

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT
400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Regular Ringgold Board of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Ringgold Board of School Directors, for General Purposes, was held at 7:00 PM. Notices of this meeting were sent to all Board Members and it was properly posted and advertised. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carol Flament, and the following Board Members were present to the call of the roll: Mr. Briscoe, Mrs. Flament, Mrs. Fine, Mrs. Garry, Mrs. Glaneman, Mr. Mountain, Mrs. Ott, Mr. Toprani, Mrs. Wilhelm were present to the call of the roll.

ROLL CALL

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President

Mrs. Ott
Mr. Briscoe
Mrs. Glaneman
Mrs. Flament
Mrs. Fine
Mrs. Garry
Mr. Mountain
Mr. Toprani
Mrs. Wilhelm

Also Present

Superintendent
Director of Finance & Board Secretary
Solicitor

Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich
Ms. Kimberley Moore
Mr. Carl Beard

II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – MR. SKRINJORICH

Mr. Skrinjorich announced that is was Board Appreciation month. Mr. Skrinjorich stated, “I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the unwavering commitment and service by our school board.

Their insights, dedication, and leadership have played a vital role in our efforts to enhance the educational experience for our students and support our staff. Their willingness to engage in thoughtful discussions and advocacy for our community’s needs are truly commendable.

Thank you for the time and energy you all invest in our schools. Your contributions make a meaningful difference, and we are grateful to have you as a valued member of our team.”

Mr. Skrinjorich invited Cade Wilson and Mr. Marc Berry. Cade presented that he has qualified for the Invention Convention Statewide Competition in Hershey, PA. Cade will be presenting his Scanner Shades invention at the competition.

III. SECRETARY’S REPORT

No report.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Flament, seconded by Mrs. Fine, to accept the following minutes as presented:

A. Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, December 18, 2024

V. MON VALLEY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT – MRS. WILHELM

No report.

VI. SHASDA REPORT – MRS. OTT

No report.

VII. PSBA REPORT – MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott reported that PSBA announced a professional development opportunity called TeachRock a workshop on February 25th. PSBA is partnering with 2024 School Leadership Conference keynote speaker Stevie Van Zandt and his nonprofit TeachRock to provide a full-day professional development event for Pennsylvania educators. From linking math lessons and the billboard charts to building

students' social and emotional wellness through short classroom discussions about music, each session of the day's workshop will provide insight into how educators in all grade levels and content areas can use TeachRock's open-access curriculum to support instruction. Registration is free, sponsored by PSBA.

VIII. ACSHIC REPORT – MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott reported that the ACSHIC is recommending that the District put in a 9% increase for insurance in budget.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. BEARD

Mr. Beard gave an update related to Title IX.

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MRS. OTT

Mrs. Ott stated the Board will review the Comprehensive Plan that was just distributed to the Board. Once a mission statement and vision statement are decided on by the Board, she would like signage to be posted in our Boardrooms so we can focus on the District's goals.

Mrs. Ott announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting, to discuss the following items:

- A. Receive Legal Counsel**
- B. Personnel**
- C. Receive Information from the Administration**

XI. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Joe Revasio Monongahela, PA Topic: Senior Prayer Breakfast

John Weaver New Eagle, PA Topic: Rams On Patrol

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Policy – Chairperson: Mrs. Garry**
Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Glaneman and Mrs. Wilhelm

No report.

- B. Business and Financial Services – Chairperson: Mrs. Flament**
Co-chairpersons: Mr. Mountain and Mr. Toprani

- 1. Treasurer's Report**

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 Treasurer's Report as presented. A copy of the Treasurer's Report can be found in the Appendix of these minutes.

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. Briscoe, to pay the Bills as presented. A copy of the Bills can be found in the Appendix of these minutes.

3. Approval of Bond Series of 2025 Resolution

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 approve the Resolution, provided by bond counsel, authorizing the issuance of the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Bond Series of 2025, in order to provide funds for the construction of, and/or renovations and improvements of and to, the Ginger Hill student transportation facility, District athletic facilities, including the football stadium, and the High School, and to pay costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds, all in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

4. Payment to Hillis Carnes

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. Briscoe, for payment to Hillis-Carnes in the amount of \$10,962.85 for invoice #1022270 for the Ginger Hill Transportation and Maintenance Facility project. Payment of the invoice will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

**C. Personnel and Administration – Chairperson: Mrs. Glaneman
Co-chairpersons: Mr. Briscoe and Mrs. Flament**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Toprani, to approve Motions 1 through 4 as stated below:

1. Resignation of Personnel

To accept the following resignation:

Ina Helmick	Human Resource Generalist for the Ringgold School District effective on or before the completion of a 90 day holding period.
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2. Setting Compensation for Employees

To approve the following employee rate beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

Substitute Maintenance II and Mechanic Co-op	\$18.78 per hour
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3. Employment of Personnel

Granting permission to employ the following individuals, pending receipt of proper documentation:

Shaun McQuillan	Maintenance II for the Ringgold School District.
Chase McDonald	Mechanic Co-op for the Ringgold School District.

4. Ratification of Additions to the Substitute Roster

Granting permission to add the following individuals to the substitute roster, pending proper documentation:

Retired Bus Driver

Samuel Lytle **Finleyville, PA**
Christina Kennedy **Monongahela, PA**

Retired Clerical

Janet Hollis **Donora, PA**

5. Granting Teacher Tenure

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

Kaitlin Kenney

6. Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept the 2025-2026 School Calendar. A copy of the calendar was included in the Board packet.

7. Approval of Leave of Absence

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Garry, granting employee

#UL2501 an unpaid leave of absence beginning December 20, 2024, for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) working days.

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Flament, to approve Motions 8 and 9 as stated below:

8. Request To Attend an Overnight Student Field Trip

Granting permission for the following overnight field trip request:

Indoor Percussion - Atlantic Coastal Championships

Dawn Mason

Wildwood, NJ

April 30, 2025 - May 4, 2025

Approximate number of students: 17

Approximate total cost per student: \$400.00

Ms. Mason will follow the field trip policy set by the District.

9. Request To Attend A Conference

Granting permission for the following conference request:

PA Invention Convention

Special Education - Gifted

Rachel Lint

Hershey, PA

February 12, 2025

Total \$667.49

D. Curriculum, Education & Technology – Chairperson: Mrs. Wilhelm
Co-chairpersons: Mr. Briscoe and Mrs. Glaneman

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members participating, approved a motion by Mrs. Wilhelm, seconded by Mr. Toprani, to approve Motions 1 through 4 as stated below:

1. Adoption of Program of Studies for RHS

To adopt a program of studies at Ringgold High School for the 2025-2026 school year. Additional information regarding the program was included in the Board packet in December 2024.

2. Adoption of Program of Studies for RMS

To adopt a program of studies at Ringgold Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year. Additional information regarding the program was included in the Board packet in December 2024.

3. Lil' Rams Camp Summer Program

To provide a summer program for incoming Kindergarten students enrolling in the 2025-2026 school year and granting permission to post for staffing of the program. The proposed Lil' Rams Camp Summer Program would operate June 16, 2025, through July 3, 2025, Monday – Thursday, at Ringgold Elementary School South. There will be clerical time and family/student orientation the week prior. The program will require 6 elementary teachers, 6 paraprofessionals, 1 nurse, student transportation, student meals, and supplies.

4. Extended School Year (ESY) Program

Granting permission to post the ESY program positions for 2025. The Ringgold School District will need 3 special education teachers and 6 paraprofessionals for the ESY program. The program will run from June 16, 2025, through July 3, 2025, Monday – Thursday, at Ringgold Elementary School South. The program will require nursing services, student transportation, student meals, and supplies.

**E. Athletics – Chairperson: Mr. Mountain
Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Fine and Mrs. Garry**

1. Request To Attend Overnight Wrestling Trip

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Mountain, seconded by Mrs. Fine, granting permission for the following athletic trip request:

Mercer VFW Wrestling Tournament (Luke Smith)

Mercer, PA

January 17-18, 2025

The coach will follow the field trip policy set by the District and the trip will be fully funded by the boosters.

**F. Health, Wellness, and Security – Chairperson: Mr. Toprani
Co-chairpersons: Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Mountain**

1. Approval of Health and Safety Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year

The Board, by a unanimous vote voice of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Toprani, seconded by Mrs. Garry, to accept and approve the

Ringgold School District Health and Safety Plan. The Ringgold School District's Health and Safety Plan is subject to amendments and changes as determined necessary by the Superintendent as a result of changing direction and guidance from the State. A copy of the plan is enclosed in the Board packet. No changes have been made since the last approval.

**G. Facilities, Planning, and Transportation – Chairperson: Mrs. Fine
Co-chairpersons: Mrs. Flament and Mrs. Wilhelm**

1. Use of Facility Requests

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the nine members present, approved a motion by Mr. Fine, seconded by Mrs. Flament, approve the following Use of Facilities requests. The granting of the use of facilities shall be subject to change as determined by the Administration.

Ringgold Area Youth Soccer Association (Lauren Horning, Secretary)

- Use of RHS Cafeteria for Youth Soccer Parent Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 5:00pm-8:30pm.
- Fees - According to the policy.

Ringgold Indoor Percussion (Dawn Mason, Director)

- Requesting use of the RHS auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria seating, and pool locker rooms for an indoor percussion competition on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 2:30pm-10:00pm.
- Fees - According to the policy.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board adjourned at 7:57 PM.



**Kimberley Moore Burchill
Secretary of the Board
Ringgold Board of School Directors**