

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

34803

Regular Ringgold Board Of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

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, January 21, 2015 at 7:15 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
Second Vice President

Mr. Christopher D. Carroll
Mr. William C. Stein, Jr.
Mrs. Carol F. Flament
Mrs. Sherrie L. Garry
Mr. Jason H. Gerard
Mr. Gene R. Kennedy
Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro
Mrs. Maureen A. Ott

Also Present

Superintendent
Director of Operations and
Financial Services
Solicitor
Secretary

Dr. Karen L. Polkabila
Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mrs. Betty J. Dornan

Absent

Assistant to the Superintendent

Mr. Jeffrey A. Matty

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Appreciation

Dr. Polkabila thanked the Board Members for serving the Community and the School District.

B. Introduction Of Ms. Jamie Doyle

Dr. Polkabila introduced Ms. Jamie Doyle from Public Financial Management who gave the Board an update of the School District's finances.

C. Program Of Studies

A presentation of the Ringgold High School Program of Studies was given by Mrs. Lenni Nedley, Curriculum Director; Mr. Jason Minniti, Principal; and Mr. James Klugh, Assistant Principal.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 17, 2014 as presented.

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

No meeting was held in January.

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- A. Student Discipline
- B. Employment Contracts
- C. Real Estate Matters

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IX. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No Requests

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Business And Financial Services - Chairperson: Mrs. Flament - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Kennedy And Mrs. Ott****1. Treasurer's Report**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, 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 34015 to 34818.

2. Payment Of Bills

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34819 to 34841.

3. Final Payment To East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc.

The Board, by a vote of 8-0-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, for final payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc., as approved by the Architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$37,327.55 for miscellaneous capital improvements at the Ringgold High School. Payment of Invoice Number 7 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Abstaining - Mr. Carroll stated that he was erring on the side of caution by abstaining due to the fact that his employer was involved with East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. at the Ringgold High School project.

4. **Final Payment To WAE Balancing, Inc.**

The Board, by a vote of 8-0-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Stein, for final payment to WAE Balancing, Inc., as approved by the Architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$17,100.00 for miscellaneous capital improvements at the Ringgold High School. Payment of Invoice Number 1 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Abstaining - Mr. Carroll stated that he was erring on the side of caution by abstaining due to the fact that his employer was involved with WAE Balancing, Inc. at the Ringgold High School project.

5. **Payment To Gateway Engineers, Inc.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Carroll, for payment to Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,190.00 for service related to the Transportation Impact Study for the new middle school. Payment of Invoice Number 215222 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

6. **Wallace & Pancher, Inc. Proposal**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Flament, authorizing Wallace & Pancher, Inc. to prepare a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the New Ringgold Middle School Project per their proposal in the amount of \$6,000.00.

7. **Proposal From Ford Business Machines, Inc.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept a proposal from Ford Business Systems in the amount of \$3,550.00 per month, based on Costars pricing, to lease five (5) Lanier PRO 8100S printers for use throughout the District and authorize the Solicitor and Administration to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of the School District.

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8. Public Financial Management

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Stein, authorizing the Administration to work with the Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl, as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor, in conjunction with the issuance of the New Money G.O. Bonds, Series of 2015 in the amount of \$9,995,000.

9. Authorization For Administration To Work With Public Financial Management

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the following resolution:

The Board of School Directors of the Ringgold School District (the "School District") does hereby authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl, as Board Counsel, to direct the call and redemption of a \$30,000 principal amount, plus interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption (\$97.00), of the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2002 (Current Interest Bonds) (the "Refunded 2002B Bonds"). This measure allows the School District to save \$3,805.50 on interest expenses related to the Refunded 2002B Bonds.

B. Personnel And Administration - Chairperson: Mr. Mauro - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Kennedy And Mrs. Ott**1. Change In Status Of A Police Officer**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Stein, to employ Mr. Michael Kresich as a full time Police Officer at the Ringgold High School from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at a salary of \$15.50 per hour. The beginning date of hire for Mr. Kresich will be Thursday, January 22, 2015.

2. Requests For Unpaid Leaves Of Absence

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Carroll, granting permission for the following leaves of absence:

- a. **Michelle Kitchens** - a Ringgold High School Cafeteria Worker, from Monday, January 12, 2015 to Friday, January 16, 2015
- b. **Brittany Vaccaro** - a Computer Science Teacher at the Ringgold Elementary School South, from Friday, May 8, 2015 through Friday, May 15, 2015

3. Conference Request

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission for the following conference request:

Larry Johnson Natasha Kelley and Five Students	Robotics Club - Vex State Competition - to qualify for the world competition in April at Louisville, Kentucky
Funds to be taken from High School General Fund Account - Travel	Norristown Area High School Friday, February 27, 2015 to Sunday, March 1, 2015
TOTAL COST	\$1,398.77

4. Additions To The Substitute Rosters

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Flament, granting permission to add the following names to the substitute rosters pending proper documentation:

Teacher

Jackie Platt	Venetia, PA	PreK-4
Marielle Silvo	Finleyville, PA	Math 7-12

Aide

Lynne Gwyer	Brownsville, PA
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Secretary

Lynne Gwyer	Brownsville, PA
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5. **Salary Increase For Two Teacher Aides**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Carroll, granting permission to increase the salaries of the following Teacher Aides to \$9.50 per hour on their one year anniversary dates:

Melissa Schuster - January 14, 2015

Staci Dominick - January 1, 2015

6. **Approval To Name A Deputy Tax Collector**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Mauro, granting permission for Mrs. Susan J. Vitalbo to name John M. Vitalbo as a Deputy Tax Collector for the Borough of Donora.

7. **Adoption Of Policy Number 712 - Use Of Wireless Devices By Employees**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to adopt Policy Number 712 - Use Of Wireless Devices by Employees. A copy of the Policy can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34842 to 34843.

8. **Permission To Place A Student In Phase IV Alternative Education Program**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine 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 Phase IV Alternative Education Program on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 for one calendar year.

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

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Flament, 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 School Alternative Education Program on Monday, February 2, 2015 for one calendar year.

10. **Permission To Place Two Students In The Clark School Alternative Education Program**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parents of Students "C" and "D" whereby Students "C" and "D" shall be expelled and admitted into the Clark School Alternative Education Program on Monday, February 2, 2015 for one calendar year.

11. **Permission To Place A Student In The RAMS Alternative Education Program**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parents of Student "E" whereby Student "E" shall be expelled and admitted into the RAMS Alternative Education Program on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 for forty-five (45) days.

12. **Approval And Acceptance Of Dr. Karen L. Polkabila's Contract**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept the contract of Dr. Karen L. Polkabila as discussed in Executive Session.

13. **Permission To Establish A New Future Business Leaders Of America (FBLA) Club**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Carroll, granting permission for Ms. Maria Baker, a Ringgold High School Teacher, to establish a new Future Business Leaders Of America (FBLA) Club.

C. **Curriculum - Chairperson: Mrs. Ott - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Carroll And Mr. Gerard**

1. **Ringgold High School Program Of Studies And Course Descriptions For The 2015-2016 Year**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the Ringgold High School Program of Studies for the 2015-2016 year with final edits to be made by the Administration.

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2. Curriculum Report

Mrs. Ott's Curriculum Report can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on page 34844.

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

No Report

E. Athletics - Chairperson: Mrs. Garry - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Gerard And Mrs. Flament

No Reports

F. Health And Nutrition - Chairperson: Mr. Kennedy - Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament And Mrs. Garry

No Report

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

No Report

H. Facilities, Planning, And Transportation - Chairperson: Mr. Carroll - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Stein And Mr. Kennedy**1. Requests For Use Of Facilities**

A motion was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Mauro, to accept the following use of facilities requests.

a. Pennsylvania Game Commission - James Kester

What: Hunter Safety Class

When: March 21, 2015 - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Where: Ringgold High School Cafeteria

Cost: No Charge

b. **Showtime Dance by Carly - Carly Hogya**

What: Dance Recital

When: June 8, 2015 - 4:40 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
June 9, 2015 - 4:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Where: Ringgold High School Auditorium

Cost:

- Rental - \$300 Per Day
- Air Conditioning - \$40 Per Hour
- Auditorium Director - \$30 Per Hour
- Custodial - \$30 Per Hour
- Minimum Wage for Auditorium Workers
- Security as determined by Athletic Director and Director of Security

c. **Boy Scouts Of America - Steve Anders**

What: Work on Advancements

When: March 5, 2015 - 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Where: Ringgold High School Pool

Cost:

- Lifeguard Fees - \$20 Per Hour
- Must have Water Safety Instructor Certification
- Additional Lifeguards at Minimum Wage

d. **Boy Scouts Of America - Steve Anders**

What: Blue and Gold Banquet

When: March 15, 2015 - 2:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Where: Ringgold High School Cafeteria - seating only

Cost: No Charge

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e. Ringgold Area Youth Soccer Association (RAYSA) Stephen A. Bucchianeri

What: Soccer Training
When: To be determined by the Athletic Director
Where: To be determined by the Athletic Director
Cost: No Charge - school affiliated group

f. New Eagle Youth Soccer - Christina Pucel

What: Soccer Tournament
When: Saturday, March 28, 2015
 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Where: Joe Montana Stadium
Cost: Stadium - \$150
 Custodial - \$30/per hour as needed
 Security - \$20/per hour - 3 Officers - \$720
 Requesting no charge - community

g. New Eagle Youth Soccer - Christina Pucel

What: Soccer Practice
When: Wednesday and Friday Evenings
Where: To be determined by the Athletic Director
Cost: Rental - \$150/ per day

Requesting no charge - all Ringgold Students

Before a roll call vote could be taken, a motion to table item f. - New Eagle, Youth Soccer - Christina Pucel - was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Flament.


The motion to table passed by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present.

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved the original motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Mauro to approve the remaining requests for the use of facilities.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 8:35 P.M.



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