

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

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Regular Ringgold Board Of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

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 20, 2013 at 7:00 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.
Second Vice President	Mr. Christopher D. Carroll
	Mrs. Carol F. Flament
	Mr. Gene R. Kennedy
	Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro
	Mrs. Maureen A. Ott
	Mr. Robert L. Smith

Absent

Board Member	Mr. Charles H. Smith
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Also Present

Superintendent	Dr. Karen L. Polkabila
Assistant to the Superintendent	Mr. Jeffrey A. Matty
Director Of Operations And Financial Services	Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Solicitor	Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Secretary	Mrs. Betty J. Dornan

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. School Bus Bids

Dr. Polkabila announced that bids would be going out on Saturday, November 23, 2013 for four new school buses.

B. Certificates Of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mrs. Bulko – Twelve Years - and Mr. C. Smith – Sixteen Years - for their Service on the Board of School Directors. The Certificates were from PSBA.

C. Letter Of Commendation

A Letter of Commendation was presented to Mrs. Colleen Spahr, an Act 235 Executive Officer, by Mr. Clayton Shell, Chief of Security, for preventing an incident from happening at the Ringgold High School.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 Minutes of Wednesday, October 16, 2013 as presented.

VI. MON VALLEY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER REPORT - ROBERT L. SMITH

No Report

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 School Board met in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- 1. Personnel
- 2. Student Discipline
- 3. Labor Contract Negotiations
- 4. Threatened Litigation

Mrs. Bulko commended Mrs. Spahr for a job well done for preventing an incident at the Ringgold High School and she also commended Mr. Charles Smith for his sixteen years of service to the Ringgold School District.

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IX. VISITORS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

John Grossi – 206 Morton Street, New Eagle, PA 15067 – **Topic:** Football storage shed at the high school for Ringgold Youth Football.

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

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight 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 34004 to 34007.

2. Payment Of Bills

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, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34008 to 34035.

3. Donation Of A Police Cruiser

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 accept the donation of a 2000 Ford Explorer XLS Police Cruiser VIN Number 1FMZU72EOYUB33385 from the Borough of Donora Council.

4. Payment To R & B Mechanical, Inc.

The Board, by a vote of 7-0-1 to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Stein, for payment to R & B Mechanical, Inc., as approved by the Architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$251,907.73 for services related to the Ringgold High School Dehumidification Project. Payment of Invoice Number 5 will be made from the Capital Projects/Reserve Funds.

Voting Yes – Messrs.: R. Smith, Stein, Kennedy, Mauro, Mesdames: Flament, Ott, 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 R & B Mechanical, Inc.

5. **Final Payment To HHSDR**

The Board, by a vote of 7-0-1 to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Flament, for final payment to Architects HHSDR in the amount of \$2,640.00 for services related to the new pool dehumidification unit at the Ringgold High School. Payment of Invoice Number 3797A-3 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Voting Yes – Messrs.: R. Smith, Stein, Kennedy, Mauro, Mesdames: Flament, Ott, 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.

6. **Proposal From Day Chevrolet, Inc.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept a proposal from Day Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$34,763.80 for a 2014 Chevrolet Express Van 3500. Pricing is based on the PA Co-Stars 14 contract.

7. **Memorandum Of Understanding**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and the Bus Driver' Union regarding the deduction for health care insurance taking place at the beginning of the school year. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 34036 to 34037.

8. **Audit Report – Corrective Action Plan**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept and approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT AND ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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WHEREAS, the Ringgold School District has received a copy of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Performance Audit Report dated September 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this audit report contained two (2) findings regarding: (1) a pupil transportation reporting error, and (2) a certification deficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has forwarded the above referenced audit report to the School Board as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Ringgold School District, as the LEA Administrator and on behalf of the Ringgold School Board as a whole, has prepared a response to these two (2) findings, which response contains the School District's Corrective Action Plan addressing these findings; and

WHEREAS, the Ringgold Board of School Directors has reviewed the Superintendent's response and corrective action plan, and concurs with the content of such document.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Board of School Directors of the Ringgold School District as follows:

1. The response and Corrective Action Plan prepared by the Superintendent and dated November 19, 2013 is hereby adopted and approved by the Ringgold Board of School Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, this **RESOLUTION** is hereby adopted by the Ringgold School District Board of School Directors this 20th day of November, 2013.

Witness:

Betty J. Dornan, Board Secretary

Mariann L. Bulko,
Ringgold School Board President

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

1. Teacher Returning From A Sabbatical Leave

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Stein, granting permission for Jan Zenobi, a Special Education Teacher at the Ringgold Elementary School South, to return from her Sabbatical Leave that was granted at the September 19, 2013 meeting. Her return date is set at Thursday, November 21, 2013.

2. Request For A Sabbatical Leave

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Stein, granting a Sabbatical Leave to Patricia Francis, a Social Studies Teacher at the Ringgold Middle School, for the third and fourth nine week periods of 2013-2014 and the first and second nine week period of 2014-2015.

3. Employment Of A Teacher

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 to employ Leslie A. Egan as a Special Education Teacher at the Ringgold High School at a salary of \$34,600, Step 1, Master's Degree. Her first day of teaching will be Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

4. Employment Of Two Bus Drivers

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 Mrs. Ott, granting permission to employ the following persons as Ringgold Bus Drivers:

- Robin Poland – Run Number 20
- Kim Garrity – Run Number 15

5. Additions To The Substitute Rosters

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Stein, granting permission to add the following names to the substitute rosters:

Teacher

Laura Grimm Pittsburgh, PA Social Studies

Secretary

Leanne Stimak Monongahela, PA

Custodial/Maintenance

Troy Yonkers New Eagle, PA 15067

Bus Driver Trainee

Caprice Assouline-Gruber New Eagle, PA
Steven Grados Monongahela, PA
Juliana Scherer Finleyville, PA

Cafeteria

Melinda Kirich Eighty Four, PA

Security

Jack Camerson Canonsburg, PA

6. Conference Request

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

Jeffrey Matty	SAS Institute – Resources for Improving School Efficiency December 8-10, 2013 Hershey, PA
Funds to be taken From Assistant to The Superintendent's Travel Account	
TOTAL COST	\$412.46

7. **Granting A Teacher Tenure**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission to grant tenure to Steven J. Spang.

8. **Former Girl's Basketball Coach**

The Board, by a vote of 5-3 to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Stein, for payment of back salary to Mr. Nick Mandich in the amount of \$1,200.00 for his prior service as a Girl's Basketball Coach.

Voting Yes – Messrs.: Stein, Carroll, Mesdames: Flament, Ott, and Bulko

Voting No – Messrs.: Smith, Kennedy, and Mauro

9. **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 Tuesday, December 3, 2013 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.

10. **Permission To Place Two Students In The RAMS 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 Mr. Carroll, to accept the agreements reached between the Administration and the Parents of Students "A" and "B" whereby Students "A" and "B" shall be expelled and admitted into the RAMS Program for a nine week period beginning Monday, November 18, 2013.

11. **Request From A Student To Return To School**

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, granting permission for a student who was placed in the Ringgold Cyber School Program (E2020) to return to school.

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12. Request For A Family And Medical Leave

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Carroll, granting permission for Mrs. Denise Clawson to take a Family and Medical Leave.

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

No Report

D. Technology – Chairperson: Mr. Stein – Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Ott And Mrs. Flament

No Report

E. Athletics – Chairperson: Mr. Mauro – Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Ott And Mr. R. Smith**1. Appointment Of Coaches**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Flament, 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.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Kurt Olinger – Middle School Girl's Basketball Coach at a salary of \$2,115.00

Eric James – Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach at a salary of \$2,750.00

Mario Poston – Volunteer Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Chad Pappasergi – Volunteer Assistant Boy's Basketball Coach

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Joe Ravasio – Elementary Girl's Basketball Coach at a salary of \$1,006.00

Jason Briscoe – Elementary Boy's Basketball Coach at a salary of \$1,006.00

2. Permission To Participate In Winter Sport Of Gymnastics

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission for Student Athlete Emma Lucas to participate in the Winter Sport of Gymnastics during the months of December through February. WPIAL policy allows for one individual representation in an individual based sport if the school district does not offer the sport. Mrs. Anna Lucas, Emma's mother, was also granted permission to be listed as a Coach/District Designee of the team providing she submits all of the proper clearances.

F. Health And Nutrition – Chairperson: Mr. R. Smith – Co-chairpersons: Mr. C. Smith And Mr. Mauro

No Report

G. Safety And Security – Chairperson: Mr. C. Smith – Co-chairpersons: Mr. Mauro And Mr. R. Smith

No Report

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

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 request for use of a facility:

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a. Ringgold School District PTA Council

What: Baccalaureate

When: Monday, June 2, 2014
6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

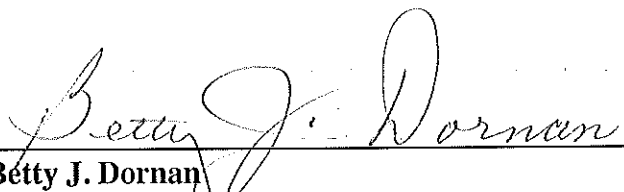
Where: Ringgold High School Auditorium
and Cafeteria

Cost: No Charge

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 7:59 P.M.


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