

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board Of School Directors' Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 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 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
Second Vice President

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
Mr. Steven M. Toprani

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. STREAM CAMP

A very successful STREAM Camp was held at the Ringgold Elementary School South for one week with press coverage from the Valley Independent. Two students, Trent Gerard and Alexa Vaccaro, demonstrated a robot that they designed during the STREAM Camp week.

B. Update On The New Ringgold Middle School

Dr. Alvi, Mr. Hayden, and Mr. Franz presented the update on the new Ringgold Middle School.

C. Bradley Snyder

Dr. Polkabra congratulated Bradley Snyder, Payroll and Accounting Specialist, on receiving his Master of Science in Education Degree with a major in School Business Leadership from Wilkes University.

D. Darryl Yonkers

Dr. Polkabra thanked Darryl Yonkers for his service to the Ringgold School District. Mr. Yonkers is leaving for a position at the Montour School District.

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 Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Stein, to accept the following Minutes as presented:

- A. Regular Board Meeting Of Wednesday, May 20, 2015
- B. Special Board Meeting Of Wednesday, May 27, 2015
- C. Special Board Meeting Of Wednesday, June 10, 2015

VI. MON VALLEY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT - MR. KENNEDY

No Report

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - MR. BERGGREN

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. Personnel

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. Approval Of The 2015-2016 Budget**

The Board, by a vote of 7-2 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Stein, to approve the Budget for the 2015-2016 school year. The Budget represents \$41,823,463.00 in Expenditures with a two (2) mill increase. A copy of the Budget can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 35118 to 35129.

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

Voting No - Messrs.: Kennedy and Mauro

2. Approval Of Tax Resolutions

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, to approve the Tax Resolutions for the 2015-2016 year as follows:

A. Real Estate - 125 Mills**B. Reenactment Of The Following**

1. **Section 679 - Per Capita Tax - \$5.00**

2. **Section 511 - Per Capita Tax - \$5.00**

3. **Mercantile Tax - 1/2 Mill On Wholesale**

4. **Occupation Privilege Tax - \$10.00**

5. **Earned Income Tax - 1/2 Of 1% With An
Exception Up To \$3,000**

Copies of the Resolutions can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 35130 to 35160.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, 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 35161 to 35072.

4. **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 Mrs. Garry, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 35073 to 35197.

5. **Homestead/Farmstead Act**

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, of providing up to \$167.00 Homestead/Farmstead exclusion for those residents of the Ringgold School District that have been approved for the property tax relief by the Washington County Assessment Office. A copy of the Resolution can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on page 35198 to 35199.

6. **Payment To HHSDR Architects**

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. Toprani, for payment to HHSDR Architects in the amount of \$35,0077.00 for architectural services at the Ringgold Elementary School North. Payment of Invoice Number 3928-5 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

7. **Payment To The 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 Mrs. Garry, for payment to The Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$650.00 for services related to the Transportation Impact Study at the new Middle School. Payment of Invoice Number 216771 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

8. **Payment To The 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 Mrs. Ott, for payment to The Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,940.00 for services related to the preparation of HOP plans and design for the new Middle School. Payment of Invoice Number 220229 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

9. **Payment To Wallace & Pancher, 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 Wallace & Pancher, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the sewage facilities planning module of a new Middle School. Payment of Invoice Number 4427 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

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

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 Mr. Gerard, for payment to Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC in the amount of \$5,500.00 for monitoring at the Ringgold Middle School. Payment of Invoice Number 0079485 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

11. **Cell Phone Tower At The Ringgold Middle School**

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 enter into a one year extension of the Option Term of the Agreement with AT&T regarding the possible placement of a cell tower on the Ringgold Middle School property. Under the terms of this one year extension, the School District will receive a payment of \$3,000.00.

12. **Approval Of Reports Received From The Pennsylvania Department of Education**

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Stein, to accept, for the record, the following reports recently received from the Pennsylvania Department Of Education.

PLANCON D	Project Accounting Based on Estimates for Ringgold Elementary School North
PLANCON E	Design Development for Ringgold Elementary School North
PLANCON F	Construction Documents for Ringgold Elementary School North

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

Voting No - Mr. Mauro

13. **Transfer Of Funds**

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, authorizing the Superintendent and Director of Operations and Financial Services to transfer inter-fund transfers and unused appropriations and/or surplus funds available from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund and/or the Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund.

B. **Personnel And Administration - Chairperson: Mr. Mauro - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Kennedy And Mrs. Ott**

1. **Bus Driver Resignation**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Toprani, to accept the resignation of Donald R. Nelson, a Ringgold Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2015.

2. **Appointment Of A Director Of Transportation**

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. Flament, naming William Hoffman as Director of Transportation, effective July 1, 2015, along with his current duties as Director of Buildings and Grounds, at a salary increase of \$7,000 and an additional \$7,000 increase effective January 1, 2016 based on the Superintendent's evaluation.

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3. **Contract For The Assistant To The Director Of Transportation**

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, appointing Mr. Kester to the position of Assistant to the Director of Transportation until December 31, 2015 and approving the employment contract as prepared by the Solicitor and Administration. Mr. Kester will remain at his current salary.

4. **Appointment Of An Assistant Director Of Transportation**

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, appointing Christina Snyder as Assistant Director of Transportation at a salary of \$47,000, effective July 1, 2015, and approve the employment contract prepared by the Solicitor and Administration for a period of five (5) years with years 2 to 5 contingent upon a satisfactory evaluation.

5. **Approval Of A Contract For The Supervisor Of Food Service**

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 renew the contract of the Supervisor of Food Service, Mary Semancik, and approve the employment contract prepared by the Solicitor and Administration.

6. **Salary Increases**

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. Garry, to approve salary increases for Administrators as discussed in Executive Session.

7. **Granting Teacher Tenure**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Gerard, granting tenure to the following persons as of June 27, 2015.

Tonya L. Myers
Michael A. Sikorski

8. Additions To The Substitute Rosters

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

Police Officer

Robert Vitalbo West Mifflin, PA

Bus Driver

Donald R. Nelson Finleyville, PA
Linda Tustin Finleyville, PA

Custodians

Myrna E. Lloyd-Patrick Monongahela, PA
William J. Dolich Venetia, PA
(pending proper documentation for Mr. Dolich)

9. Lease Agreement With Community Action Southwest

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, granting permission to sign a Lease Agreement with Community Action Southwest for use of one classroom at the Ringgold Elementary School South for the 2015-2016 school year. The Lease Agreement begins effective July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016 at an annual amount of \$9,000.00 a year to be paid monthly. A copy of the Agreement can be found in the office of the Superintendent.

10. Employment Of Teachers

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. Garry, to employ the following teachers:

Zachary B. Smith - Ringgold High School Science Teacher - Bachelor's Degree - Step 2 - \$35,500

Michelle A. Glaid - Ringgold High School Science Teacher - Master's Degree - Step 1 - \$35,100

Christine E. Davis - Ringgold High School English Teacher - Master's Degree - Step 1 - \$35,100

Sean A. Taylor - Ringgold Middle School English Teacher - Master's Degree - Step 3 - \$37,100

Alexandra M. Remlinger - Ringgold Middle School Mathematics Teacher - Bachelor's Degree - Step 4 - \$37,000

Clayton W. Nanassy - Ringgold High School Mathematics Teacher - Bachelor's Degree - Step 1 - \$34,500

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

No Report

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

1. Appointment Of Coaches

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine 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.

GIRLS TENNIS

Ken Warner - Volunteer Assistant Girls Tennis Coach

BOYS SOCCER

Jeremiah Hyatt - Volunteer Assistant Boys Soccer Coach

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: Mrs. Garry And Mr. Toprani

No Report

H. Facilities, Planning, And Transportation

1. Donation Of Equipment

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission to donate playground equipment from the Ringgold Elementary School North that will no longer be used to Union Township after an Agreement and Release Document, prepared by the Solicitor, has been signed by the Ringgold School District and Union Township.

2. Sanitary Sewer Lines Rehabilitation

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 Mrs. Flament, to enter into a contract with Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. in the amount of \$57,176.72 for the relining of the sanitary sewer lines at the Ringgold High School.

3. Request For Use Of A Classroom By The Intermediate Unit 1

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Toprani, granting permission to the Intermediate Unit 1 to use one classroom in the Ringgold Middle School to host autistic services beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

4. Request For Use Of A Facility

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Toprani, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission for the following use of a facility and to waive any fee.

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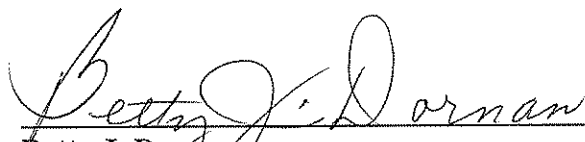
a. Madonna Catholic Regional School - Randall G. Rodriguez

What: Volleyball Games
When: To be determined
Where: Ringgold Middle School
Cost: Fee waived

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 8:40 P.M.



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