

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

**400 Main Street
New Eagle, PA 15067**

Regular Ringgold Board Of School Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 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 7:14 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 F. Flament and the following Board Members were present to the call of the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

President

Mrs. Carol F. Flament

Second Vice President

Mrs. Maureen A. Ott

Mr. James R. Dodd

Mr. Jason H. Gerard

Mrs. Gail A. Glaneman

Mr. Gene R. Kennedy

Mr. William C. Stein, Jr.

Absent

First Vice President

Mrs. Sherrie L. Garry

Board Member

Mr. Lawrence L. Mauro

Also Present

Superintendent

Ms. Megan Marie Van Fossan

Board Secretary

Mr. Randall S. Skrinjorich

and also

Director of Operations

and Financial Services

Solicitor

Mr. Timothy R. Berggren

Recording Secretary

Mr. Anthony Piscioneri

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MS. VAN FOSSAN

A. Presentation by the Monongahela Rotary Club

Ms. Megan Van Fossan started the meeting by recognizing The Monongahela Rotary Club for their generous donation of 100 Emergency buckets to Ringgold School District. Chief Shell provided additional information on how the donation got started.

B. Donation by Walter Seal

Walter Seal of Monongahela, PA gave the Ringgold School District a donation of Board Minutes from the School District of the City of Monongahela City from 1916 through 1922 and also a picture from Carroll Township School (Mrs. Peeper's Class) from December 17, 1919.

C. Monongahela Area 250th Celebration overview from Carol Frye

Carol Frye of Monongahela, PA gave an overview of the Monongahela Area 250th Celebration. She discussed where they are in the process of preparing for it and also what the celebration is going to consist of for all the communities involved.

D. Presentation by Kris Bezy on Districts Twitter Presence

Kris Bezy gave a presentation to the board and community members on Ringgold's Twitter presence. He discussed each building and district Twitter accounts and gave examples on how Twitter is being used in the district.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stein, to accept the following minutes as presented:

-Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 16, 2019

-Reconvened Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 16, 2019 held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019

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

Mr. Kennedy indicated that there was an open house and a lot of interest was shown.

VII. INTERMEDIATE UNIT I REPORT - MRS. OTT

- A. The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Stein, accepting the 2019-2020 Intermediate Unit 1 Budget in the amount of \$549,522.00 with no increase over last year's budget. Ringgold's share of the budget will be \$29,658.49 (a decrease of \$2,164.50).

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - MR. BERGGREN

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

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MRS. FLAMENT

Mrs. Flament 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

X. VISITORS' REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Deb Evans of Elrama, PA – **Topic:** Wanted to know the process on how a coach is hired within the district. Ms. Van Fossan explained the process of hiring a coach.

Scott Frederick of Monongahela, PA – **Topic:** Discussed Al Helfer being inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown on July 20, 2019 and wanted to send pictures to Cooperstown and needed district approval to use yearbook pictures.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 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 seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Gerard, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to appoint the following coaches. 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 2018-2019 Budget.

Winter Coach

Girls Basketball

Jason Briscoe – 5th/6th Elementary Basketball Coordinator at a salary of \$1,083.00
(Annual Contract)

Spring Coaches

Baseball

Cody Gibson – Volunteer Assistant Coach (Annual Contract)

Walter Cameron – Volunteer Assistant Coach (Annual Contract)

Track & Field

Rhonda Baertsch – Head Middle School Girls Coach at a salary of \$1,785.00
(Annual Contract)

Jonathan Boscan – Head Middle School Boys Coach at a salary of \$1,785.00
(Annual Contract)

Fall Coach

Girls Soccer

Olivia Wilkerson – Head Girls Varsity Soccer Coach - 3 year contract at a salary beginning at \$5,000.00

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 seven 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

2. Payment of Bills

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, 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. **Payments to HHSDR**

- a) The Board, by a vote of 6-1 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Glaneman, for payment to HHSDR in the amount of \$26,925.00 for the Ringgold High School PA/Clock system/date cabling project. Payment of invoice #1 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No - Messr.: Dodd

- b) The Board, by a vote of 6-1 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment to HHSDR in the amount of \$280.00 for the Ringgold High School fire alarm system replacement project. Payment of invoice #6 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No - Messr.: Dodd

- c) The Board, by a vote of 6-1 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment to HHSDR in the amount of \$30,192.50 for the hillside improvements at Joe Montana Stadium. Payment of invoice #5 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Voting No - Messr.: Dodd

4. **Payment to Hudson Group, Inc.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, for payment to Hudson Group, Inc., approved by the architects HHSDR, in the amount of \$104,367.00 for services related to the Ringgold Middle School project. Payment of invoice #25 will be made from the Capital Projects Fund.

5. **Payment to Three Rivers Electric, Inc.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to approve a motion for payment to Three Rivers Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$13,129.95, approved by the architects HHSDR, for services related to the

Ringgold High School hot water, boiler and fire alarm project. Payment of invoice #5 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

6. **Payments to GeoMechanics, Inc.**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to approve a motion for payment to

- a) GeoMechanics, Inc. in the amount of \$8,590.00 for engineering services at the Ringgold High School Track. Payment of invoice #18104-012119 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.
- b) GeoMechanics, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000.00 for engineering services related to the stadium slope at the Ringgold High School. Payment of invoice #17021-091718 will be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

7. **Acceptance of A Proposal From HHSDR**

The Board, by a vote of 5-2 to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept a proposal from HHSDR in the amount of \$66,600.00 for design, bidding, construction, administration, and project closeout phases of the baseball field renovations project at the Ringgold High School. This amount includes reimbursement of \$31,180.00 to HHSDR for the cost of services provided to HHSDR by WallacePancher to prepare and submit storm water and erosion control documents to the Washington County Conservation District for required permitting and construction.

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

Voting No - Messr.: Dodd Mesdames: Glaneman

8. **Acceptance of Proposal from Nagle Athletic Surfaces**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the proposal from Nagle Athletic Surfaces in the amount of \$439,470.00; plus a contingency of \$53,000 if a concrete curb is required, for installation of a new track at the Ringgold High School Joe Montana Stadium, contingent upon final review of the contract documents by the Administration and the Solicitor. Pricing is based on COSTARS contact #014-179.

9. **Acceptance of Proposal from UGI Energy Services, LLC**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept a proposal from UGI Energy Services, LLC at a rate of NYMEX-Minus (\$.39)/Dth for supplying natural gas on the Equitable/Peoples System beginning September

1, 2019 through August 31, 2022. Pricing is based on Allegheny Intermediate Unit Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee.

10. **Memorandum of Understanding between Blueprints and the Ringgold School District**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Dodd, granting permission for the Superintendent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ringgold School District and Blueprints (provider of the Head Start program in Washington County).

B. **Personnel And Administration – Chairperson: Mrs. Glaneman Co-chairpersons: Mr. Stein And Mrs. Ott**

1. **Resignation of Personnel**

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

Lindsay Scrip – Accounting Specialist at Ringgold School District – Effective Friday, February 8, 2019.

2. **Substitute Bus Mechanic Pay Rates**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Gerard to approve the following substitute bus mechanic positions and pay rates.

Bus Mechanic II Sub:	\$12.00
Bus Mechanic II Sub (Retiree):	\$13.40
Bus Mechanic I Sub:	\$14.00
Bus Mechanic I Sub (Retiree):	\$16.00

3. **Additions To The Substitute Rosters**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission to add the following persons to the substitute rosters:

Bus Mechanic

Jeffrey Buell

Monongahela, PA

Security

Charles Ross

Donora, PA

Teacher

Janelle Brewer
(Math Certified)

Scenery Hill, PA

Darwin Manges*
(Social Studies)

Seaford, DE

*pending proper documentation

4. **Substitute Police Officer and Permission to Petition the Court of Common Pleas**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to add Paul Brand, as a Ringgold School District substitute Police Officer at the rate of \$16.50 per hour and authorizing and directing the Superintendent and Solicitor to take the action necessary to petition the Court of Common Pleas to have Mr. Brand appointed as a school police officer for the Ringgold School District.

5. **Unpaid Leave Requests**

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

Nichole L. Scherer – Bus Driver – January 11, 2019 to February 13, 2019

Gail Koch – Bus Driver – February 25, 2019

6. **Student Discipline**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to accept the Agreement reached between the Administration and the Parent(s) of

- a. Student "A" whereby Student "A" be admitted into the RAMS Alternative Education Program beginning no later than Tuesday, January 29, 2019 for up to 45 days.
- b. Student "B" whereby Student "B" be admitted into the Phase 4 Learning Center Alternative Education Program beginning no later than Wednesday, January 30, 2019 for up to 45 days.
- c. Student "C" whereby Student "C" be admitted into the Phase 4 Learning Center Alternative Education Program beginning no later than Monday, February 11, 2019 for up to 45 days.

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- d. Student "D" whereby Student "D" be admitted into the RAMS Alternative Education Program beginning no later than Friday, February 8, 2019 for up to 45 days.
- e. Student "E" whereby Student "E" be admitted into the RAMS Alternative Education Program beginning no later than Monday, February 11, 2019 for up to 45 days.

7. Extracurricular Position

Background: Keith Miller was appointed in July 2018 to the extracurricular position of Ringgold Middle School Yearbook advisor. Mr. Miller will be on sabbatical during the second half of the 2018-2019 school year, and Sharon Geary will be taking over this position.

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Dodd; appointing the following extracurricular position:

Appointing Sharon Geary to the Ringgold Middle School Yearbook extracurricular position for the second half of the 2018-2019 school year.

8. Requests to Attend Conferences

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission for the following conference requests:

Megan Marie Van Fossan SXSW EDU 2019

March 3 – 7, 2019

Austin, TX

TOTAL COST \$205.00 (meals)*

*Conference registration fees have been prepaid by the Grable Foundation along with a check made payable to Ringgold School District in the amount of \$1,200 to be used towards the hotel and transportation fees.

Laura Grimm , PSADA Annual Conference

March 19-22, 2019

Hershey, PA

TOTAL COST	\$1,401.64
	Athletic Fund

9. **Approval and Acceptance of Director of Operations and Financial Services Contract**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mr. Stein, accepting and approving the Director of Operations and Financial Services Contract that will grant him an extension of his existing contract for a period of an additional five years beginning July 1, 2020.

10. **Requests for Student to Return to School**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, granting permission for Student "A" who has been attending the Ringgold Cyber School Program, to return to the Ringgold High School in March 2019 pending fulfillment of program requirements.

11. **Employment of Personnel**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, to employ the following individuals:

Michele Dowel as a Curriculum Director beginning (To be determined by the Superintendent) at an annual salary of \$113,000.00 will be placed into the Act 93 Compensation Plan.

12. **Agreement for Professional Development**

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Glaneman, seconded by Mrs. Ott, motion for the Superintendent of Schools to take the following program, School Leadership and Management at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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

1. **Approval of Ringgold High School Program of Study**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mrs. Glaneman, to accept the Ringgold High School Courses of Study.

2. **Approval of Ringgold Middle School Program of Study**

The Board, by a unanimous voice vote of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mrs. Glaneman, to accept the Ringgold Middle School Courses of Study.

3. Approval of Settlement

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mrs. Ott, a Settlement of a Due Process issue discussed in Executive Session.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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 seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Dodd, granting permission for the following use of facilities requests.

a. Ringgold Elementary School North PTA – Jessica Dahm

What: 4th Grade Movie Night

When: Friday, February 22, 2019 – 5:00-9:00 PM

Where: Ringgold Elementary School North Gymnasium

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.

b. Ringgold Youth Athletic Association – Adam Mercer

What: Baseball Winter Training and Practices
When: February 21, 2019 – March 15, 2019; flexible days and times depending on availability.
Where: Ringgold High School Gymnasium
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.

c. Ringgold Harps – Melanie Sandrock

What: Ringgold Harp Tea
When: Sunday, March 31, 2019 – 12:00 – 6:00 PM
Where: Ringgold Middle School Auditorium
Cost: No fees associated as this is a school sponsored event.

d. Ringgold Area Youth Soccer Association – Leigh-Ann Scheponik

What: Soccer Practices and Games
When: March 4, 2019 – June 16, 2019. Specific times and dates will be coordinated depending upon availability of facilities.
Where: Finleyville Soccer Fields
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.

e. The Union Finley Midget Football Association – Jeana Quattrone-Resnik

What: Registration for Football Sign-ups
When: Sunday, April 7, 2019 – 10:45 AM- 1:00 PM.
Where: Ringgold Elementary School North Gymnasium

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Cost: Fees - \$30.00/hour Custodial

f. KD Dance Studio, INC.- Kimberly Duranti

What: Dance Rehearsal and Recital

When: May 30, 2019 – 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 31, 2019 – 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Where: Ringgold High School Auditorium and Stage

Cost: Group will be charged fees for rental (\$100.00/day), Custodial (\$30.00/hour), and security (\$20.00/hour). Final dollar amount will be calculated at a date closer to the event once specific needs are determined.

g. Miss Beverly's School of Dance – Beverly Misgalla

What: Dance Rehearsal and Recital

When: June 11, 2019 – 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
June 12, 2019 – 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Where: Ringgold Middle School Auditorium and Stage

Cost: Group will be charged fees for rental (\$100.00/day), Custodial (\$30.00/hour), and security (\$20.00/hour). Final dollar amount will be calculated at a date closer to the event once specific needs are determined.

h. Monongahela Area Historical Society – Martha Muniz

What: 250th Anniversary Concert

When: August 10, 2019 – 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Where: Ringgold High School Auditorium and Stage

Cost: Group will be charged fees for rental (\$100.00/day), Custodial (\$30.00/hour), and security (\$20.00/hour). Final dollar amount will be calculated at a date closer to the event once specific needs are determined.

2. Approval to Sell Modular Classrooms

The Board, by a unanimous vote to the call of the roll of the seven members present, approved a motion by Mrs. Ott, seconded by Mr. Stein, accepting the proposal from Hostetter Auctioneers to sell the modular classrooms at Ringgold Elementary School North, contingent upon final review of the

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contract documents by the Administration and the Solicitor. The sale of the modular classrooms shall be done by an on-line auction.

XII. RECESS AND RECONVENE

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

The Board adjourned at 8:36 P.M..



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