

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board Of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, November 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, November 19, 2014 at 7:16 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. William C. Stein, Jr.
 Mrs. Carol F. Flament
 Mr. Christopher D. Carroll
 Mrs. Sherrie L. Garry
 Mr. Jason H. Gerard
 Mr. Gene R. Kennedy
 Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro
 Mrs. Maureen A. Ott

Also Present

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

Dr. Karen L. Polkabila
 Mr. Jeffrey A. Matty
 Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
 Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
 Mrs. Betty J. Dorman

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Ringgold High School Search

Mr. Clayton Shell, Chief of Security, announced that the first random canine search was conducted on November 12, 2014 at the Ringgold High School and there were only two residual findings.

B. HHS DR Architects

Mr. Greer Hayden and Mr. Matt Franz from HHDR Architects gave an update on the new Ringgold Middle School and the renovations at the Ringgold Elementary School North.

C. Public Financial Management, Inc.

Ms. Jamie Doyle from Public Financial Management, Inc. discussed the competitive bid results of the Bond Sale.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the following Minutes:

- A. **Regular Meeting Of Wednesday, October 15, 2014**
- B. **Special Meeting of Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

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

Mr. Carroll stated that students at the Vo-Tech had done the stenciling on the Ringgold School District Police Car.

VII. SOLICITIOR'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. **POSSIBLE LITIGATION**
- C. **HIRING OF PERSONNEL**
- D. **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS**

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Mrs. Bulko also commended Ringgold's football team for a job well done, and also to Mr. Skrinjorich and Ms. Doyle for their great financial work.

IX. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gail Glaneman - 116 Valley Road, Eighty Four, PA - **Topic:** Tuesday's emergency at Ringgold Middle School

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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. Carroll, 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 34707 to 34710.

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 34711 to 34743.

3. Approval Of An Addendum To The Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. Contract

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. Stein, to approve an addendum, for one year, for Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. to collect delinquent real estate taxes for 2014.

4. Payment To Plavchak Construction Co., 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 Mrs. Ott, for payment to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc., as approved by the Architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$40,429.48 for miscellaneous capital improvements at the Ringgold High School. Payment of Invoice Number 5 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

5. **Change Order - Playchak Construction Co., Inc.**

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for approval of Change Order GC-1 in the amount of \$47,873.70 as submitted by Playchak Construction Co., Inc., for removal and disposal of 436 existing lockers and installation of 272 new lockers to match previously replaced lockers at the Ringgold High School.

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

Voting No - Mr. Mauro

6. **Payment To Wheels Mechanical Contracting & Supplier 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. Ott, for payment to Wheels Mechanical Contracting & Supplier Co., Inc., as approved by the Architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$3,120.74 for miscellaneous capital improvements at the Ringgold High School. Payment of Invoice Number 5 will be made from the Capita Reserve Fund.

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

Abstaining: Mr. Carroll stated that he was erring on the side of caution by abstaining due to the fact that his employer does business with Wheels Mechanical Contracting & Supplier Co., Inc.

7. **Deduct Change Order - Wheels Mechanical Contracting & Supplier Co., Inc.**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Stein, for approval of a Deduct Change Order in the amount of \$10,765.05 as submitted by Wheels Mechanical Contracting & Supplier Co., Inc. and approved by the Architects HHSDR, for unused field quantity allowances on the miscellaneous capital improvements at the Ringgold High School.

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8. Payment To East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc.

The Board, by a vote of 7-1-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, for payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc., as approved by the Architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$13,960.25 for miscellaneous capital improvements at the Ringgold High School. Payment of Invoice Number 6 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No - Mr. Mauro

Abstaining - Mr. Carroll stated that he was erring on the side of caution by abstaining due to the fact that his employer does business with East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc.

9. Deduct Change Order - East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Flament, for approval of a Deduct Change Order in the amount of \$561.00 as submitted by East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. and approved by the Architects HHDR for unused field quantity allowances on the miscellaneous capital improvements at the Ringgold High School.

10. Payment To Architects HHSDR - Miscellaneous Capital Improvements

The Board, by a vote of 8-0-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Gerard, for payment to Architects HHSDR in the amount of \$9,522.50 for miscellaneous improvements at the Ringgold High School. Payment of Invoice Number 3797-7 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Abstaining - Mr. Carroll stated that he was erring on the side of caution by abstaining due to the fact that his employer does business with Architects HHSDR.

11. Payment To Architects HHSDR - Schematic Design

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Flament, for payment to Architects HHSDR in the amount of \$73,229.00 for the schematic design phase of the new middle school. Payment of Invoice Number 3928-2 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No - Mr. Mauro

12. Resolution To Authorize Plancon Parts "A" And "B"

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Ringgold Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the Administration and HHSDR Architects & Engineers to submit Plancon Part A, "Project Justification" and Part B, "Schematic Drawings" for the Ringgold Elementary School North Project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval. The scope of the project shall be Option 3A, the add alternates, and the additional consideration and can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34744 to 34746.

Voting Yes - Gerard, Kennedy, Stein, Carroll, Mesdames: Garry, Ott, Flament, and Bulko

Voting No - Mr. Mauro

13. Incurrence Of Nonelectoral Indebtedness

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Flament, approving a resolution authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral indebtedness in the form of the District's General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2014 in the principal amount of \$9,235,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the middle school project.

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

Voting No - Mr. Mauro

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14. Approval Of Plancon Part J

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve Plancon Part J (Project Accounting Based on Final Costs) with the Independent Auditors Report conducted by Cypher & Cypher for Ringgold Elementary School South - Project Number 3450. A copy of Plancon Part J can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34747 to 34758.

THE BOARD RECESSED FROM 8:45 P.M. UNTIL 8:55 P.M.

MR. GERARD LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME

B. Personnel And Administration - Chairperson: Mr. Kennedy - Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament And Mr. Gerard**1. Reappointment Of The Superintendent Of Schools**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that pursuant to Section 10-1073 of the Pennsylvania School Code the School Board reelect and reappoint Dr. Karen L. Polkaba to the position of Superintendent of Schools for a period of three (3) years beginning on July 1, 2015 with a contract to be prepared by the Solicitor, Mr. Berggren, and Board Members Mr. Stein and Mrs. Flament.

2. Maintenance Worker Resignation

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the resignation of Mr. Gerald Gerda, a Ringgold Maintenance Worker, effective Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

3. Granting A Teacher Tenure

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting tenure to Betty Lynne Hawkins, a Special Education Teacher at the Ringgold High School, effective November 16, 2014

4. **Acceptance Of Comprehensive Plan**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the Comprehensive Plan for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. A copy of the plan can be found in the office of the Assistant to the Superintendent, Mr. Jeffrey A. Matty.

5. **Trip To Disney World - Show Choir**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Carroll, granting permission for Mrs. Melanie Sandrock to take the Show Choir to Disney World on May 13-16, 2015 to perform. The students are to pay their own way and the only expense to the District will be for substitutes for Mrs. Sandrock and Mrs. Diane Lucci (Aide).

6. **Additions To The Substitute Rosters**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission to add the following names to the substitute rosters:

Teacher

Kathryn Dzivnycz Pittsburgh, PA Health/Phys. Education

Secretary

Heather Costantino Monongahela, PA
Ginger Hollander Monongahela, PA

Cafeteria

Heather Costantino Monongahela, PA
Ginger Hollander Monongahela, PA

Aide

Heather Costantino Monongahela, PA

Bus Driver Trainees

Barry Corridoni Monongahela, PA
Ronald DeFlavis Clairton, PA
Chantelle Yonkers New Eagle, PA

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7. **Setting A Date For The Reorganization Meeting**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Flament, setting Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Building, 400 Main Street, New Eagle, PA 15067 as the date, time, and place for the Reorganization Meeting.

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

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parents of Student "A" whereby Student "A" shall be expelled and admitted into the RAMS Alternative Education Program on Friday, November 14, 2014 for 45 school days.

9. **Permission To Place A Student In Clark Alternative Education Program**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight 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 Clark Alternative Educational Program on Friday, November 14, 2014 for 45 school days.

10. **Nurse Assistant Resignation**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept the resignation of Carla Kleitz, a Nurse Assistant at the Ringgold High School, effective Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

11. **Employment Of A Special Education Teacher**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to employ Jessica L. Baldauff as a Special Education Teacher at the Ringgold High School at a salary of \$36,100, Master's Degree, Step Three.

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12. Permission To Establish A New FCCA Club

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Flament, granting permission to Ms. Amanda Frye, a Family/Consumer Science Teacher at the Ringgold High School, to establish a new FCCLA (Family, Careers, and Community Leaders of America) Club at the Ringgold High School.

13. Agreement And General Release

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Garry, approving the Agreement and General Release that has been reached between the District and the Parents of a student enrolled in the Ringgold School District as discussed in Executive Session.

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

Mrs. Ott's report can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on page 34759.

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

No Report

E. Athletics - Chairperson: Mrs. Garry - Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Ott And Mr. Kennedy

1. Employment Of Coaches

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to appoint the following coaches. 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.

James Williams - Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

Alex Remlinger - Assistant Swim Coach at a salary of \$2,000

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

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

No Report

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

1. Requests For Use Of Facilities

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Stein, granting permission for the following requests for use of facilities.

a. Ringgold Muggle Quidditch League - Tom and Jennifer Sendek for Katie Sendek

What: Senior Project

When: Sundays in December, January, and February (specific dates to be announced)

Where: Joe Montana Stadium and School Grounds

Cost: No Charge - Senior Project
Adult Supervision Required

b. Elks National Foundation - Sherrie Garry

What: Free Throw Contest Program

When: Saturday, January 3, 2015

Where: Ringgold Elementary School South Gymnasium
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Cost: No Rental Charge
Custodial Charge - \$30/Per Hour x 4 Hours =
\$120.00


The Board unanimously agreed to waive the Custodial Charge on this request.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 9:07 P.M.



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