

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes, was held at 7:05 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 to the call of the roll: Mrs. Garry, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Dodd, Mrs. Flament, Mrs. Ott, Mr. Gerard, and Mr. Mauro.

II. ROLL CALL

President
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
Mrs. Maureen A. Ott
Mr. James R. Dodd
Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro

Absent

Ms. Harley Bobnar

Also Present

Superintendent & Board Secretary
Assistant Superintendent
Solicitor
Director of Finance

Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Dr. Cathy Taschner
Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mrs. Kimberley Moore

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH

Mr. Skrinjorich congratulated our staff and students for their continued efforts each and every day. He also congratulated Thalia Lee and Bryan Nguyen for their selection as September students of the month and thanked the technology department for their strong steady support throughout this entire pandemic.

Mr. Skrinjorich also thanked those who had emailed and shared their concerns and thoughts about mask wearing, COVID and quarantining. He reminded that this topic continues to be one that is being discussed by schools across the Commonwealth and that Ringgold will continue our attempts to adjust based on guidance that we are receiving from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Department of Health.

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 Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept the following minutes as presented:

A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, August 18, 2021

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

No Report

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - MR. BERGGREN

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 to discuss the following:

- A. Personnel: Hirings & Resignations**
- B. Receive Legal Counsel & Information**
- C. Student Discipline**

XII. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Christine Cox Monongahela, PA **Topic:** 2021-2022 School Year-Chromebooks and Students Wearing Masks

Brittany Macioce- Finleyville, PA **Topic:** 2021-2022 School Year-Return to School Health and Safety Plan

Jason Schmid- Monongahela, PA **Topic:** 2021-2022 School Year-In-Person learning and wearing masks

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Treasurer's Reports

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 Treasurer's Reports as presented. A copy of the Treasurer's Reports can be found in the Appendix of these minutes.

2. Payment of Bills

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented. A copy of the Bills Reports can be found in the Appendix of these minutes.

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. Gerard, to approve motions 3 through 6 as stated below.

3. Approval of Updated Reorganization Chart

To approve the updated reorganization chart and create any new positions contained in the updated reorganization chart as presented.

4. Approval of the Title 1 Non-Public School Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit

To approve the Title 1 Non-Public School Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

5. **Approval of the Title IIA Non-Public School Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit**

To approve the Agreement between Ringgold School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for Title IIA non-public school professional development for qualifying schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

6. **Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Title III Consortium**

To accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Ringgold School District joining the consortium.

7. **Acceptance of Donation from Huntington National Bank**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to accept the donation of six (6) Cisco Systems series 2900 routers from Huntington National Bank through Cisco Networking Academy.

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, to approve motions 8 through 10 as stated below.

8. **Purchase of Dodge Charger for Driver's Education Classes**

To accept the proposal from Jim Shorkey Auto Group for the new 2021 Dodge Charger Sedan in the amount of \$30,916.00 for driver's education classes. Pricing was based on COSTARS ID #013-158.

9. **Acceptance of 2020-2021 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Services Agreement Addendum**

To approve the addendum to the Service Agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit and to pay the balance due under the agreement for the 2020-2021 school year.

10. **Setting Compensation for Substitute Administrative Assistants**

To approve the following substitute rate beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

Substitute Administrative Assistant \$12.00 an hour

11. **Approval of Resolution by Bond Counsel**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament and seconded by Mrs. Ott to approve the Resolution provided by bond counsel, authorizing the refunding of the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016, in order to reduce total debt, all in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act A.

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, to approve motions 12 through 16 as stated below.

12. Payment to GeoMechanics, Inc. for High School Pool

To approve payment to GeoMechanics, Inc. in the amount of \$6,400 for services related to the construction phase of the High School pool.

13. Payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co.

To approve payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$67,791.80 for phase 1 Renovation Ringgold high School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #2 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

14. Payment to HHSDR Invoice #7

To approve payment to HHSDR in the amount of \$5,346.53 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #7 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

15. Payment to HHSDR Invoice #8

To approve payment to HHSDR in the amount of \$6,014.84 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #8 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

16. Payment to Caliber Contracting Services, Inc.

To approve payment to Caliber Contracting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$153,478.83 for phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #3 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

17. Approval of Change Order from Caliber Contracting Services, Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament and seconded by Mrs. Ott to accept a change order from Caliber Contracting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$355,400.60 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project.

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. Gerard, to approve motions 18 through 22 as stated below.

18. Approval of Soliant Health Contract

To approve the contract with Soliant Health for Vision and Orientation and Mobility Services pending approval by the Solicitor.

19. Approval of Addendum to PTS Contract

To approve the addendum to the PTS contract to include Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and Assistive Technology Services.

20. Payment to Allegheny City Electric, Inc.

To approve payment to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$28, 437.75 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #3 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

21. Payment to First American Industries, Inc.

To approve payment to First American Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$71,384.13 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #3 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

22. Approval of UGI Energy Services, LLC Agreement

To approve the Agreement between UGI Energy Services, LLC and Ringgold School District for natural gas renewal rates through August 2025. The approval of this agreement is contingent upon final review by the Administration and Solicitor. A copy of the Agreement has been presented in the Board packet.

B. Personnel And Administration – Chairperson: Mrs. Ott Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament and Mrs. Garry

1. Resignation of Personnel

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the following resignations:

Tara Bankert – Human Resources Generalist for Ringgold School District, effective on September 10, 2021.

Gretchen Clegg de Lopez – Spanish Teacher for Ringgold Middle School, effective on or before the completion of the 60 day hold period.

Wendy Whitfield – Bus Driver for Ringgold School District, effective on September 17, 2021.

Lindsay Schaffer – School Librarian for Ringgold Elementary School South, effective on or before the completion of the 60 day hold period.

2. **Employment of Personnel**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to employ the following individuals, pending proper documentation:

Sherry Black – Director of Pupil Services in the Act 93 Compensation Plan for Ringgold School District at a salary of \$100,000.

Ashley Young – Paraprofessional for Ringgold Middle School.

Sariah Tovar – Paraprofessional for Ringgold High School.

Krista Wilson – 2nd Grade Teacher at Ringgold Elementary School South at a salary of \$40,000.00 – Step 1 – Bachelor’s Degree.

3. **Employment of Personnel Amendment**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to amend the Board action of August 18, 2021, appointing Jackie Lane as a Bus Driver for Ringgold School District to appointing Jackie Lane as a Bus Driver Trainee for Ringgold School District.

4. **Appointment of Assistant Superintendent**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to approve the appointment of Mr. Thomas Grierson as Assistant Superintendent and approving his contract with the District for a term of five years.

5. **Employment of Athletic Director**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament to hire Mr. Wesley Siko as Athletic Director and approving his contract with the District as prepared by the solicitor.

6. **Addition to the Substitute Roster**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to add the following people to the substitute roster.

Custodian

Travis Sears Monongahela, PA

Ernest Brown Bethel Park, PA

Kelly Colagiovanni Monongahela, PA

7. **Requests To Attend Conferences**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to grant permission for the following conference requests:

Superintendent Skrinjorich PASA (PA Association of School Administrators) New Superintendents' Academy
Part 1 – September 2021

Part 2 – November 2021

Part 3 – January 2022

TOTAL COST FOR PART 1 \$681.61

8. **Appointment of Pandemic Point of Contact**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to appoint Jeffrey Trypus as the Pandemic Point of Contact for Ringgold School District at a stipend of \$2,500.00 for the 2021/2022 school year.

9. **Approval of Job Descriptions**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to approve the following job descriptions:

- Athletic Director
- Assistant Superintendent
- Director of Pupil Services
- Pandemic Point of Contact

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

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

1. **Appointment of Coach**

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 Mr. Dodd, to hire the following coach. Please note that salaries will be based on the 2021-2022 budget. Clearances and other required paperwork have been obtained and appointments are subject to contract documents prepared by the Administration and Solicitor.

A. Swimming and Diving

- 1. Elizabeth Sprowls** – Head Swimming and Diving Coach at a salary of \$6,000.00 (annual contract)

2. Updates to Use of Facility Policy

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 Mr. Dodd, to accept the updates to the use of facility policy as included in the board packets.

E. Health and Nutrition– Chairperson: Ms. Bobnar Co-chairpersons: Mr. Dodd and Mr. Kennedy

F. Safety and Security-Chairperson: Mr. Gerard Co-chairpersons: Mr. Dodd and Mr. Kennedy

G. Facilities, Planning, and Transportation – Chairperson: Mr. Kennedy Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament and Mr. Mauro

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, Garry, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Mauro, Mrs. Ott, Mr. Dodd, and Mr. Stein to adjourn.

The Board adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Kimberley Moore Burchill
Secretary of the Board Ringgold Board of School
Directors