

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes, was held at 7:10 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. Flament, Mrs. Garry, Mrs. Ott, Ms. Bobnar, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Gerard, Mr. Mauro, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Stein attended the meeting live and the community was given the information to join on a virtual platform.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present

Superintendent & Board Secretary	Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. Cathy Taschner
Solicitor	Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Director of Finance	Mrs. Kimberley Moore
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Finance Coordinator	Mrs. Mariah Carpenter

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH

Mr. Skrinjorich thanked everyone in the Rams community for their continued efforts in supporting our students. He commented on the end of the school year and the events that were approaching (Prom, Graduation, Step up Days, Field Days, etc.). Mr. Skrinjorich also noted that the District will be holding an in-person graduation at the RHS Stadium on June 8th, with rain dates scheduled. Lastly, he also noted that the District will do its very best to keep everyone informed on planning for next school year as guidance continues to be released from PDE and the CDC.

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

A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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

A. Approval of Mon Valley Career and Technology Center Proposed Budget

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. Kennedy, to adopt the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center Proposed Budget that totals \$3,508,039.00 with Ringgold’s share being \$710,258.84.

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT –MRS. OTT

No report related to the Intermediate Unit 1; however, Mrs. Ott recognized two Ringgold students (one current and one a 2019-20 graduate) on attaining the highest rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America:

**Matthew Simmons
Colton Cartwright**

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. Possible Litigation Matters**
- B. Personnel**
- C. Receive Legal Counsel and Information**
- D. Student Discipline**

XII. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Terry Necciai- Monongahela, PA **Topic:** Monongahela Area Library Schedule of Education Activities

Connie Baynham- Finleyville, PA **Topic:** Graduation Ceremony Request ***Note-Ms. Baynham was unable to connect to address the Board on the phone; however, she had sent an email with her request which addressed the items she wanted to discuss related to graduation. Mr. Stein read her graduation ceremony request email, and Mr. Skrinjorich and Mr. Stein addressed her questions and concerns related to the graduation ceremony.*

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Stein announced that as everyone had been provided with a copy of the Board agenda and had the opportunity to review each motion prior to the meeting, he asked that motions be read together when possible.

1. Approval of the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Mauro, to approve the Preliminary Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The Preliminary Budget, as required by the School Code, will be made available for public viewing in the office of the superintendent or on the District's Website. The Budget must be officially adopted by June 30, 2021 and represents \$47,770,173 in Expenditures with a 2.5/10 Mill increase.

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

Voting No – Messrs.: Kennedy

2. **Treasurer's Reports**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine 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 on pages

3. **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 Mr. Dodd, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages

4. **Appointment of a Treasurer for 2021-2022**

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. Kennedy, to approve naming Kimberley Moore as Treasurer for 2021-2022. According to the School Code, the Treasurer must be appointed in May of each year.

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 approve motions 5 through 10 as stated below.

5. **Renewal of Food Service Contract**

To renew the Food Service Contract with AVI food Systems. AVI Food Systems is guaranteeing \$9,538.82. This approval includes any changes made to the contract documents by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, including the guaranteed amount.

6. **Acceptance of Proposal from CCL Technologies**

To accept the proposal from CCL Technologies in the amount of \$14,630.00 for the creation of a Vicon security camera VLAN (Virtual Local Area Network) for all of the District Vicon security cameras and NVRs (Network Video Recorders). The proposal includes Pennsylvania ITQ contract #4400004480 services and COSTARS 2021 pricing.

7. **Acceptance of Proposal from P.E.M.Co. for the Purchase of ADA Ramps**

To accept the proposal from P.E.M.Co. for the purchase of two ADA ramps in the amount of \$34,781.66 to be used in conjunction with the existing stages for graduation and other District events. The pricing is based on PA COSTARS contract 035-07.

8. **Electric Supply Agreement**

To enter into an agreement with Energy Harbor LLC. beginning December 2022 through December 2024 (subject to final review by the Administration and Solicitor).

9. **Blueprints Lease Agreement**

To enter into a lease agreement with Blueprints that will allow for the rental of two classrooms to house Pre-K counts classrooms within the Ringgold School District. The lease shall be for one year beginning on July 1, 2021 with an option to renew for an additional year.

10. **Assessment Appeals**

Background: On August 19, 2020, the Board approved a motion directing and authorizing the Solicitor and Administration to file property tax assessment appeals for all properties purchased after January 1, 2019, where the purchase price was in excess of \$200,000.00 and the assessed value was seventy-five percent or less than the purchase price. Recently, the Solicitor has been working with the Chief Assessor regarding the District's annual appeal of assessments and there was a substantial difference between the assessed value and the recent sale amount adjusted back to the base year.

To amend the assessment appeals motion originally approved on August 19, 2020, due to the adjustment (Common Level Ratio) increasing, and directing and authorizing the Solicitor and Administration to file property tax assessment appeals for all properties purchased after the last assessment appeals, where the purchase price was in excess of \$200,000.00 and the assessed value was seventy percent or less than the purchase price.

Note: Mr. Dodd received a phone call and stepped out of the meeting; therefore, he was not present during the time of the vote for motions 11 through 17 for Business and Financial Services, and motions 1 through 9 for Personnel and Administration.

11. **Resolution No. 1 – Award Contracts**

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. Kennedy to award the following contracts for the Natatorium and Locker Room Renovations Project:

- 1) For General Construction, to Caliber Contracting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$3,025,400.
- 2) For HVAC Construction, to East West Manufacturing and Supply Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,542,000.
- 3) For Plumbing Construction, to First American Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$508,500.
- 4) For Electrical Construction, to Allegheny City Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$402,000.

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 12 through 17 as stated below.

12. **Resolution No. 2 – Resolution to Appoint Commissioning Agent**

To appoint Pitchford Diversified, Inc. as the Commissioning Agent for the Natatorium and Locker Room Renovations Project as per their proposal in the amount of \$44,800.

13. **Resolution No. 3 – Resolution to Appoint Geotechnical Inspection Services**

To appoint GeoMechanics, Inc. for Geotechnical Inspection Services for the Ringgold High School Natatorium and Locker Room Renovations project as per their proposal in the amount of \$17,110.

14. **Resolution No. 4 – Resolution to Approve Purchase of Building Permit**

To approve the payment in the amount of \$3,829.50 to Carroll Township for the building permit, plan review, and inspection associated with the Natatorium and Locker Room Renovations Project.

FURTHER, the Board Secretary is authorized to sign the necessary documents.

15. **Approval of Contract with Bentworth School District**

To approve the contract with Bentworth School District for services provided to the District for the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 school years. A copy of the contract is enclosed for review.

16. **Approval of Contract with Studer Education Group**

To approve the contract with Studer Education Group to advance the District's organizational excellence and continuous improvement priorities; as well as to create a culture of engagement, execution and excellence through the implementation of a system wide continuous improvement approach and Studer's Evidence Based Leadership SM practices and framework. The contract will be paid for with ESSERs funding. A copy of the contract is enclosed for review.

17. **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ringgold Education Association (REA)**

To approve the MOU with the REA for the 2021-2022 SY (pending final review by the Solicitor).

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 & Mr. Kennedy, to accept the following resignations:

Wendy St. Clair Parzich – Elementary School Teacher at Ringgold Elementary School North- Effective the last working day of the 2020-2021 School Year.

Diana Kristobek – Teacher at Ringgold Middle School - Effective the last working day of the 2020-2021 School Year.

Trina Payne – School Bus Driver - Effective April 30, 2021.

2. Approval of Updated Reorganization Chart

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to adopt the District's updated reorganization chart and to create any new positions that are now contained in the updated reorganization chart as presented.

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve motions 3 and 4 as stated below.

3. Approval of the Revision of the Middle School Principal Position for the 2021-2022 School Year

To revise the Middle School Principal position to the position of “Middle School Principal 7/8” as per policy 301 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

4. Approval of the Creation of a Middle School Principal Position for the 2021-2022 School Year

To approve the creation of the position of “Middle School Principal 5/6”, as per policy 301 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

5. Approval of Job Descriptions

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the eight members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the “Human Resource Generalist” and “School Board Secretary” job descriptions.

10. **Requests To Attend Conferences**

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, granting permission for the following conference requests:

James Klugh	Pennsylvania Principals Conference: LEAD21
	October 10-12, 2021
	State College, PA
TOTAL COST	\$729.65

Tricia Lewis	School Bus Instructor Training Class
	June 15-17, 2021
	Sewickley, PA
TOTAL COST	\$389.80

11. **Acceptance of Act 93 Compensation Plan for 2021-2026**

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, to accept the Act 93 Compensation Plan effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

12. **Approval and Acceptance of the Senior Security Advisor and Truancy Officer Contract**

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 approve and accept the Senior Security Advisor and Truancy Officer contract.

13. **Approval and Acceptance of the Supervisor of Maintenance and Grounds Contract**

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 approve and accept the Supervisor of Maintenance and Grounds contract.

14. **Student Discipline**

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 Ms. Bobnar, to approve the Agreement between the District and the parent of Student A as to the imposition of discipline of this Student.

15. **Permission to Hire a School Nurse and Paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year (ESY Program)**

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, to hire the following School Nurse and Paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year (ESY) Program.

<u>Nurse</u>	<u>Paraprofessionals</u>
Jean Sames	Kimberly Clegg Elizabeth Romito

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

1. **Adopting Project Lead the Way for Curriculum**

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. Gerard, to adopt Project Lead the Way curriculum for implementation in grades K-12; approving the Terms and Conditions of implementation between Ringgold School District and Project Lead the Way, Inc.; and agreeing to the Terms of Service for use of Project Lead the Way resources.

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

Laura Grimm commented that the District is currently looking at the facility use policy and hopes to begin accepting facility use requests once the school year is over.

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**

No Report

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



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