

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 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/participating to the call of the roll. **Mrs. Flament and Mr. Kennedy attended the meeting on a virtual platform with Mrs. Garry, Mrs. Ott, Mr. Dodd, Ms. Bobnar, Mr. Gerard, Mr. Mauro, and Mr. Stein attending 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
	Ms. Harley Bobnar
	Mr. James R. Dodd
	Mr. Jason H. Gerard
	Mr. Gene R. Kennedy
	Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro
	Mrs. Maureen A. Ott

Also Present/Participating

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 for their continued efforts on behalf of the students, and he also reported on the vaccinations for employees that are being received through the state and Intermediate Unit for those employees who did not receive the vaccination in 1A. He thanked all of the community and educational partners for their assistance in their continued efforts.

Mr. Skrinjorich recognized Dr. Petro for his 54 years of dedicated service to the Ringgold School District and congratulated him on his retirement. Dr. Petro proudly served the District and Mr. Skrinjorich wished him the best of luck and health in his well-deserved retirement.

Lastly, Mr. Skrinjorich commented on the District’s intent to have a prom while keeping it as normal as possible while adhering to the guidelines. Updates will continued to be shared as new information is gathered.

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 Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Garry, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to accept the following minutes as presented:

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

No Report

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT –MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott highlighted that the Intermediate Unit 1 coordinated approximately 3,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to School District employees which included about 150 additional Ringgold employees receiving vaccinations.

VIII. SHASDA REPORT – MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott reported that typically in the spring time, SHASDA holds a student forum to highlight student accomplishments for the year. However, this year, due to COVID-19, the forum is being held differently and students have been invited to submit a video highlighting the accomplishments for the year. SHASDA will be compiling all of the videos that are submitted and will make them available for districts to view.

IX. PSBA REPORT – MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott reported that Advocacy Day is March 22nd.

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. Labor Contract Negotiations**
- B. Personnel Issues**
- C. To Receive Information from the District's Solicitor**

XII. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No visitors' requests to address the Board were received.

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 for a motion to approve items 1 through 6 as stated below. Mr. Mauro asked that motion 5 be approved separately; therefore, Mr. Stein asked for a motion to approve items 1 through 4, and 6 as stated below. The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to approve the following motions:

1. Treasurer's Reports

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

2. Payment of Bills

To accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages

3. Sale of District Property

To accept the bid received from Robert and Lynnette Hutton in the amount of \$53,250.50 for parcels 130-006-00-00-0094-00 and 430-022-00-00-0001-00, and authorizing the Board President to execute the Agreement of Sale, the Deed and all other documents necessary to convey this District property, and directing and authorizing the Administration and Solicitor to take all actions necessary to complete the sale of this property.

4. **Payment to HHSDR**

To pay HHSDR in the amount of \$54,342.00 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #2 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

To accept the proposals from CCL Technologies in the amount of \$40,291.80 for the purchase and installation of replacement and new outside cameras, and NVR Software for Ringgold Elementary School South. The total proposed amount includes PEPPM pricing at \$25,903.80 and COSTARS 2020/Service per ITQ Contract #4400004480 pricing at \$14,388.00.

5. **Approval of Services with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2021**

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to authorize the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC., as independent Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2021, in the approximate amount of \$9,745,000, to meet the new money needs of the District, via competitive internet auction, as presented by Jamie Doyle with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC.

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

Voting No – Messrs.: Mauro

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 nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to accept the following resignations:

Dena Petaccia – Cafeteria Utility Worker at Ringgold Elementary School North effective March 16, 2021.

Tina Worstell – Cafeteria Utility Worker at Ringgold Middle School effective March 5, 2021.

2. **Letter of Retirement**

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 following letters of retirement:

Darla Smerilli – Elementary School Teacher at Ringgold Elementary School North- Effective the last working day of the 2020-2021 School Year. Ms. Smerilli is retiring under the Early Retirement Incentive Program approved at the January 20, 2021 Board meeting.

Mark Perunko – Elementary School Teacher at Ringgold Elementary School North- Effective the last working day of the 2020-2021 School Year. Mr. Perunko is retiring under the Early Retirement Incentive Program approved at the January 20, 2021 Board meeting.

Mary Perunko – Elementary School Teacher at Ringgold Elementary School North- Effective the last working day of the 2020-2021 School Year. Ms. Perunko is retiring under the Early Retirement Incentive Program approved at the January 20, 2021 Board meeting.

Julie Clarvit – School Nurse at Ringgold Middle School- Effective June 11, 2021.

Ricky Wall – Four Hour Custodian at Ringgold High School- Effective March 26, 2021.

3. **Employment of Personnel**

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. Garry, to employ the following individuals, pending proper documentation:

Amanda DiPiazza as an Administrative Assistant for Ringgold High School at an annual salary of \$21,000.00 and to be part of the Building Administrative Assistants Agreement.

David Wyvratt as a full-time Bus Driver for Ringgold School District effective Thursday, March 18, 2021.

4. **Addition to the Substitute Roster**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry and Ms. Bobnar, to add the following people to the substitute roster:

Custodian

Vicki Ellsworth

Monongahela, PA

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

1. Approval of the Agreement for Independent Educational Evaluation

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Ms. Bobnar, to approve the agreement for the Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for student 032020001.

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

1. Resignation of a Coach

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

Cody Gibson, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach – effective February 18, 2021

2. Appointment 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 appoint the following coaches. Coaching appointments are subject to contract documents prepared by the Administration and Solicitor. Individuals are required to sign a contract, Coach’s Code of Ethics and Conduct documents as a condition of their employment. All clearances and a drug test are mandatory and have been received.

Spring Coaches

1. Boys Tennis

- a. **Ross Himmler** – Volunteer Assistant Coach (annual contract)

2. Track & Field

- a. **Elizabeth Smith** – Assistant Varsity Coach at a salary of \$2,000.00 (contract follows head coach)
- b. **Robyn Cornelius** – Assistant Middle School Coach at a salary of \$1,500.00 (annual contract)

3. Girls Basketball

- a. **Matt Regula**– 8th Grade Head Coach at a salary of \$1,750.00 (annual contract)
- b. **Eric James** – 7th Grade Head Coach at a salary of \$1,820.70 (annual contract)

3. PIAA Championship Requests

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to authorize any athlete(s) and/or team(s) to attend the PIAA State Championships, if they were to qualify. The following are the dates for each trip:

1. Boys Tennis

- a. Team Championships – May 21-22, 2021 in Hershey, PA
 - b. Individual Championships – May 28-29, 2021 in Hershey, PA
- 2. Track & Field** – May 28-29, 2021 at Shippensburg University
- 3. Baseball** – June 17-18, 2021 at Penn State University
- 4. Softball** – June 17-18, 2021 at Penn State University

**Each trip would include lodging, travel (transportation & tolls), and meals for all coaches and athletes. Exact estimate would be calculated based on the size of each team or how many individuals qualify.*

At 7:45 PM, Mr. Stein called for an Executive Session for personnel reasons. The Board recessed for Executive Session until 8:05 PM. The regular School Board meeting resumed at 8:05 PM.

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. Approving Payment for Parent/Guardian to Transport Child

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, approving payment to a parent to transport her child to the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children on a daily basis at the rate of \$64.96 per day for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Proposal from HHSDR for Finley Middle School Property Subdivision

The Board, by a vote of 7-2 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Gerard, accepting the proposal from HHSDR in an amount not to exceed \$6,300.00 for the preparation of a property subdivision plan for the Finley Middle School Property.

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

Voting No – Messrs.: Mauro and Dodd

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Mauro, Mrs. Ott, Mr. Dodd, Ms. Bobnar, Mr. Gerard, Mrs. Flament, and Mr. Kennedy to adjourn.

The Board adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



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