

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 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 7:00 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 Carol Flament and the following Board Members were present to the call of the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President

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

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 invited the Ringgold Elementary South Art Teacher up to share some very exciting news.

Two students from Ringgold School District were winners of the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation Holiday Card contest. Alyssa Rotta is in 3rd grade and Nicholas Stasko in 4th grade, they won tickets to a Pittsburgh Penguin Hockey game.

Ms. Van Fossan thanked Mrs. Jan Dongilli for providing this opportunity for our students. She also mentioned she has been a critical leader in the window decorating for our local businesses. This started with the 250th Celebration of Monongahela, and expanded to Halloween and now the December Holidays. She emulates Ram Pride!

Anthony Piscioneri also presented to the board and community members the new Charter Reform website created by PSBA. He took them through the website and how they can advocate for charter reform.

Ms. Van Fossan also made mention that Ringgold School District got approved for Flexible Instruction Days. Flexible Instructional Days (FIDS) use a variety of strategies to provide instruction on regularly-scheduled school days when a different approach is necessary, typically due to inclement weather conditions.

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 Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stein, to accept the following minutes as presented:

A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, October 16, 2019

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

- No Report

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT –MRS. OTT

- No Report
- Mrs. Ott did however want to recognize Zachary A. Powell for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. A letter was sent to Zachary A. Powell congratulating him on behalf of the district.

VIII. SHASDA REPORT –MRS. OTT

- No Report

IX. PSBA REPORT – MRS. GLANEMAN

- No Report

X. SOLICITOR’S REPORT - MR. BERGGREN

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

XI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - MRS. FLAMENT

Mrs. Flament announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight’s meeting, to discuss the following:

- A. **Litigation regarding tax assessment appeals**
- B. **Labor grievance arbitration**
- C. **Student Discipline**
- D. **Hiring issues**
- E. **Received Legal Counsel & Information**

XII. VISITORS’ REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Kristin Koontz of Charleroi, PA – **Topic:** Would like the district to consider naming the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium after Melanie Sandrock.

Mary Urso of Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Would like the district to consider naming the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium after Melanie Sandrock.

Marcie Allen of Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Would like the district to consider naming the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium after Melanie Sandrock.

Emily Urso of Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Would like the district to consider naming the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium after Melanie Sandrock.

Kim McIntosh of Charleroi, PA – **Topic:** Would like the district to consider naming the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium after Melanie Sandrock.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business And Financial Services - Chairperson: Mr. Stein - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Garry

1. Treasurer's Reports

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, 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 38108-38113

2. Payment of Bills

The Board, by a vote of 7-2 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages 38114-38136

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

Abstain - Mesdames: Ott and Glaneman

3. Refunding with PFM Financial Advisors LLC. Step 1

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, authorizing the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC., as independent Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2020, the proceeds of which will be used towards the refunding of all or a portion of the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2012, 2014, 2014A, and 2014AA, via competitive internet auction with minimum net savings target of \$75,000.00.

4. Refunding with PFM Financial Advisors LLC. Step 2

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, authorizing the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC., as independent Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2020, the proceeds of which will be used towards the refunding of all or a portion of the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015, via competitive internet auction with minimum net savings target of \$75,000.00.

5. **Payment to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc.**

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Garry, for payment to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc., approved by the architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$225,996.00 for services related to the Ringgold High School baseball field project. Payment of invoice #2 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No - Messr.: Mauro

6. **Payment to CM Regent, LLC.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment to CM Regent, LLC in the amount of \$6,984.00 for the final audit of Owners Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) related to the Ringgold Elementary School North project. Payment of invoice #11332 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

7. **Approval of an Addendum to the Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. Contract**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Gerard, for approval to the Addendum to the Contract between Portnoff Law Associates, LTD and the Ringgold School District, extending the existing contract for an additional three years, for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

B. **Personnel And Administration – Chairperson: Mrs. Glaneman Co-chairpersons: Mr. Stein And 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. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Dodd, granting permission to employ the following individuals:

- a) **Spencer Allen** – Police Officer for the Ringgold School District, effective November 14, 2019
- b) **Christina Ashcraft** as a Bus Driver for Ringgold School District effective Thursday, November 14, 2019.

- c) **Richard Evans** as a Bus Driver for Ringgold School District effective Thursday, November 14, 2019.

2. **Resignation of Personnel**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to accept the following resignation:

Vito Villani – Extra Curricular Lead Teacher for the Math Department at Ringgold High School, effective September 18, 2019

3. **Additions to the Substitute Rosters**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, granting permission to add the following person to the substitute roster:

Cafeteria

Deb Inserra

New Eagle, PA

4. **Student Discipline**

The Board, by a vote of 8-1 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Dodd, 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.
- b. Student "B" whereby Student "B" be admitted into the YES Alternative Education Program beginning no later than October 29, 2019 for up to 45 days.
- c. Student "C" whereby Student "C" be admitted into the YES Alternative Education Program beginning no later than November 14, 2019 for up to 45 days.
- d. Student "D" whereby Student "D" be admitted into the YES Alternative Education Program beginning no later than November 15, 2019 for up to 45 days.

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

Voting No - Messr.: Mauro

5. **Partnership with Waynesburg University**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Garry, entering into a partnership with Waynesburg University so as to allow District employees to receive a discount in their enrollment in Waynesburg University's Graduate and Professional Studies programs. This partnership is at no cost to the District.

6. **Permission to Take Students on Annual Ringgold Middle School Trips**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, granting permission for the following field trip requests from Mrs. Robyn Cornelius, a Ringgold Middle School Math Teacher.

April 17-18, 2020 – Seventh Grade Students to Washington, D.C.

May 2-3, 2020 – Eighth Grade Students to Gettysburg and Hershey, Pennsylvania

7. **Request for Sabbatical**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, granting a whole year Sabbatical Leave of Absence, as per the Contract, to Calliope Fakner, a Math Teacher at Ringgold Middle School for the 2019-2020 2nd semester and the 2020-2021 1st semester school years.

8. **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. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission for the following conference requests:

Amy Lucas PSCA Conference: School Counseling

November 21 – November 22, 2019

Pittsburgh, PA

TOTAL COST **\$411.60**

C. **Curriculum and Education – Chairperson: Mr. Mauro Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Ott And Mr. Dodd –**

- No Report

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

- No Report

E. 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 present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Gerard, 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

Boys Basketball

Taylor Andrisko – Volunteer Assistant Coach (annual contract).

Jim Nash – 7th Grade Head Coach at a salary of \$1,750.00 (annual contract).

Matt Rowland – 3rd/4th Elementary Basketball Coordinator at a salary of \$1,000.00

Swimming & Diving

Alex Vaughn – Assistant Varsity Coach at a salary of \$2,100.00 (contract follows head coach).

Wrestling

Brandon Agostinelli – Head Junior High Coach at salary of \$1,750.00 (annual contract).

2. Resignation of a Coach

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to accept the following resignation:

Steve Persaud, Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach – effective November 6, 2019

3. **Coach Leave of Absence**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Gerard, to accept the following Leave of Absence:

Dean Mathies, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach – effective November 2019 through October 2020

F. **Health And Nutrition – Chairperson: Mr. Dodd Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Glaneman And Mr. Mauro –**

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 Mrs. Glaneman, approving the following policy:

Policy #210.2 – Student Allergies

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**

1. **Requests for Use of Facilities**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission for the following use of facilities requests.

A. **RESN PTA (Heather Kerr)**

- a. The RESN gymnasium for holiday bingo event from 3:30-9:30pm on December 6, 2019.
- b. Fees – \$20/Hour Security

B. **Ringgold Boys Soccer Boosters (Mike Davis)**

- a. The RHS cafeteria for end of the year banquet on January 10, 2020, from 5pm-10:30pm.
- b. Fees – No fees associated with this usage as the request occurs during normal operating hours and does not require the presence of additional custodial or security personnel.

C. **Special Olympics Washington County (Jody Knight)**

- a. The RESS gymnasium for basketball practice on Tuesdays from 6-8pm beginning on January 14, 2020 and lasting through June 9, 2020.

- b. Fees – No fees associated with this usage as the request occurs during normal operating hours and does not require the presence of additional custodial or security personnel.
- D. Ringgold Boys Soccer Boosters (Mike Davis)**
 - a. RHS and RMS gymnasiums for annual indoor tournament on February 8, 2020, from 7am-10pm.
 - b. Fees – \$20/Hr Security & \$30/Hr Custodial for hours outside normal operating hours.
- E. Ringgold Gifted (GEAR) Classes (Krista Klorczyk)**
 - a. The RMS media center and cafeteria seating area for the K-5 gifted competition from 9a-2pm on February 19, 2020 (Snow date of February 20th).
 - b. Fees – No fees associated with this usage as the request occurs during normal operating hours and does not require the presence of additional custodial or security personnel.
- F. Ringgold Middle School GSA (Dawn Lewis)**
 - a. The RMS auditorium, gymnasium, concession stand, and cafeteria seating area for Ringgold Family Fun Night from 6-8pm on April 24, 2020.
 - b. Fees – No fees associated with this usage as the request occurs during normal operating hours and does not require the presence of additional custodial or security personnel.
- G. Miss Barbara's School of Dance (Barbara Rudar)**
 - a. Use of RMS Auditorium and stage for a dance rehearsal and recital on June 3, 2020, from 5-9pm and June 5, 2020, from 6-10pm.
 - b. Group will be charged fees for rental (\$100/day), custodial (\$30/hour) and security (\$20/hour).
 - i. Final dollar amount will be calculated at a date closer to the event once specific needs are determined.
- H. Feel the Rhythm Dance Studio (Kaylee Naden)**
 - a. Use of the RHS and RMS Auditorium and stage for a dance rehearsal and recital on April 26, 2020 from 10am-5pm, June 7, 2020, from 12-8pm, June 13, 2020 from 5-10:30pm and June 14, 2020, from 12:30-6pm.
 - b. Group will be charged fees for rental (\$100/day), auditorium director (\$30/hour), custodial (\$30/hour) and security (\$20/hour).
Final dollar amount will be calculated at a date closer to the event once specific needs are determined.
- I. Ringgold Little Rams Wrestling (Jen Conroy)**
 - a. The RHS wrestling room for practice in the evenings on weekdays beginning November 18, 2019 and lasting through March 20, 2020.
 - i. Specific dates and times will be coordinated depending upon availability of facility with school teams and activities.

2. Permission to Sale Two Box Trucks for Scrap

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Mauro, granting permission to dispose of two Box Trucks that are no longer in service. The Box Trucks will be sold to the scrap yard with the highest per pound rate.

3. **Naming of the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium**

Mrs. Ott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dodd to approve a motion to name the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium after Dr. Karen Polkabila. Mr. Mauro moved to table the vote, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion to table the motion.

4. **Administration's proposal on the naming of the Ringgold Middle School Auditorium**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, asking the Administration to put together a proposal and develop a plan by the February 2020 board meeting on how they would like to recognize Dr. Karen Polkabila and Melanie Sandrock.

5. **Obtain a Conditional Sales Agreement**

The Board, by a vote of 2-7 to the call of the roll of the nine members present, failed to approve a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Stein, to direct and authorize the Administration and Solicitor to take the necessary action to obtain a conditional sales agreement with Robert Hutton in the amount of \$55,000 for the sale of the School District's Race Track property known as Tax Parcels 130-006-00-00-0094-00 and 430-022-00-00-0001-00, and to then proceed to take the necessary action to Petition the Court of Common Pleas to approve this as a private sale under the School Code.

Voting Yes - Messrs.: Stein. Mesdames: Ott

Voting No - Messrs.: Dodd, Gerard, Kennedy, and Mauro. Mesdames: Flament, Glaneman and Garry

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 8:40 P.M.



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