

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes, was held 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 William Stein Jr. and the following Board Members were present/participating to the call of the roll. *All Members attended the meeting on a virtual platform and the community was also given the information to join on this platform.

II. ROLL CALL

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President

Mr. William C. Stein, Jr.
Mr. James R. Dodd
Mrs. Sherrie L. Garry
Ms. Harley Bobnar
Mrs. Carol F. Flament
Mr. Jason H. Gerard
Mr. Gene R. Kennedy
Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro
Mrs. Maureen A. Ott

Also Present/Participating

Acting Superintendent/
Board Secretary
Solicitor
Recording Secretary

Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mr. Anthony Piscioneri

III. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH

Mr. Skrinjorich spoke about that state guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Mr. Skrinjorich spoke about the Health and Safety plan and the regular meetings going on in the district to see if we can bring back all students to daily attendance. More information to come as we continue to receive guidance from state and local officials.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept the following minutes as presented:

A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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

No report

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT –MRS. OTT

No Report

VIII. SHASDA REPORT – MRS. OTT

No report

IX. PSBA REPORT – MRS. OTT

PSBA is holding weekly board member meetings to discuss current school related issues.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - MR. BERGGREN

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

XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. STEIN

Mr. Stein announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting and also on June 17, 2020, to discuss the following:

A. Personnel, Grievance & Contract Issues

B. Received Legal Counsel & Information

XII. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Yancy Taylor, PA – Topic: Mr. Taylor indicated that he wanted to tell the board that he appreciates everyone's hard work and that when we do bring students back to make sure we do it safely not only for students but also the staff.

Amy Dooley of Monongahela, PA – Topic: Ms. Dooley discussed the needed research on instructional programs that are proven to work for Dyslexic students and early intervention. She would like to also discuss the ATSI and TSI plans. She is also concerned about student health and the process the district serves lunches each day.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business And Financial Services - Chairperson: Mrs. Flament - Co-chairpersons: Ms. Bobnar, Mr. Gerard and Mrs. Ott

1. Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget

The Board, by a vote of 6-3 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the Budget for the 2020-2021 school year. The Balanced Budget represents \$46,280,127 in Expenditures with a 4/10 Mill increase:

Voting Yes - Messrs.: Gerard, Stein, Mauro, Dodd; Mesdames: Flament and Garry

Voting No - Mesdames: Bobnar, Ott Messrs.: Kennedy

2. Approval of Tax Resolutions

The Board, by a vote of 6-3 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve the following Tax Resolutions:

A. Real Estate - 14.5205

B. Reenactment of the Following

- 1. Section 679 – Per Capita Tax - \$5.00**
- 2. Section 511 – Per Capita Tax - \$5.00**
- 3. Mercantile Tax – ½ Mill on Wholesale**
- 4. Occupation Privilege Tax - \$10.00**
- 5. Earned Income Tax – ½ of 1% with an Exception up to \$3,000.00**

Voting Yes - Messrs.: Gerard, Stein, Mauro, Dodd; Mesdames: Flament and Garry

Voting No - Mesdames: Bobnar, Ott Messrs.: Kennedy

3. **Treasurer's Reports**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented. A copy of the Treasurer's Reports can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 38399-38405

4. **Payment of Bills**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 38406-38421

5. **Homestead/Farmstead Act**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve a motion to provide up to \$188.60 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.

6. **Agreement with the Children's Institute**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve an agreement with The Children's Institute for special education services for the 2019-2020 school year.

7. **Agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to approve an agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 for special education services for the 2019-2020 school year.

8. **Payment to Piccolomini Contractors**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for final payment to Piccolomini Contractors, approved by the architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$12,230.22 for the modular classroom and church demolition at Ringgold Elementary School North.

9. **Payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, for the following payments to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., approved by the architects HHSDR, in the amounts of:

<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#3	\$122,006.00
#4	\$16,649.80
#5	\$34,412.40

10. **Agreement with the Watsons's Institute**

The Board, by a vote to 8-1 with one board member abstaining to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve an agreement with The Watsons's Institute for special education services for the 2019-2020 school year.

Voting Yes - Messrs.: Kennedy, Gerard, Stein, Mauro, Dodd; Mesdames: Flament, Bobnar and Garry

Abstaining - Mesdames: Ott

11. **Approval of Service Provider Contract**

The Board, by a vote to 8-1 with one board member abstaining to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve contracts with Transitional Employment Consultants to provide services for the period of time from December 3, 2019 to June 1, 2020, and also for Extended School Year services to the District for the period of time from June 8, 2020 to July 16, 2020.

Voting Yes - Messrs.: Kennedy, Gerard, Stein, Mauro, Dodd; Mesdames: Flament, Bobnar and Garry

Abstaining - Mesdames: Ott

B. Personnel And Administration – Chairperson: Mrs. Ott Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament, Mrs. Garry And Mr. Dodd

1. Acceptance of Resignations

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to accept the following resignations:

Jo Etta Yesionek – Utility Worker for the Ringgold School District, effective May 29, 2020

Amanda Frye – Family and Consumer Science teacher for Ringgold High School, effective June 10, 2020

Lindsay Muchnock – Health and Physical Education teacher for Ringgold Middle School, effective the last working day of the 2019/2020 school year.

Mary Semancik – Director of Food Services for the Ringgold School District, effective July 31, 2020

2. Acceptance of Resignation and Waiving of Obligation

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the resignation of Ms. Mary Jo Michalowski effective the last working day of the 2019/2020 school year, and waiving her obligation to return to work after her sabbatical.

3. Additions to the Substitute Rosters

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, granting permission to add the following person to the substitute rosters:

Cafeteria

Jo Etta Yesionek Finleyville, PA

4. Removal from the Substitute Rosters

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, granting permission to remove the following person to the substitute rosters:

Security

Charles Ross Donora, PA

5. **Elimination of Paraprofessional Positions**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Stein, to eliminate the number of Paraprofessional positions as recommended by the Acting Superintendent.

6. **Elimination of the Professional Learning Facilitator Position**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to eliminate the Professional Learning Facilitator position.

7. **Elimination of the Director of Social, Emotional and Behavior Support Position**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to eliminate the Director of Social, Emotional and Behavior Support Position.

8. **Denial of Grievance**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to deny the Grievance filed on May 8, 2020 by the Ringgold Education Association.

9. **Advertise the Director of Pupil Services Position**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, granting permission to advertise the Director of Pupil Services position and start to collect application packets for potential candidates.

10. **Approval of the Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar**

The Board, by a vote to 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve and accept the revised 2020-2021 School Calendar.

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

Voting No - Mesdames: Bobnar

11. Advertise the Director of Food Services Position

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission to advertise the Director of Food Services position and start to collect application packets for potential candidates.

C. Curriculum, Education & Technology – Chairperson: Mr. Mauro Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Bobnar, Mr. Gerard and Mrs. Garry –

1. Approval of the revised Ringgold High School 2020-2021 Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plan

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to accept the 2020-2021 Ringgold High School ATSI Plan.

2. Approval of the revised Ringgold Middle School 2020-2021 Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Plan

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the 2020-2021 Ringgold Middle School TSI Plan.

3. Approval of the revised Ringgold Elementary School North 2020-2021 Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)/Title 1 Plan

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the 2020-2021 Ringgold Elementary School North TSI/Title 1 Plan.

4. Approval of the revised Ringgold Elementary School South 2020-2021 Title 1 Plan

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the 2020-2021 Ringgold Elementary School South Title 1 Plan.

D. Athletics – Chairperson: Mrs. Garry Co-chairpersons: Mr. Gerard, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Mauro

1. Resignation of a Coach

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Gerard, to accept the following resignation.

Lindsey Muchnock, Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach – effective May 28, 2020

2. **Renewal of Contract for Spring Coaches**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to renew the appointment of the following spring coaches for a period of one (1) year expiring on June 30, 2021, subject to new contract documents to be prepared by the Administration and Solicitor. This is being recommended due to the coronavirus pandemic negating the 2020 season. The compensation shall remain the same as the 2019-2020 season.

Spring Coaches

Don Roberts - Head Varsity Baseball
Chris Szalay - Assistant Baseball
Brandon Wyvratt - Assistant Baseball
Jeff Lessman - Head JV Baseball
Gregg Adams - Head Softball
Natalie Adams - Assistant Softball
Rick Susick - Head Boys Tennis
Jen McMichael - Head Track Coordinator
Angela Gorman - Assistant Track Coordinator
Gary Shawley - Assistant Track Coach
Don Burns - Assistant Track Coach
Rhonda Baertsch - Head MS Girls Track
Jonathan Boscan - Head MS Boys Track
Chris Buckley - Assistant MS Track

3. **Renewal of Appointments for coaches**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to renew the appointments of the following head coaches for a period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2020 and running through June 30, 2023, subject to new contract documents to be prepared by the Administration and Solicitor. The compensation shall be based off the fee schedule.

Coaches

Jen McMichael - Cross Country
Carly Kirchner - Competitive Spirit
Sally Phillips - Girls Tennis
Bethany Curzi - Swimming & Diving

4. Approval of the Athletics & Activities Health and Safety Plan

The Board, by a vote to 7-2 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Gerard, to accept and approve the Athletics & Activities Health and Safety Plan, subject to amendments and changes as determined necessary by the Acting Superintendent as a result of changing direction and guidance from the State.

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

Voting No - Messrs.: Mauro & Dodd

E. Health and Nutrition & Safety and Security – Chairperson: Ms. Bobnar Co-chairpersons: Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Flament

No Report

F. Facilities, Planning, and Transportation – Chairperson: Mr. Dodd Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Ott, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Mauro

No Report

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 8:58 P.M.



Randall S. Skrinjorich
Secretary of the Board
Ringgold Board of School Directors