

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes, was held at 7:00 PM. 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. Ott, Mr. Gerard, Mrs. Garry, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Mauro, and Mr. Stein.

II. ROLL CALL

President
Second Vice President

Mr. William C. Stein, Jr.
Mrs. Sherrie L. Garry
Mr. Gene R. Kennedy
Mr. Jason H. Gerard
Mrs. Maureen A. Ott
Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro

Absent
First Vice President

Mrs. Carol F. Flament
Ms. Harley Bobnar
Mr. James R. Dodd

Also Present
Superintendent & Board Secretary
Assistant Superintendent
Solicitor
Director of Finance

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

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH

Mr. Skrinjorich expressed his thanks to the Ringgold community, parents, and staff for their help in keeping the district safe during the pandemic. The goal of the Ringgold Board and administration is to keep the buildings open and to keep our students safely in them. He asked everyone to continue working toward this goal.

Mr. Skrinjorich indicated that this meeting is the last one for Dr. Taschner, who has been the District through the pandemic. He thanked her for her work in offering several different platforms of education during the pandemic at the Ringgold School District.

Dr. Taschner commented that it has been an honor to work with Mr. Skrinjorich, the Board, the administrators, and the Ringgold community.

IV. SECRETARY’S REPORT

No Report.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept following minutes as presented:

A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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

No Report.

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1 REPORT – MRS. OTT

No Report.

VIII. SHASDA REPORT – MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott stated that she has had no communication with SHASDA since last year. Mr. Skrinjorich said that they are planning a meeting with the superintendents, and he will update her as soon as he has the information.

IX. PSBA REPORT – MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott reported that the board of PSBA has voted unanimously to cancel PSBA’s membership in NSBA. The decision was reached after considerable deliberation.

X. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. BERGGREN

No Report

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. Litigation Matters and to Receive Legal Advice and Information

B. Personnel Matters

C. Student Discipline

Mr. Stein echoed Mr. Skrinjorich’s remarks about Dr. Taschner. He felt that she has been a blessing for the School District. He wished her well in her new endeavor.

XII. VISITORS’ REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Brittany Macioce Finleyville, PA **Topic:** Communication

Alicia Debarnardo Monongahela, PA **Topic:** Masks & COVID protocol

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 six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott and 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.

2. Payment of Bills

The Board, by a unanimous call to the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these minutes.

3. Payment to HHSDR Invoice #9

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve payment to HHSDR in the amount of \$22,074.57 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of Invoice #9 will be made from the Capital projects Fund.

4. Payment to GeoMechanics, Inc. For High School Pool

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve payment to GeoMechanics, Inc., in the amount of \$2,975.00 for services related to the construction phase of the High School pool. Payment of invoice #2 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

5. Payment to the East West Manufacturing and Supply Company

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve payment to East West Manufacturing and Supply Company, Inc. in the amount of \$252,470.20 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #3 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

6. Payment to Caliber Contracting Services, Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve payment to Caliber Contracting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$316,277.61 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #4 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

7. Payment to First American Industries, Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to approve payment to First American Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$55,237.50 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of Invoice #4 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

8. Approval of Central Reach Subscription and Services Agreement

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to approve payment of a subscription agreement in the amount of \$872.00 to provide advanced electronic data collection and programming solutions. Central Reach is a behavioral health analysis tool to help improve student behavioral outcomes with easy-to-use ABA data collection of students working with our BCBAs and RBTs.

9. Use of Services with Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, for the use of services with Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 in the amount of \$6,075.00 for special education services. A copy of the confirmation was enclosed in the Board packet.

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

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the resignations of the following personnel.

1. Resignation of Personnel

Jordan Henderson – Guidance Counselor, OEA Coordinator, and AEDY coordinator for Ringgold High School, effective on or before the completion of a 60-day hold period.

Robyn Yuratovich – Teacher Aide for Ringgold High School, effective end of day, Monday, September 13, 2021.

Sherry Black – Yearbook Advisor for Ringgold Middle School, effective end of day, Monday, September 20, 2021.

Aldine Evans – 3.5 Hour Utility Worker for Ringgold High School, effective end of day, Friday, October 15, 2021

2. **Acceptance of Resignation Report**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept and ratify the Report of the Superintendent accepting the resignation of Jillian Duvuvei, the District's Payroll/Accounting Specialist, effective as of the close of business on October 18, 2021.

3. **Motion to Amend Agenda**

Due to the necessity of meeting contract deadlines and the inability of the Food Service Department to complete the necessary requirements to terminate an employee twenty-four hours prior to tonight's meeting, the Board by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to add to the agenda a motion to terminate the employment of Cheryl Konek as a Food Service employee effective immediately.

4. **Motion to Terminate Employment**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to terminate the employment of Cheryl Konek as a Food Service employee effective immediately.

5. **Employment of Personnel**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to employ the following individuals:

Debra Bostek – 6.5 hour Cook/Baker at Ringgold High School

Sarah Trumpe – 5.5 hour Utility Worker at Ringgold Elementary School North

Travis Sears – Full-time 8-hour custodian at Ringgold Elementary School South

6. Addition to the Substitute Roster

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to add the following people to the substitute roster, pending proper documentation:

Custodian

Debra Bostek New Eagle, PA

Bus Driver Trainee

Lynn Price Donora, PA

7. Appointment of Extracurricular Positions

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, granting permission to appoint the following extracurricular position. In the event that COVID-19 or similar pandemic forces the cancellation of all or part of the extracurricular activity/season, the individuals will be paid at a prorated amount. The compensation shall be prorated based on the number of days that the extracurricular activity/season is actually active, and the number of days from the first official day of the activity, as determined by the District, to the last permissible date of the extracurricular activity/season. In the event that the extracurricular activity/season is cancelled in its entirety, the individual shall receive no compensation for that year.

Kristie Rygiel-DeBor – Yearbook Advisor for Ringgold Middle School

8. Request to Attend an Overnight Student Field Trip

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, granting permission for the following field trip requests, which include the cost of insurance:

Marching Band Marching Band Parade Performance in
Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg, Tennessee
March 16-March 20, 2022

TOTAL COST PER STUDENT - \$750.00
NUMBER OF STUDENTS - 100

9. Request to Attend Conference

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

Director of Pupil Services	Helix Conference at Penn State
Sherry Black	November 8-10, 2021

TOTAL COST - \$770.00

At this time, Mr. Stein stated that an additional person would like to speak, but had failed to submit a request to address the Board. He was granting them permission to speak. Tara D'Alessandro addressed the Board with her concerns regarding COVID vaccine regulations.

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

No Report.

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

1. Appointment of Coaches

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Gerard, to hire the following coaches. Salaries will be based on the 2021-2022 budget. Appointments are subject to contract documents prepared by the Administration and Solicitor.

1. Swimming and Diving

Elizabeth Sprowls – Head Swimming and Diving Coach at a salary of \$6,000.00 (three (3) year contract)

2. Basketball

Kasey McIntyre – Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$3,060.00 (annual contract)

Jacob Dudzinski – Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$4,080.00 (annual contract)

Jim Nash – 7th Grade Middle School Boys Basketball Coach at a salary of \$2,500.00 (annual contract)

2. Use of Facility Requests

The following requests and approvals for use of facilities are subject to the terms and conditions of the Ringgold School District's Health and Safety Plan, the Ringgold School District's Athletic Policies and Procedures, and the District's use of School Facilities and Grounds Policy 707. The use of District facilities also subject to any government Mandates or Recommendations from the Department of Health, the Department of Education, or any other government agency related to health and safety issues. The granting of the use of facilities shall be subject to change as determined by the Administration as it deems necessary for the health and safety of the participants, as well as the District's students and staff. Failure of any group to strictly following the requirements and conditions as provided for above shall result in the group's permission to use the District's facilities being revoked.

1. Ringgold Youth Basketball (Matt Rowland, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach)

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to approve the use of High School Gym, Middle School Gym and RESS Gym for youth practices and games on various dates and times (usually 5-8 pm) from November 8, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022.

2. Ringgold Metro Basketball (Matt Rowland, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach)

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the use of the High School Gym, Middle School Gym and RESS Gym for youth practices and games on various dates and times from December 1, 2021 and ending March 1, 2022.

3. Ringgold North PTA/Holiday Bingo (Heather Kerr, President)

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the use of the RESN Gym for PTA/Holiday Bingo on December 8, 2021, 6-8:30 PM.

4. Ringgold North PTA Art Fair/Reflections (Jen Jaki, Heather Kerr, Secretary/President)

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the use of the use of the RESN Gym/Cafeteria for the Ringgold North PTA/Holiday Bingo on February 3, 2022 from 6-8 PM.

5. Approval of String Band Practice

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to grant permission for the Ringgold String Band to have after school practice at the Ringgold Middle School. The String Band is comprised of Ringgold High School and Middle School students, as well as community members, under the supervision of Mrs. Melanie Sandrock. All individuals participating shall be required to obtain clearance as mandated by law.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

1. Permission to Sell Two Box Trucks, Two Driver's Ed Vehicles and a Van for Scrap

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the six members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to grant permission to dispose of two Box Trucks, two Driver's Ed vehicles, and one van that are no longer in service.

2. Outside Transportation Contracts

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the six members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to amended the contracts for the following carriers who provide transportation to the District's children. The approval of this agreement is contingent upon final review by the Administration and Solicitor.

LISA AGOSTONI

1 Student	Mon Valley Career and Technology	\$75.00 Daily Rate
1 Student	Mon Valley School	\$145.00 Daily Rate

DMJ

4 Students	Mon Valley School	\$225.00 Daily Rate
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FIRST STUDENT

17 Students	Seton LaSalle High School	\$324.74 Daily Rate
9 Students	Central CA-JFK	\$324.74 Daily Rate
6 Students	Watson Institute South	\$373.86 Daily Rate
	Monitor	\$117.88 Daily Rate
1 Student	Children's Institute	\$373.86 Daily Rate
3 Students	Transformation Learning	\$287.75 Daily Rate

GEMAS

1 Student	WPS for Blind Children	\$ 64.96 Daily Rate
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MLAKER

1 Student	ACLD Tillotson	\$220.00 Daily Rate
3 Students	Mon Valley School	\$265.00 Daily Rate
	Monitor	\$110.00 Daily Rate
4 Students	Watson Institute	\$305.00 Daily Rate
	Monitor	\$150.00 Daily Rate
8 Students	St. Sebastian	\$220.00 Daily Rate
1 Student	Watson Institute	\$285.00 Daily Rate
2 Students	Ringgold Elementary School South – C	\$220.00 Daily Rate

GINA PROFROCK

2 Students	Bentworth Partial	\$120.00 Daily Rate
4 Students	St. Sebastian School	\$ 75.00 Daily Rate
1 Student	IU-1 Laboratory	\$ 55.00 Daily Rate

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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