Ficker
Second: R. Moreno

Dr. Riordan introduced Mr. Pape and Ms. Sarah Reynolds, assistant coach, who were present at the meeting. He thanked both coaches for their effort. The team has grown each year since it began a few years ago. There have already been 2 tournament champions. There was one coach position split between the two coaches. This item will add a head coach position. Dr. Riordan also added that an eSports room on the 2nd floor in the old tech wing is in the works.

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

- D. Consider the approval of the following volunteer coaches, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

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| Ms. Maeve Fahey | Boys' & Girls' Track & Field |
| Ms. Jessica Gomez | Badminton |
| Mr. Robert Tengstrand | Badminton |
| Mr. Thomas Riordan | Baseball |

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

- E. Approved request for a leave of absence according to the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act for Ms. Bianca Santoyo, Teacher, beginning January 16, 2024 through February 15, 2024.

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

- F. Approved request for a leave of absence according to the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act for Mr. Michael Gotsch, Maintenance Staff, beginning February 5, 2024 through February 19, 2024.

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

- G. Approved the resignation of Mr. Bryan Mazurek, Maintenance Staff, effective February 19, 2024.

Motion: R. Moreno
Second: S. Ficker

Dr. Riordan stated that Mr. Mazurek has been doing a great job but has been given a great opportunity and he will be moving. The open position has already been posted.

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

- H. Approved the retirement request of Mr. Timothy DeBow, Maintenance Staff, effective February 12, 2028.

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Approved second and final reading of updated and new School Board Policies, as presented.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Approved scheduling a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss staffing needs for 2024-2025 school year.

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

10. CATEGORICAL REPORTS

A. Student Reports – No Report

B. Administration –

Ms. Jooste, Division Chair for PE, CTE & Fine Arts

On behalf of the Humanities Department, 2nd testing session for students pursuing the Seal of Biliteracy will be next Thursday, February 29. We have 38 students registered for this session, and Ms. Hanik will report out final biliteracy award numbers for the entire Class of 2024 later this semester.

We are currently celebrating World Languages Week with a number of different events throughout the week. We invite everyone to participate via dress days, and tomorrow is Represent Your Culture. In addition to that, our Spanish and French classes enjoy a variety of special events, including things like cultural craft days and the World Language Olympics that

our upper level students help to produce for our level 1 students, and that is taking place during classes this Friday.

Principal Schultz

We prioritized attendance and behavior expectations immediately at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Our collaborative efforts from the halls to the classrooms have resulted in tremendous improvement.

Last semester I met with 79 students from Spring 2023 who accumulated 50+ tardies; these students were considered Tier III for attendance. Tier III students consist of approximately 5-10% of our student enrollment and have intense needs related to attendance. The students and I met once a month and set goals. I am happy to report 79/79 students improved their tardies for Fall 2023—not one student had more than 50 total tardies! In addition, 34/79 students (43%) moved to Tier I (10 or less tardies for the semester).

I am now meeting with the students from Fall 2023 who had 50+ tardies (13 students). We will be meeting once a month to monitor and provide support for their on-time arrival to class and school.

I am currently meeting with the Tier III students from the Fall of 2023. I will continue to meet with the 20 students throughout this semester.

Dr. Schwarz, Director of Support Services

On Tuesday, March 5th, the Counseling department will host Junior Parent Night from 6-7. Our College and Career Counselor, Lindsay O'Donnell, will also be hosting individual FAFSA completion workshops with the assistance of a Spanish-speaking ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) representative with our parents.

The Behavioral Health Team will host the Parent University this year during Parent Teacher Conferences on March 5th, promoting mental health awareness. This film program is designed to raise anxiety awareness; it includes interviews with kids, teens, educators, experts, & parents. We will show the film Angst and answer any parent questions following the viewing.

Mr. Erickson, Information & Educational Technology Director

We are putting in final preparations for our Spring Parent-Teacher conferences. Teachers activated their accounts in PowerPTC today. An email will go out tomorrow to all parents inviting them to also activate their accounts so they can sign up for sessions on-line. They will have until Monday, March 4, to sign up. We will have some slots available for walk-ins if parents elect not to sign-up ahead of time.

Dr. Banick, Director of Curriculum & Student Assessment

There is a Tier II Intervention team meeting that Dr. Banick & Dr. Schwarz have each month. Mr. Lauer from the Dean's office, Ms. Winiecki from the Behavior Health team, Ms. Waters the academic aspect. They identify students in need and get them resources early on.

The Curriculum office has a lot of testing mainly for juniors. Communication has been sent to families regarding the Illinois Science assessment and the SAT. Testing will begin March 6th.

Mr. Witting, Activities Director

The following two weekends have been spent at the Peoria Civic Center. The IHSA Chess tournament was last weekend. Reavis went into the tournament seeded as 72nd and left the

tournament seeded 46th. Everyone played really well. Freshman Gustavo Garcia went 7-0 at the tournament. This past weekend was the IHSA Speech Tournament. Reavis had 5 entries that advanced to the final round on Saturday. Finished 5th place with only a 3-point deficit away from 3rd place. The highlight of the weekend was senior Janeli Burciaga was a champion for poetry reading. She did an outstanding job!

Scholastic Bowl headed by Coach McCurdy and Coach Cunningham had their conference tournament last week. Reavis JV went from worst in the conference last year to first in the conference this year. Varsity lost a tough match and did not advance.

Dr. Riordan, Superintendent

On behalf of Mr. Novak, Dr. Riordan reported that the audit has been completed. They have been guaranteed it will be ready to be presented at the March meeting. There were no findings it is just the matter of receiving the finalized audit.

A gym floor specialist will be on campus tomorrow to look at the North Gym floor that was damaged as a result of the burst pipe. There has been some buckling but has come down some as the moisture is removed. Hopefully, the entire floor does not have to be replaced.

Dr. Riordan showed a video to the Board and students highlighting the progress of the fieldhouse project.

Last month, Dr. Riordan shared that today, February 20th, might be an eLearning day so Commonwealth Edison could install the new transformer. That did not occur because ComEd will be installing the transformer over spring break when students are not in attendance. The change of date will not affect the progress.

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

Time: 6:52 p.m.
Motion: R. Moreno
Second: S. Ficker
Aye: J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

Signed and approved this 11th day of March, 2024.

President

Secretary