

**RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
400 Main Street  
New Eagle, PA 15067

**Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes, was held at 7:00 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, and Mr. Stein attended the meeting on a virtual platform with Mr. Dodd attending the meeting live 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  
Accounting & HR Specialist

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

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH**

Mr. Skrinjorich thanked everyone for their continued efforts and thanked all Ringgold staff for all of their hard work to support our students during this time. Mr. Skrinjorich commented that we must continue to keep the health and safety of our students and our staff in our foremost thought. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

- A. Reorganization Board Meeting of Wednesday, December 2, 2020**
- B. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

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

No Report

**VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT –MRS. OTT**

The convention originally scheduled for March has been postponed until June or September.

**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. Receive Legal Advice and Information**
- B. Personnel Issues**
- C. Litigation Matters**

Mr. Stein thanked the staff for doing an admirable job and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. Mr. Stein thanked all of the teachers and all of the support staff because during this year they have gone above and beyond to give our children the best education they can under these circumstances.

## **XII. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Kim Leasure** –on behalf of the REA **Topic:** Mrs. Leasure addressed the Board on behalf of the Ringgold Education Association to address statements made at the last school board meeting and returning to school.

**Amanda Butler-** Donora, PA **Topic:** Ms. Butler discussed winter sports.

## **XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Business And Financial Services - Chairperson: Mrs. Flament - Co-chairpersons: Ms. Bobnar, Mr. Gerard and Mrs. Ott**

#### **1. Treasurer's Reports**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, 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**

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

#### **3. Proposal from HHSDR for Ringgold High School Phase 1 Natatorium and Locker Rooms Project**

The Board, by a vote of 7-2 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the proposal from HHSDR in the amount of 6% of the construction costs for design, bidding, construction administration, and project closeout phases at the Ringgold High School for the Natatorium and Locker Rooms project, per the school district's contract with HHSDR dated January 17, 2013. All work performed on this project by HHSDR shall be included in this price as set forth in Article XI.I of the contract for Phase 1, as presented in the HHSDR estimated work to be performed.

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

Voting No – Messrs.: Dodd and Mauro

4. **Closing of Bank Accounts**

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 Mrs. Ott, approved a motion to close the following bank accounts at PNC Bank:

- General Fund
- Cafeteria Fund
- High School Activities Account
- Middle School Activities Account

5. **Opening New Bank Accounts**

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 Mrs. Ott, approved a motion to open the following bank accounts at Key Bank:

- Cafeteria Fund
- High School Activities Account
- Middle School Activities Account

6. **Agreement with Pediatric Therapeutic Services**

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 Mrs. Garry, to enter into an agreement with Pediatric Therapeutic Services for school-based therapy services for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

7. **Payment to the Intermediate Unit 1**

The Board, by a vote of 8-0-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Mauro, accepting the Standstill Agreement between the Ringgold School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for payment for services for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$349,192.06, contingent upon the Intermediate Unit 1's agreement to the terms of the Standstill Agreement to provide services until June 30, 2021, with final payment to be determined at a later time.

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

Abstain - Mesdames: Ott

**B. Personnel And Administration – Chairperson: Mrs. Ott Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament, Mrs. Garry And Mr. Dodd**

**1. Acceptance of Resignations**

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:

**Amanda Rahr** – Substitute Teacher, Secretary, and Paraprofessional for Ringgold School District

**2. Payment to Mariah Carpenter**

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 Ms. Bobnar, to provide Mariah Carpenter, Accounting & Human Resources Specialist, a stipend for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$500.00 a month for the additional duties she assumes as the Human Resource Manager/Executive Assistant beginning October 26, 2020.

**3. Request to Attend a Conference**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a retroactive motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, granting permission for the following conference request:

<b>Thomas Yonek</b>	NASRO Basic SRO Course Training PA Act 44 Required School Police Officer Course
	November 30, 2020 – December 4, 2020 Online Training
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 495.00</b>

**4. Letter of Retirement**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Mauro, to accept the following retirement:

**Ethel Baxter** – Paraprofessional for Ringgold School District effective December 14, 2020.

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

**1. Agreement with T-Mobile Project 10Million**

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. Ott, to enter into an agreement with T-Mobile that will provide a free hotspot and 5 years of free internet for 240 qualifying families.

**2. Agreement with T-Mobile for Education**

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. Ott, to enter into an agreement with T-Mobile for twenty-five (25) free T-Mobile hotspots with a \$20.00 per month unlimited data plan for each hotspot.

**D. Athletics – Chairperson: Mrs. Garry Co-chairpersons: Mr. Gerard, Mr. Kennedy 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 Mrs. Flament, 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 and the 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.

**Winter Coaches**

**1. Boys Basketball**

- a. **Matt Rowland** – Assistant Varsity Coach at a salary of \$3,000.00 (contract follows head coach)

**2. Motion to Participate**

Mrs. Flament made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve a motion granting permission for Ringgold athletic teams to participate in winter sports competitions once school is in physical session and beginning no earlier than the following dates for each team:

- Wrestling – January 8, 2021
- Boys & Girls Basketball – January 9, 2021
- Swimming/Diving & Jr. High Wrestling – upon completion of the mandatory 15 days of practice (as per PIAA rule)
- Middle School Boys Basketball – upon completion of 4 days of practice (following PIAA return to play protocol)

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All Ringgold winter athletic teams will continue to follow all protocols outlined in the District's Athletic & Activities Health and Safety Plan, and continued participation in competitions will be subject to amendments and changes as determined necessary by the Superintendent, consistent with direction and guidance from the Department of Education and the Department of Health.

Mrs. Ott wanted to go on record that she wants kids to be in school as soon as possible for their education because it is so important. She is sorry this is also affecting sports because she thinks sports are important for rounding out a student.

At this time, Mr. Mauro made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerard, to amend the current motion to now read granting permission for Ringgold athletic teams to participate in winter sports competitions as sanctioned by the PIAA/WPIAL and beginning no earlier than the following dates for each team:

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The Board, by a vote of 2-7 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, failed to approve the motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Gerard,

Voting Yes - Messrs.: Mauro and Gerard.

Voting No – Messrs.: Kennedy, Dodd, and Stein. Mesdames: Flament, Garry, Ott, and Bobnar

The Board, by a vote of 7-2 to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve a motion granting permission for Ringgold athletic teams to participate in winter sports competitions once school is in physical session and beginning no earlier than the following dates for each team:

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

Voting Yes - Messrs.: Mauro and Gerard.

**3. Implementation of Amended General Procedures for Ringgold Winter Athletic Events**

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. Mauro, to adopt and approve the Amended General Procedures for Ringgold Winter Athletic Events.

**E. Health and Nutrition & Safety and Security – Chairperson: Ms. Bobnar Co-chairpersons: Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Flament**

No Report

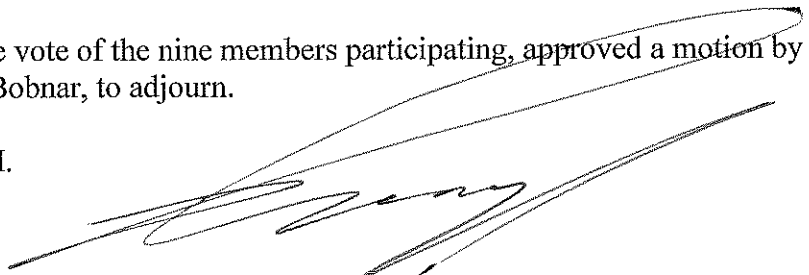
**F. Facilities, Planning, and Transportation – Chairperson: Mr. Dodd Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Ott, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Mauro**

No Report

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Board adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



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