

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Special Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes, was held in the Administration Building, 400 Main Street, New Eagle, PA 15067 at 6:00 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 to the call of the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

President
Second Vice President

Mr. William C. Stein, Jr.
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

Not Present

Mr. James R. Dodd

Also Present

Superintendent
Board Secretary
and also
Director of Operations
& Financial Services
Solicitor
Recording Secretary

Ms. Megan Marie Van Fossan
Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich

Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mr. Anthony Piscioneri

Mr. Stein announced that the Board is going into Executive Session prior to Committee Reports, to discuss the following:

- A. Personnel
- B. Legal Issues
- C. Received Legal Counsel & Information

*Mr. Dodd was present after the board returned from Executive Session

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Motion to hire a Special Council

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 retain the Levin Legal Group, P.C. in accordance with the engagement letter as presented to the board.

2. Resolution to Investigate

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 approve the following resolution:

Resolution

Whereas, on Thursday, January 30, 2020, the Superintendent submitted a memorandum (“the Memorandum”) with the President of School Directors requesting an external investigation into a number of issues and concerns; and;

Whereas, on its face, the Memorandum raises issues and concerns worthy of investigation; and

Whereas, the Memorandum refers to Policies 317 (relating to Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures) and Policy 348 (relating to unlawful harassment); and

Whereas, Policy 348 provide for a complaint procedure that calls for an investigation by a principal or the Compliance Officer of the School District; and

Whereas, in light of the nature of the concerns and issues raised by the Superintendent in the Memorandum and the consideration of the Superintendent’s request for an ‘external investigation’,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1. The Board of School Directors hereby grants the Superintendent’s request for an “external investigation”;
- 2. The Levin Legal Group, P.C. (“the Firm”) shall conduct the investigation in order to investigate the issues and concerns raised in the Memorandum and render legal advice

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to the Board of School Directors with respect to these issues and other issues for which the Firm is being retained;

3. All School District employees shall cooperate with the Firm in its investigation;
4. All provisions of any otherwise applicable policies of the Board of School Directors that are inconsistent with these actions are hereby suspended; and
5. All timelines for the completion of investigations or the preparation of investigation reports as contained in any otherwise applicable policy are hereby suspended in order that the Firm may undertake a thorough investigation.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 7:02 P.M.



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