

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular 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 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 and the following Board Members were present to the call of the roll.

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

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

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

Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mr. Anthony Piscioneri

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MS. VAN FOSSAN

Ms. Van Fossan introduced Mr. Jason Minniti, Principal at Ringgold High School. Mr. Minniti welcomed Mrs. Tolliver, a Music Teacher at Ringgold High School, and the Razz-Ma-Tazz group who performed for the Board and the audience.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 13, 2019 as presented.

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

No Report

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT - MRS. OTT

1. Amendment of Title 1 Agreement

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to request approval of an amendment to the August 1, 2018, approved agreement between Ringgold School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for Title 1 supplemental education services, which amendment limits the term of the agreement to 3 years and allows termination of the agreement at any time, in response to federal program guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

2. Amendment of Title IIa Agreement

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to request approval of an amendment to the August 1, 2018, approved agreement between Ringgold School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for Title IIa professional services for nonpublic schools located in the Ringgold School District, which amendment limits the term of the agreement to 3 years and allows termination of the agreement at any time, in response to federal program guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

VIII. SHASDA REPORT - MRS. OTT

SHASDA held a local Legislative Meeting and the purpose of this meeting was to hear about the latest initiatives in education from PA state representatives, senators or their staffers. Present was Representative Dan Miller, and staffers for Representative Natalie Mihalek and Senator Pam Iovino.

These individuals discussed various topics that affect education, including the following:

- HB 49 which is scheduled to restore school police arrest powers
- HB 1800 – This bill creates a voucher program aimed at the Harrisburg School District. This bill is currently in limbo and hasn't had enough votes to pass.
- SB 473 – expands the definition of tobacco products to include smokeless tobacco products and prohibiting their use in schools

There was a robust discussion following their discussion from those present. Participants voiced concerns related to a variety of subjects. Some of the highlights:

- Charter School Reform
- Mental health Funding
- Competitive School Safety Grants Awards
- Transportation Funding
- Standardize Testing

IX. PSBA REPORT

No Report

XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. STEIN

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

- A. **Personnel**
- B. **Receive Legal Counsel and Information**
- C. **Student Discipline**
- D. **Receive Information**

XII. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No Requests

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business and Financial Services - Chairperson: Mrs. Ott

1. Payment of Bills

The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages

2. **Payment Of December Bills**

The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Gerard, allowing the Administration to pay the December bills that are received in the normal course of district business. These bills will be presented to the Board for ratification at the January 2020 Board meeting.

3. **Approval Of Cypher & Cypher Annual Audit**

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept the Cypher & Cypher Annual Audit and Interfund Transfers and Budget Transfers for the school year ending June 30, 2019.

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

Voting No - Messrs.: Mauro

4. **Resolution Regarding A Tax Increase**

The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to adopt a resolution that the District will not raise the rate of any tax for support of its public schools for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education that is 3.5% for the Ringgold School District.

5. **Resolution for a Debt Ordinance under the Local Government Unit Debt Act**

The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to approve a Resolution, as presented by bond counsel (and to be incorporated into the record), authorizing the issuance of (at least) two series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, to fund the redemption of all or portions of the School District's (i) General Obligation Bonds Series of 2012, (ii) General Obligation Bonds Series of 2014, (iii) General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2012, (iv) General Obligation Bonds Series AA of 2014 and (v) General Obligation Bonds Series of 2015, in order to achieve debt service savings, provided that the initial series of said refunding bonds shall produce local debt service savings of at least \$75,000 and the second series shall, in combination with the first, produce debt service savings of at least \$150,000, as authorized by the President of the Board and as all the same shall comply with the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

6. **Awarding of Contract**

The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Gerard, to awarding the following contract for the Cooling Tower Replacement at the Ringgold High School.

For HVAC Construction, to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co. in the amount of \$747,400.00

Further, the Board Secretary is authorized to sign the necessary documents.

7. **Payment to HHSDR**

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, for payment to HHSDR in the amount of \$37,260.00 for the cooling tower replacement at Ringgold High School. Payment of invoice #1 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No - Messrs.: Dodd

8. **Acceptance of a Proposal from GeoMechanics, Inc.**

The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept a proposal from GeoMechanics, Inc., in the amount of \$2,741.00, for geotechnical inspection services during the construction phase of the cooling tower project at the Ringgold High School.

9. **Payment to Plavchak Construction Co.**

The Board, by a vote of 9-0 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, for payment to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc., approved by the architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$96,578.85 for services related to the Ringgold High School baseball field project. Payment of invoice #3 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

B. Personnel And Administration – Chairperson: Mrs. Ott

1. Employment of Personnel

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, granting permission to employ the following individuals:

- a) **Bonnie Schaum** as a 3.5 hour Utility Cafeteria Position for Ringgold High School effective Thursday, December 5, 2019.
- b) **Jillian Duvuvei** as a Payroll/Accounting Specialist at an annual salary of \$35,000.00 and to be part of the Administrative Assistants Agreement and with a six month probationary period.
- c) **Joseph Pleva** as a Technology Education Teacher at Ringgold High School at a salary of \$37,500 – Step 1 – Bachelor’s Degree, contingent upon PDE Certification and receipt of Bachelor’s Degree no later than January 17, 2019.
- d) **Patience Stanicar** as a Biology Teacher at Ringgold High School at a salary of \$39,000 – Step 2 – Bachelor’s Degree

2. Resignation of Personnel

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept the following resignations:

- a) **Adrienne Troiani** as a Utility Cafeteria Position for Ringgold School District effective Friday, November 22, 2019.
- b) **Mandy Wilson** as a Healthcare Assistant for Ringgold School District effective Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

3. Additions to the Substitute Rosters

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission to add the following people to the substitute roster:

	<u>Bus Driver Trainee</u>	
Linda Seaford		Rostraver, PA
Robert Taylor		Monongahela, PA
	<u>Teacher</u>	
Alicia DiBernardo		Monongahela, PA
	<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Martin Inserra		New Eagle, PA
Shannon Prokopovitch		Monongahela, PA

4. Letter of Retirement

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, accepting the following letters of retirement:

- a) **Selene Scheponik** – Utility Cafeteria Worker, at Ringgold Elementary School South, effective November 22, 2019
- b) **Fred Pfeil** – Bus Driver, at Ringgold School District, effective January 1, 2020

5. Student Discipline

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 accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parent(s) of

- a. Student “A” whereby Student “A” be admitted into the YES Alternative Education Program beginning no later than October 29, 2019 for up to 45 days.

6. Requests to Attend Conferences

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, granting permission for the following conference requests:

Dawn Mason	SAP Training November 18 – November 20, 2019
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Washington, PA

TOTAL COST	\$439.44
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Randall S. Skrinjorich	Annual PASBO Conference
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March 17 - 20, 2019
Pittsburgh, PA

TOTAL	\$892.60
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Laura Grimm	Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Annual Conference
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March 24-27, 2019
Hershey, PA

TOTAL	\$1,401.64
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C. **Curriculum and Education – Chairperson: Mr. Mauro**

1. **Permission To Establish an eSports Club At The Ringgold High School**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mrs. Flament, granting permission for Mr. Lucas Smith, a High School Social Studies Teacher and Mr. Kris Bezy, a Technology Administrative Assistant, to establish an eSports Club at the Ringgold High School.

D. **Technology – Chairperson: Mr. Gerard Co-chairpersons: Mr. Dodd And Mrs. Glaneman**

No Report

E. **Athletics – Chairperson: Mrs. Garry Co-chairpersons: Mr. Gerard**

* Mrs. Sherrie Garry stepped out and was absent for this motion

1. **Appointment of A Coach**

The Board, by a vote of 8-0 and 1 absent to the call of the roll of the nine members, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to appoint the following coach. Coaching appointments are subject to contract documents prepared by the Administration and Solicitor and the individuals are required to sign a contract and 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. The salary is based on the 2019-2020 Budget.

Winter Coaches

Wrestling

Bo Haines – Interim Varsity Coach at salary of \$3,000.00 (one year contract replacing coach who is on leave).

2. **PIAA Championship Requests**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, authorizing 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. Competitive Spirit – January 10-11, 2020 in Hershey, PA
2. Wrestling
 - a. Team Championships – February 6-8, 2020 in Hershey, PA
 - b. Individual Championships – March 5-7, 2020 in Hershey, PA

3. Swimming & Diving – March 11-14, 2020 at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA
4. Boys & Girls Basketball – March 19-21, 2019 in Hershey, PA

*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.

F. **Health And Nutrition – Chairperson: Mr. Dodd**

1. **Approval of Board Policy**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, approving the following policy:

Policy #808 – Food Services

G. **Safety And Security – Chairperson: Mr. Kennedy Co-chairpersons: Mr. Stein And Mrs. Garry**

No Report

H. **Facilities, Planning, And Transportation – Chairperson: Mrs. Ott Co-chairpersons: Mr. Kennedy And Mr. Gerard**

No Report

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Board adjourned at 8:23 P.M.



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