

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 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/participating to the call of the roll. **Mrs. Flament, Mrs. Garry, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Mauro, Mrs. Ott, Ms. Bobnar, Mr. Gerard, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Stein attended the meeting on a virtual platform and the community was given the information to join on a virtual platform.

II. ROLL CALL

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President

Mr. William C. Stein, Jr.
Mrs. Carol F. Flament
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
Assistant Superintendent
Solicitor
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
& Finance Coordinator

Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Dr. Cathy Taschner
Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mrs. Mariah Carpenter

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH

Mr. Skrinjorich thanked everyone in the RAMs community for their continued efforts on behalf of our students, and thanked the teachers and staff for their continued dedication. He also thanked our Community partners for their outpouring of support along the way, and without this encompassing support, the District could not have accomplished all that we have accomplished to date. Mr. Skrinjorich also thanked and recognized Mon Valley Hospital for ensuring that our School District will be able to keep our doors open to our students and staff, and since the last Board meeting, 71 teachers and staff members received their vaccination through the Mon Valley Hospital. The Mon Valley Hospital’s willingness to step in beside us to provide vaccinations to our employees in the 1A category, only demonstrates the unparalleled advantages that community hospitals can provide to their community.

Mr. Skrinjorich also commended all of the high school students who participated in the PSAT testing and thanked all of the teachers who assisted in this testing. Additionally, he encouraged the senior students to stay committed and focused, and is looking forward to seeing each of them at graduation in June.

Mr. Skrinjorich invited individuals from the Intermediate Unit #1 to discuss Ringgold’s portion of the Intermediate Unit’s budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Representatives from the Intermediate Unit #1 then put on this presentation for the School Board.

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

A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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

No Report

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT –MRS. OTT

No Report

A. Approval of Intermediate Unit I Budget

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. Kennedy, to accept the 2021-2022 Intermediate Unit #1 Budget in the amount of \$549,522.00 with no increase over last year’s budget. Ringgold’s share of the budget will be \$29,457.94 (a decrease of \$170.01).

VIII. SHASDA REPORT – MRS. OTT

No Report

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. Personnel**
- B. Labor Contract Negotiations**
- C. Legal Issues Involving Contracts**
- D. To Receive Information from the Administration**

Mr. Stein echoed Mr. Skrinjorich and also thanked everyone for all of their hard work to keep this School District working for our students, and it is heartwarming to see the amount of hard work being completed by all of our Teachers and Staff that keep our facilities running.

Mr. Stein also spoke about a program that Mr. Yancey Taylor has been contacting the School Board about, which would be a community based program for students in Grades 3 to 8. This program would allow students to develop fundamental basketball skills while also getting out of the house and to take their minds off of this pandemic while hopefully adding interest in and value to Ringgold’s basketball programs as the kids grow older.

Mr. Taylor joined the call and spoke about the “We Care for Kids” basketball program and the goal of the program, which is to help kids. Mr. Taylor thanked the Board for their time and expressed his interest in using the District’s facilities (i.e. basketball courts) for this program when such requests are being considered / accepted.

XII. VISITORS’ REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Michelle Loar-Monongahela, PA **Topic:** Virtual learning and the lack of communication when a teacher is absent to let the students know.

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 4, and 7 through 8 as stated below. 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 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. PA REAP Educator Recruitment and Management System Agreement

To enter into an agreement with PA REAP Educator Recruitment and Management System to efficiently post jobs and search, find, and manage qualified applicants. The cost for the first year of service is \$1,699.00, which includes a startup fee of \$650.00 plus an annual membership fee of \$1,049.00.

4. Approval of Payment to Transformational Learning for COVID-19 related Fees

To approve payment to Transformational Learning for the month of December 2020 in the amount of \$415.00 and January 2021 in the amount of \$855.00 as requested by Transformational Learning for COVID-19 related expenses.

7. Payment to HHSDR

To pay HHSDR in the amount of \$40,756.50 for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) project. Payment of invoice #1 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

8. Final Payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc.

To issue final payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co. Inc. approved by the architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$76,211.70 for the cooling tower replacement at Ringgold High School. Payment of invoice #10 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No – Messrs.: Dodd

5. **Approval of the Settlor Attestation form from the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Mauro, to approve the Settlor Attestation form from the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund

6. **DQE Communications Renewal Agreement for Ethernet and Internet Service**

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 renewal agreement with DQE Communications for Ethernet and internet service at a cost of \$9,400.00/month.

9. **Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms)**

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 Mr. Kennedy, selecting option number three (3) including the Trainer Rooms renovation for Phase 1 Renovation Ringgold High School (Natatorium and Locker Rooms) as presented by HHSDR.

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

Mr. Stein announced that as everyone had been provided with a copy of the Board agenda and the addendum, 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. 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 approve the following motions.

1. **Resignation of Personnel**

To accept the following resignations:

Tina Reggiannini – Paraprofessional at Ringgold Middle School effective January 21, 2021

Kristin Marena – Spanish Teacher for Ringgold High School effective on or before the completion of the 60 day hold period

Jeffrey Miller – Custodian at Ringgold Elementary School South effective February 8, 2021

Corey Swetz – Ringgold School District Police Officer effective February 26, 2021

2. Letter of Retirement

To accept the following letter of retirement:

Martin Inserra – Custodian at Ringgold Middle School effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Inserra is retiring under the Early Retirement Incentive Program approved at the January 20, 2021 Board meeting.

3. Police Officer and Permission to Petition the Court of Common Pleas

To hire Kenneth Vogel as a Full-Time Police Officer for Ringgold School District and authorizing and directing the Superintendent and Solicitor to take the action necessary to petition the Court of Common Pleas to have Kenneth Vogel appointed as school police officer for the Ringgold School District:

4. Addition to the Substitute Roster

To add the following people to the substitute roster (pending proper documentation):

Teacher

Patricia Baker Monongahela, PA Elementary K-6 / English 6-9

Narissa Gregorio Bethel Park, PA Elementary & Secondary School
Counselor PK-12

5. Granting Teachers Tenure

According to Section 1108 of the School Code, all Temporary Employees shall be notified, in writing, that they have attained tenure with the District. This should also become an official act of the Minutes.

To grant tenure to the following person:

Cynthia Magone

6. Approval of 2021-2022 School Calendar

To accept the 2021-2022 School Calendar.

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

1. Acceptance of the Proposal from Frontline Education for Professional Learning Management - Act 48 Professional Development Software

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 Mrs. Flament, to accept the proposal from Frontline Education for Professional Learning Management – Act 48 Professional Development Software, subject to final review by the Administration and Solicitor. The annual cost is \$6,973.00 plus a one-time implementation fee of \$4,655.00.

2. Approval of the Course Selection Books for RMS and RHS for the 2021-2022 School Year

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 course selection books for Ringgold Middle School and Ringgold High School for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

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

1. 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. Softball

- a. **Alissa Nolff** – Assistant Varsity Coach at a salary of \$2,000.00 (contract follows head coach)
- b. **Ashley Manges** – Volunteer Varsity Assistant Coach (annual contract)
- c. **John Resosky** – Volunteer Varsity Assistant Coach (annual contract)
- d. **William Sadler** – Volunteer Varsity Assistant Coach (annual contract)

2. Track & Field

- a. **Rhonda Baertsch** – Head Middle School Girls Coach at a salary of \$1,820.70

- b. **Jonathan Boscan** – Head Middle School Boys Coach at a salary of \$1,820.70

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

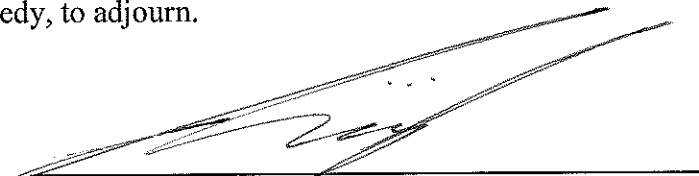
1. Approving Payment for Parent/Guardian to Transport Child

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mrs. Flament, approving payment to a parent who transported her child to the Intermediate Unit 1 School Laboratory campus on a daily basis at the rate of \$24.64 per day for the 2019-2020 school year.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



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