

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board Of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

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 William C. Stein, Jr. and the following Board Members were present to the call of the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

First Vice President
Second Vice President

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

Also Present

Superintendent
Director of Operations and
Financial Services
Solicitor
Secretary

Dr. Karen L. Polkabila
Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Mr. Timothy R. Berggren
Mrs. Betty J. Dornan

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Polkabila announced the following:

- Open House will be held from September 25 to 28, 2017
- Students from the Ringgold High School and Ringgold Middle School will be inducted into the Honor Society on September 27, 2017
- Mrs. Sherrie L. Garry has received a certificate from PSBA for having served on the Board for the past eight years.

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, August 23, 2017 as presented.

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

No Report

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT - MRS. MAUREEN A. OTT

No Report

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Berggren read the following:

The Ringgold School Board, in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, has adopted policies regarding procedures and rules for School Board Meetings. These rules include a time limit of three (3) minutes for members of the public addressing the School Board. It also prohibits confidential matters of any kind from being addressed. Confidential matters include student discipline and personnel. These confidential matters cannot be brought up in public at School Board Meetings. Confidential matters, such as student discipline and personnel, can be brought up privately with either the Building Principal or the Superintendent at another time.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- A. Issues Of Student Discipline
- B. Litigation Issues Related To Assessment Appeals
- C. Labor Contract Negotiations
- D. Personnel

President Stein read the following:

The Ringgold School District takes student safety very seriously. When the District learns of possible incidents that affect student safety, it has and always will respond promptly and appropriately. This includes the filing of criminal charges when appropriate. The School District recently learned, after the fact, that an incident had occurred involving the assault on a student. Once that information was brought to the attention of the School District, the Ringgold Police and Administration immediately investigated the matter and filed the appropriate criminal charges against the offending students. As criminal charges are pending, and as this matter involves the discipline of students, who are minors, the Ringgold School District cannot comment on this matter.

X. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mackenzie Miller - Fourth Street, Monongahela, PA - Topic: Would like to present letter to Board about teachers

Bishop Roderick Wilson - 481 Seventh Street, Donora, PA - Topic: Administration/Sports

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Treasurer's Report

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 Treasurer's Report as presented. A copy of the Treasurer's Report 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 present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, 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

3. Payment To Massaro CM Services, LLC

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment to Massaro CM Services, LLC in the amount of \$30,203.00 for services related to the Ringgold Middle School project. Payment of Invoice Number 17 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

4. Payment Of Invoices

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment of the following invoices as approved by the Architects HHSDR and the Construction Manager Massaro CM Services, LLC for services related to the Ringgold Middle School Project. Payments will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hudson Group Inc.	#17	\$997,588.62
Lugaila Mechanical Inc.	#12	\$258,909.93
A-1 Electric, Inc.	#16	\$ 71,924.50
SA Comunale Co., Inc.	#11	\$ 8,389.13

5. Payment To Integrated Services & Consulting, Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, for payment to Integrated Services & Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$11,770.00 for Invoice Number 2021 and \$17,655.00 for Invoice Number 2024 for HVAC commissioning services related to the Ringgold Middle School project. Payment of the invoices will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

6. Payment To Yarborough Development, Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment to Yarborough Development, Inc., as approved by the Architects HHSDR in the amount of \$20,615.00 for services related to the Ringgold Elementary School North project. Payment of Invoice Number 18 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

7. Settlement Of Tax Assessment Appeal

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 assessed value of \$995,000 for parcel number 640-010-00-00-0024-00 to settle an outstanding tax assessment appeal.

8. Proposal From GeoMechanics, Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the proposal from GeoMechanics, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$4,410.00 for geotechnical services during the construction of the Ringgold Middle School project - revised stadium handicap parking.

9. Extension Of Agreement

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Glaneman, to extend the current agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. beginning December 2018 through December 2022 and also add the new Ringgold Middle School beginning October 2017 as per an extension agreement that can be found in the Appendix of these Minutes on pages

B. Personnel And Administration - Chairperson: Mrs. Glaneman - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Mauro And Mrs. Ott

1. Teacher Letter Of Resignation

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to accept the letter of resignation from William E. Rizor, a Physics Teacher at the Ringgold High School, effective Friday, September 15, 2017.

2. Bus Driver Letter Of Resignation

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the letter of resignation from Chantelle D. Yonkers, a Ringgold Bus Driver, effective Monday, September 25, 2017.

3. 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 Mrs. Garry, granting permission to employ the following persons:

- a. **Ross M. Himmler as a Physics Teacher at the Ringgold High School at a salary of \$37,600 - Step 2 - Masters Degree**

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- b. Jody Tyson as a three and one-half hour Cafeteria Utility Worker at the Ringgold High School effective Thursday, September 21, 2017
- c. Tricia Lewis as a Ringgold Bus Diver effective Thursday, September 21, 2017
- d. Stephanie Mullen as a Behavioral Specialist at the Ringgold Elementary School South at a salary of \$35,000
- e. Mary A. Wichterman as a Title I Instructional Paraprofessional at the Ringgold Elementary School South at a salary of \$20.00 per hour

4. Extracurricular Position

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Dodd, to appoint Jennifer Czaniecki, a Mathematics Teacher at the Ringgold Middle School, to the extracurricular position of sponsor for the Ringgold Middle School Student Council.

5. 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 Mrs. Flament, granting permission to add the following persons to the substitute rosters:

Teacher

Dana Barney	Bentleyville, PA	English 7-12 Art PK-12
Jessica Frick	Coal Center, PA	Grades PK-4 Special Education PK-8
Brieanne Russo	Charleroi, PA	Elementary K-6 Secondary Guidance 7-12
Patricia Zober (P. Zober - effective Monday, September 18, 2017)	California, PA	Science

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Secretary

Jennifer Carey	Donora, PA
Arianna Nash	Monongahela, PA

Cafeteria

Arianna Nash	Monongahela, PA
Jacqueline Wagner	Finleyville, PA

Aide

Jennifer Carey	Donora, PA
Arianna Nash	Monongahela, PA
Jacqueline Wagner	Finleyville, PA

Bus Driver

Chantelle D. Yonkers	New Eagle, PA
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Bus Driver Trainee

Allison Gruhalla	Monongahela, PA
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6. Unpaid Leave Requests

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission for the following unpaid leave requests:

- a. **Erica Genchur - Autistic Teacher at the Ringgold Middle School
- October 9-13, 2017**
- b. **Diane Anders - Cafeteria Utility Worker at the Ringgold High School - November 20-22, 2017**

7. Request For A Family And Medical Leave

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Flament, granting a Family and Medical Leave to Myrna E. Lloyd-Patrick beginning on August 24, 2017 for up to twelve weeks.

8. Granting Teacher Tenure

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Dodd, granting tenure to the following persons:

Rebecca J. Lewis
Daniel J. Shipman
Erika N. McCarthy

9. Permission To Petition The Court Of Common Pleas

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Flament, that the Superintendent and Solicitor take the action necessary to petition the Court of Common Pleas to have Paul Zubovic and Jeff Trypus appointed as School Police Officers for the Ringgold School District.

10. Services Agreement With PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc.

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission for Dr. Polkabra to sign a Services Agreement with PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. - An Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth.

11. Requests From Students To Return To School

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. Flament, granting permission for Students "A", "B", and "C" who were attending the RAMS Alternative Education Program to return to school on Friday, September 22, 2017.

12. Student Discipline

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. Flament, to accept the agreements reached between the Administration and the Parents of Students "D", "E", and "F" whereby Students "D" and "E", will be admitted into the RAMS Alternative Education Program. Student "D" will be admitted on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 for no more than 45 days, Student "E" will be admitted on Thursday, September 14, 2017 for up to one calendar year, and Student "F" will be admitted in the PHASE 4 Learning Center - Bentwood, PA for up to one year.

13. Cafeteria Promotion

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting permission to promote Christine Leary, a Cook at the Ringgold Middle School, to the position of Cook/Manger at the Ringgold Middle School, effective Thursday, September 21, 2017.

C. Curriculum - 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 Mrs. Flament

1. Resignations Of Coaches

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

- a. **Dan Shipman, Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach - effective August 29, 2017**
- b. **Sarah Scharding, Assistant Middle School Cross Country Coach - effective September 7, 2017**

2. Appointment Of Coaches

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 Mrs. Flament, to appoint the following coaches. All coach's 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 conditions of their employment and also having secured all of the necessary clearances.

Fall Coaches

Football

Justin Mayer - Assistant Middle School Coach at a salary of \$1,250.00

Boys Soccer

Brett Colagiovanni - Volunteer Assistant Coach

Cross Country

Rhonda Baertsch - Assistant Middle School Coach at a salary of \$1,260.72

Girls Soccer

Samantha Regney - Volunteer Varsity Assistant Coach

3. PIAA Championship Requests

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Garry, seconded by Mr. Gerard, granting permission, that if the following athlete(s) and/or team(s) qualify, they are permitted to attend the PIAA Championships.

- a. Cross Country - November 4, 2017 in Hershey, PA
- b. Football - December 7-9, 2017 in Hershey, PA
- c. Golf - October 23-25, 2017 in York, PA
- d. Soccer - November 17-18, 2017 in Hershey
- e. Girls Tennis - November 3-4, 2017 in Hershey, PA
- f. Volleyball -- November 18, 2017 in Johnstown, PA

F. Health And Nutrition - Chairperson: Mr. Dodd - Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Glaneman And Mrs. Garry

No Report

G. Safety And Security - Chairperson: Mrs. Flament - Co-chairpersons: Mr. Kennedy And Mr. Mauro

No Report

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

1. Approval Of Private Contractors - 2017-2018

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, approving the following private contractors to provide transportation to non-public schools within a ten mile radius of the District's boundaries and also for public school students who must be transported to special schools daily or on weekends for the 2017-2018 year.

Lisa Agostoni

2 Students	Bentworth Middle School	\$120.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Easter Seals	\$160.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Frazier High School	\$120.00	Daily Rate
2 Students	Madonna	\$ 30.00	Daily Rate

DMI Transportation

3 Students	Ringgold Middle School	\$150.00	Daily Rate
5 Students	Ringgold Elem. School South		
	Monitor	\$ 75.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Pressley Ridge	\$190.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Pace	\$190.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Wesley Spectrum K-8	\$190.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Wesley Spectrum High		
1 Student	Ringgold High School	\$150.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Ringgold Middle School	\$150.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Ringgold Elem. School North		

Beth Dermont

1 Student	Mon Valley School	\$160.00	Daily Rate
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First Student

8 Students	Central Christian Academy	\$231.65	Daily Rate
1 Student	St. Patriek		
13 Students	Seton La Salle High School	\$231.65	Daily Rate
1 Student	St. Anne School		
4 Students	Laboratory	\$266.70	Daily Rate
	Monitor	\$ 83.42	Daily Rate
1 Student	WPS for Blind	\$266.70	Daily Rate
3 Students	Watson Institute South	\$266.70	Daily Rate
	Monitor	\$ 83.42	Daily Rate

Gina Profrock

1 Student	Bentworth Partial	\$ 90.00	Daily Rate
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Mia Stodolak

2 Students	Madonna Catholic School	\$ 10.00	Daily Rate
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Tri-County Access

5 Students	Colonial	\$225.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Mon Valley School	\$125.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Ringgold Elem. School South	\$ 60.00	Daily Rate

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Joseph Tustin

1 Student	ACLD Tillotson	\$165.00	Daily Rate
1 Student	Ringgold High School		
1 Student	TEC		

2. 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. Ringgold Band Booster - Dawn Mason

What: Fundraiser - Mattress Sale
When: Saturday, October 21, 2017 - 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Where: Ringgold High School Gymnasium
Cost: No fees associated as the request occurs at a public facility, during normal operating hours and does not require the presence of custodial or security personnel.

b. Ringgold Little Rams Wrestling - Jen Conroy

What: Youth Wrestling Sign-ups
When: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 and Thursday, October 19, 2017 - 6:15 A.M. to 8:15 P.M.
Where: Ringgold High School Lobby
Cost: ~~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.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 7:31 P.M.


Betty J. Dornan
Secretary of the Board
Ringgold Board of School Directors