

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
 400 Main Street
 New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board Of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes was held in the Administration Building, 400 Main Street, New Eagle, PA 15067 on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:10 P.M. Notices of this meeting were sent to all Board Members and it was properly posted and advertised. The meeting was called to order by President Mariann L. Bulko and the following Board Members were present to the call of the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

First Vice President

Mr. William C. Stein, Jr.
 Mrs. Sherrie L. Garry
 Mr. Jason H. Gerard
 Mr. Gene R. Kennedy
 Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro
 Mrs. Maureen A. Ott

Absent

Second Vice President
 Board Member

Mrs. Carol F. Flament
 Mr. Christopher D. Carroll

Also Present

Superintendent
 Assistant to the Superintendent
 Director of Operations and
 Financial Services
 Solicitor
 Secretary

Dr. Karen L. Polkabila
 Mr. Jeffrey A. Matty

 Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
 Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
 Mrs. Betty J. Dornan

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Math Counts

Dr. Polkabila announced that Sarah Ott was the highest scoring female in the Math Counts Competition and that Trent Gerard will be moving on to the State Math Counts Finals. Mrs. Maureen Ott was a volunteer coach.

B. Mr. Greer Hayden, HHS DR Architects

Dr. Polkabla introduced Mr. Greer Hayden, HHS DR Architects, who gave a presentation on the renovations to be done to the Ringgold Elementary School North.

C. Ringgold Girls' Basketball Team In The Playoffs

Dr. Polkabla announced that the Ringgold Girls' Basketball Team is playing Hopewell in the playoffs tonight.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Mauro, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 15, 2014 and the Special Meeting of Wednesday, January 29, 2014 as presented.

VI. MON VALLEY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER REPORT - MR. CHRISTOPHER CARROLL

No report due to the absence of Mr. Carroll.

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1**A. Approval Of Intermediate Unit 1 Budget**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Garry, to accept the Intermediate Unit 1 Budget in the amount of \$32,233.55 for the 2014-2015 year. A copy of the Budget is on file in the Superintendent's office.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Berggren stated that he had nothing to report publicly.

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IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Bulko stated that prior to tonight's meeting, the School Board met in Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. **Negotiations**
2. **Personnel**
3. **Student Discipline**

X. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Diana Kristobek - 124 Patterson Road, Finleyville, PA – **Topic:** Negotiations

Joe Ravasio – 1302 Hayes Street, Monongahela, PA 15063 – **Topic:** Current negotiations status

Tammy Todaro – 23A Wet Monessen Street, Monongahela, PA 15063 – **Topic:** Ron McMichael

Caleb Lunn – 429 Carson Street, Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Regarding the opening of the AD position

Noah Smith – 808 Sampson Street, Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Regarding the opening of the A.D. position

Anthony Bottino – 130 Cedarwood Drive, Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Regarding the opening of the A.D. position

Janika Hutton – 14 Center Avenue, Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Regarding the opening of the AD position

Bishop Roderick Wilson – 481 Seventh Street, Donora, PA – **Topic:** The middle school policy

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business And Financial Services – Chairperson: Mrs. Flament – Co-chairpersons: Mr. Kennedy And Mr. Stein

1. Treasurer's Report

~~The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present,~~
approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. A copy of the Treasurer's Report can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34149 to 34152.

2. **Payment Of Bills**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34153 to 34182.

3. **Enrollment In Energy Curtailment Program**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to enter into a three year agreement with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc. for participation in the PJM Emergency DR Program.

4. **Payment To Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment to Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC in the amount of \$562.50 for attendance at the December 18, 2013 Board Meeting. Payment of Invoice Number 0074888 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

5. **Agreement With HHSDR**

The Board, by a vote of 6-1 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to approve the Agreement between the Ringgold School District and the School District's Architects HHSDR for work to be performed at the Ringgold Elementary School North. A copy of the contract can be found in the office of the Superintendent.

Voting Yes – Messrs.: Kennedy, Stein, Gerard, Mesdames: Ott, Garry, and Bulko

Voting No – Mr. Mauro

6. **Payment To HHSDR**

The Board, by a vote of 6-1 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment of Invoice/Statement 1 from HHSDR for work performed at the Ringgold Elementary School North in the amount of \$36,300.00.

Voting Yes -- Messrs.: Kennedy, Stein, Gerard, Mesdames: Ott, Garry, and Bulko

Voting No – Mr. Mauro

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B. Personnel And Administration – Chairperson: Mr. Kennedy – Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament And Mr. Gerard

1. Custodial Resignation

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the resignation of Mr. Joseph Painter, a custodian at the Ringgold Elementary School South, effective February 3, 2014.

2. Appointment Of An English Department Chairperson

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission to appoint Rhonda Baertsch to the English Department Chairperson position for the second semester of the 2013-2014.

3. Requests For Family And Medical Leaves

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mr. Mauro, granting permission to the following persons for Family and Medical Leaves:

Natalie Alvarez – Occupational Therapist at all buildings – beginning January 29, 2014

Eileen Wessel – Ringgold Middle School Guidance Secretary – beginning February 5, 2014

4. Salary Increase For A Teacher Aide

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mauro, granting permission to increase the salary of Brandon Wyvrat from \$8.00 per hour to \$9.50 per hour beginning on his one year anniversary date of February 22, 2014.

5. Addendum To The Student Discipline Code

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion to adopt an addendum to the Student Discipline Code to prohibit the use and/or possession of electronic cigarettes.

6. **Washington County Alternative School Consortium Agreement**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission to enter into an agreement with the Washington County Alternative School Consortium to purchase four enrollment slots to provide an optimum secondary education program for all students, including those who do not cope adequately with the traditional school environment and who likely would profit from a nontraditional school environment. The tuition cost per student will be \$13,950.

7. **Letter Of Collaborative Agreement**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mr. Stein, granting permission to sign a Letter of Collaborative Agreement between the Ringgold School District and NH Human Services. Collaborative Agreements are a requirement of the Office of Mental Health Substance Abuse Services for all licensed Therapeutic Family Care Programs. It is a requirement to update these Collaborative Agreements on an annual basis.

8. **Permission To Place A Student In The Clark School Alternative Education Program**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stein, to accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parents of Student "A" whereby Student "A" shall be expelled and admitted into the Clark School Education Program on Monday, February 17, 2014 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

9. **Permission To Place A Student In The Colonial Education Program**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stein, to accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parents of Student "B" whereby Student "B" shall be expelled and admitted into the Colonial Education Program on Monday, February 17, 2014 for one school calendar year.

Voting Yes - Messrs. Kennedy, Stein, Gerard, Mondaner, Channing, and Hulse

Voting No - Mr. Mauro

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10. Permission To Place Three Students In The RAMS Education Program

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the Agreements reached between the Administration and the Parents of Students "C", "D", and "E" whereby Student "C" shall be expelled and admitted into the RAMS Education Program on Monday, February 17, 2014 for one calendar year; Student "D" shall be expelled and admitted into the RAMS Education Program on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 for one calendar year; and Student "E" shall be expelled and admitted into the RAMS Education Program on Thursday, February 20, 2014 until the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

11. Permission To Place A Student In The Ringgold E-2020 Cyber School

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stein, to accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parents of Student "F" whereby Student "F" shall be expelled and admitted into the Ringgold E-2020 Cyber School on Friday, February 28, 2014 for one calendar year.

12. Salary Increase For A Health Care Professional

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission to increase the salary of Sharon Gamble, a Heath Care Professional, from \$17.50 per hour to \$18.00 per hour on her one year anniversary date of February 17, 2014.

13. Conference Requests

The Board, by a vote of 6-0-1 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stein, granting permission for the following conference requests:

Keith Miller	Coach for student participating in the Math Counts State Competition – Trent Gerard – Grade 7
Funds to be taken from Gifted Support Ringgold Middle School	March 7-8, 2014
	Hershey, PA
TOTAL COST	\$433.90

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Trent Gerard	Student participating in the Math Counts State Competition
Funds to be taken from Gifted Support Ringgold Middle School	March 7-8, 2014 Hershey, PA
TOTAL COST	\$303.90

Randall Skrinjorich	PASBO Annual Conference
Funds to be taken from Business Office travel	March 11-13, 2014 Hershey, PA
TOTAL COST	\$1,389.47

Abstaining - Mr. Gerard

14. Addition To The Substitute Roster

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission to add the following name to the substitute roster:

Teacher

Bethany Johnson	Bethel Park, PA.	Health/Physical Education K-12
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THE BOARD RECESSED FROM 8:25 P.M. UNTIL 8:35 P.M.

C. Curriculum – Chairperson: Mrs. Ott – Co-chairperson: Mr. Carroll And Mr. Gerard

1. Ringgold High School Course Selections And Course Descriptions

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Mauro, to accept the Course Selections and the Course Descriptions for the Ringgold High School for the 2014-2015 school year.

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Curriculum Report – Mrs. Ott

The Ringgold High School course selections sheet and course descriptions for the program of studies has been completed and submitted to the Board. Mrs. Nedley, Mr. Minniti, and Mr. Matty met with the high school and middle school counselors regarding scheduling for the upcoming school year; they also met with the AP teachers to discuss their syllabi submissions to The College Board. Mrs. Nedley will be meeting with the middle school STEM teacher and the high school Tech Ed teacher regarding projects for this upcoming school year for the STEM curriculum. Mrs. Nedley will be pursuing grant opportunities for our STEM programs. The curriculum team will focus on revisions to the weighted grading and scheduling processes for the high school program of studies to submit to the Board. Further, Chapter 4 guidelines will be included in the program of studies once it is passed by the State. Once the program of studies is completed, Mrs. Nedley will begin the process of editing and updating the District's curriculum for the PA Core Standards of Instructional frameworks.

D. Technology – Chairperson: Mr. Gerard – Co-chairperson: Mr. Stein And Mr. Mauro

No Report

E. Athletics – Chairperson: Mrs. Garry – Co-chairperson: Mrs. Ott And Mr. Kennedy**1. Conference Request**

The Board, by a vote of 6-1 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Mauro, granting permission for the following conference request:

Ronald McMichael	Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Association Conference, Hershey, PA
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Funds to be taken from Athletic Director's Conference Account	Professional Development
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March 19-21, 2014

TOTAL AMOUNT	\$1,059.45
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Voting Yes – Messrs.: Kennedy, Mauro, Stein, Gerard, Mesdames: Garry, and Bulko

Voting No – Mrs. Ott

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2. Conference Requests Only If Indoor Track & Field, Wrestling, And Swimming And Diving Have Participants That Qualify

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Gerard, granting permission only if the participants in the following sports qualify.

PTFCA – Indoor Track & Field – Eight Participants

Penn State University – February 28, 2014, March 1, 2014

Participants - \$631.29 Administrative - \$75.00

PIAA Wrestling – Sixteen Participants

Hershey, PA – March 5-8, 2014

Participants - \$2,132.47 Administrative - \$794.46

PIAA – Swimming and Diving – Nine Participants

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA – March 13-15, 2014

Participants - \$1,255.55 Administrative - \$609.55

3. Appointment Of A Coach

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to appoint the following coach. All coach's contract appointments are subject to contract documents prepared by the Administration and Solicitor, and the individuals are required to sign a contract and Coach's Code of Ethics and Conduct documents as conditions of their employment, and also having secured all of the necessary clearances.

VOLLEYBALL

Christina DeMarco Breeden – Head Girls Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$5,975.00

F. Health And Nutrition – Chairperson: Mr. Mauro – Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Ott And Mrs. Garry

No Report

~~G. Safety And Security – Chairperson: Mr. Stein – Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Garry And Mr. Carroll~~

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H. Facilities, Planning, And Transportation – Chairperson: Mr. Carroll – Co-chairpersons: Mr. Stein And Mrs. Flament

1. Act 34 Hearing For Ringgold Elementary School North Project

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to adopt the Resolution under Act 34, including the scheduling of an Act 34 hearing regarding the renovations to Ringgold Elementary School North and rescheduling the March 19, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting to immediately follow the Act 34 hearing. A copy of the Act 34 Resolution can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34183 to 34185.

2. Requests For Use Of Facilities

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission for the following use of facilities requests.

a. Boy Scouts Of America – Pack 1446

What: Banquet

When: March 23, 2014

Where: Ringgold High School Cafeteria

Cost: \$30.00 Per Hour For Custodian

Boy Scouts requesting that the fee be waived – school affiliated group

b. Boy Scouts Of America – Pack 1446

What: Water Safety Instruction

When: March 20, 2014

Where: Ringgold High School Pool

Cost: Fees paid by the Boy Scouts are \$20.00 per hour for the Water Safety Instructor and two Lifeguards who are paid minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

No pool fee charged – school affiliated group

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c. Relay For Life – Colleen Ginsburg / Bill Callaway

What: Cheer Camp to raise money for Relay for Life

When: Saturday, March 15, 2014 – 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Where: Ringgold Middle School Gymnasium

Cost: No charge for rental – School Affiliated Group

Custodians will be required for the duration of the activity at \$30.00 per hour.

Mr. Stein and Mrs. Ott changed their vote to waive all fees for the above listed use of facilities requests.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to adjourn.

The Board adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



Betty J. Dornan
Secretary of the Board
Ringgold Board of School Directors