

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 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. *All Members attended the meeting on a virtual platform and the community was also given the information to join on this platform.

II. ROLL CALL

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President

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

Also Present

Acting Superintendent/
Board Secretary
Solicitor
Recording Secretary

Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mr. Anthony Piscioneri

III. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH

Mr. Skrinjorich gave an update on the school closure and indicated that the administrative staff has been working diligently to develop a Continuity of Education Plan.

Mr. Skrinjorich also thanked the Food Service Department and Ringgold Police Department for distributing lunches during the school closures.

It is with great sadness that Mr. Skrinjorich shared the passing of a Ringgold parent from COVID-19. He indicated that thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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. Ott, to accept the following minutes as presented:

- A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- B. Special Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 25, 2020

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

No Report

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT –MRS. OTT

- The convention, previously scheduled for March 24, 2020 has been cancelled.
- Within the next month or two each district will get information on voting for the open seats on the IU1 board.

VIII. SHASDA REPORT – MRS. OTT

No report

IX. PSBA REPORT – MRS. OTT

- Just a reminder that PSBA puts out daily information about the state of education due to the pandemic. Just a friendly reminder to review this information.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - MR. BERGGREN

Mr. Berggren stated that he had nothing to report publicly.

XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. STEIN

Mr. Stein took this time to share his thoughts and prayers to the family of the Ringgold parent who lost his life.

Mr. Stein also thanked the staff for keeping the district running from online learning to the service departments serving lunch.

He also indicated that Prom was cancelled for the year and that the staff will be putting out a communication in regards to the other functions that were scheduled for the year.

Mr. Stein announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting, to discuss the following:

- A. **Personnel**
- B. **Received Legal Counsel & Information**

XII. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No Visitor's request

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mrs. Flament announced that as everyone had been provided with a copy of the Board agenda and the addendums, and had the opportunity to review each motion, she made a motion to approve items 1 through 3 as stated below, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Garry. The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved the following motions.

1. Treasurer's Reports

To accept the Treasurer's Report as Presented. A copy of the Treasurer's Reports can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 38339-38345

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 38346-38358

3. Payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc.

For payment to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$122,006.00 for the cooling tower replacement at Ringgold High School. Payment of invoice #3 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Mrs. Ott announced that as everyone had been provided with a copy of the Board agenda and the addendums, and had the opportunity to review each motion, she made a motion to approve items 1 through 3, which motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved the following motions 1 through 3.

1. Resignation of Personnel

To accept the following resignation as submitted on April 4, 2020:

Michelle Engle – Director of Pupil Services at Ringgold School District.

2. Letters of Retirement

To accept the following letters of retirement:

-Donna Tomasiak – Elementary School Teacher at Ringgold Elementary School South – Effective the last working day of the 19/20 school day.

-Deborah Anderson – Learning Support/Social Studies Teacher at Ringgold High School– Effective the last working day of the 19/20 school day.

-Gloria DeChicchis – Custodian at Ringgold Elementary School North – Effective June 30, 2020.

-Patricia Baker – Social Studies Teacher at Ringgold Middle School effective the last working day of the 19/20 school day.

3. Approval of Settlement

To accept and approve a Separation Agreement with Employee ‘A’.

4. Approval of Policies

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. Flament, to approve the following policy:

Policy #626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance

The board decided to remove Policy #006.1 from the agenda.

Mrs. Ott announced that as everyone had been provided with a copy of the Board agenda and the addendums, and had the opportunity to review each motion, she made a motion to approve items 5 through 8, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Garry. The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved the following motions 5 through 8.

5. Authority to Sign Pennsylvania Department of Education Documents

To adopt the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Board of School Directors of the Ringgold School District, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that Randall Skrinjorich, who is the Acting Superintendent of the above named body is authorized and directed to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses (hereinafter collectively referred to as contract(s)) with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body consents to the use of electronic signatures by the above named individual and that no handwritten signature from the above named individual shall be required in order for any contract with the Department to be legally enforceable and that by affixing his/her electronic signature to an electronic file of the contract via the Department's e-grants system, the above designated authorized individual shall have effectively executed and delivered the contract, binding the Ringgold School District to comply with the terms of said contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no writing shall be required in order to make the contract valid and legally binding, provided that the Department and all other necessary Commonwealth approvers affix their signatures electronically and an electronically-printed copy of the Contract is e-mailed or is otherwise made available to the body by electronic means; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will not contest the due authorization, execution, delivery, validity or enforceability of the electronic Contract under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law. The Contract, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form and the admissibility thereof shall not be contested under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will notify the Department's Bureau of Management Services promptly in the event that the above named individual is no longer authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the body electronically and that the Department shall be entitled to rely upon the above named officer's authority to execute agreements electronically on behalf of the body until such notice is received by the Department's Office of Chief Counsel.

6. **IDEA. Part B: Notice of Adoption of Policies and Procedures**

To adopt the Policies and Procedures to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Education Policies and Procedures under the regulatory provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. PDE requires that the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors formally adopt the policies and procedures and by doing so the school districts within IU 1 are responsible for the implementation and monitoring of said policies. The IU 1 Board of School Directors adopted the PDE Policies and Procedures on March 24, 2020.

7. **Request to donate**

To accept a motion granting permission to donate any surplus of medical supplies when and if available to the Mon Valley Hospital as determined by the Acting Superintendent.

8. **Approval of the Revised 2019-2020 School Calendar**

To approve and accept the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar, which may be changed subject to change with PDE guidance and as determined necessary by the Acting Superintendent.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Randall S. Skrinjorich, is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

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