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Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

A G E N D A

AUGUST 17, 2021

1. Flag Salute – President

2. Call meeting to order – roll call

“On January 6, 2021, notice of this meeting was sent to Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post. Notice of this meeting was posted on the front door of the school, the Post Office, the WSFS Bank, and filed with the Municipal Clerk. I direct the Secretary to enter this public announcement into the minutes.”

3. Public Hearing:

- Student Safety Data System and Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) Reporting (Period #2) and School Self-Assessment Grade for Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, District and School Grade Report and collecting any additional information for the HIB Self-Assessment.

Open discussion to Public

Close Public Hearing

4. Acceptance of Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the regular meeting on June 22, 2021.

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5. Correspondence

6. Administration Report

7. Recognition of citizens for discussion of Agenda Items

8. PTO

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Personnel – Mr. Sencindiver
- b. Curriculum – Mr. Elliot
- c. Building & Grounds – Mr. DiLeo
- d. Finance – Mr. DiLeo
- e. Policy – Mrs. Corbi
- f. Community Relations – Mrs. Corbi, Mrs. McGinnis
- g. Legislation – r. Croft, Mr. Elliot
- h. Palmyra Board Representative – Mrs. Falicki

10. Old Business

11. New Business:

Action Items:

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- 1) I motion for the Board to approve the most recent The Road Forward Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

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- 2) I motion for the Board to approve the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act as submitted by Dr. Sullivan, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and the Statement of Assurances signed by the Superintendent.

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- 3) I motion for the Board to approve Back to School Night on September 16, 2021.

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- 4) I motion for the Board to confirm/approve the workshop/professional day requests as listed a-c:

a. Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck or her designee to attend monthly Superintendent Roundtable and all county and state curriculum and administrator meetings (dates on file in Main Office) at a cost to the Board for mileage;

b. Dr. Lorna Sullivan, Miss Elizabeth Odd and Ms. Cathryn Browning to attend professional/County meetings –Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Special Education Inclusion, Curriculum Consortium, Child Study Team Directors, School Social Workers/School Psychologists, Crisis Response Team, Gifted Consortiums, and trainings as dictated by the State on various dates at a cost to the Board for mileage;

c. Ms. Caitlin Leone and Mrs. Shannon Vasile to attend an online workshop “Wilson Reading System Introductory Course”, August 3 – 5, 2021, beginning 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at a cost to the Board of \$679.00 per person.

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- 5) I motion for the Board to approve the following individuals to be on the District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) as listed a-g:
- a. Mary Ellen Eck, CSA
 - b. Lorna Sullivan, CST
 - c. Jeffrey Elliot, BOE member (once a year)
 - d. Christine Durante, REA President and 3rd Grade Teacher
 - e. Dawn Locantore, 1st Grade Teacher
 - f. Rose Allen, Middle School Teacher
 - g. Felicia McCamy, PTO President and parent (once a year)

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- 6) I motion for the Board to approve the following individuals to be on the School Improvement Panel (SCIP) as listed a-e:
- a. Mary Ellen Eck, CSA
 - b. Lorna Sullivan, CST
 - c. Rose Allen, Teacher
 - d. Christine Durante, Teacher
 - e. Alyson Flanagan, Teacher

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- 7) I motion for the Board to approve the Provisional Certificate/Mentoring Plans which includes Mary Ellen Eck as the Supervisor for the following novice teachers as listed a-e:
- a. Miss Madison Decker, Teacher and Miss Katherine Pacione, Mentor
 - b. Mrs. Samantha Miller, Teacher and Mrs. Christine Lubitsky, Mentor
 - c. Mrs. Caitlin Truitt, Teacher and Mrs. Terrye McGilberry, Mentor
 - d. Mrs. Karr-Parente, Teacher and Mrs. Flanagan, Mentor
 - e. Mrs. Shannon Vasile, Teacher and Miss Christine Durante, Mentor

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- 8) I motion the Board to approve unused vacation payment for the 2020-21 school year for Mr. John Strohlein (1 day - \$152.40).

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- 9) I motion for the Board to approve the revised Staffing Pattern (copy in Board Folder/Scan) for the 2021-22 school year as presented by the Superintendent.

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Roll Call Vote

- 10) I motion for the Board to approve Chromebook distribution for Prek-8 grade students for the 2021-22 school year.

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11) I motion for the Board to approve the contract with Sacred Heart Church for use of their gym and classrooms for the Primetime After-School Program in the amount of \$5,000. for the 2021-22 school year.

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12) I motion for the Board to approve the contract with YMCA of Philadelphia to provide an after-school program (Primetime) for the 2021-22 school year located at the Sacred Heart Gym.

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13) I motion for the Board to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for the month of July 2021, as submitted by the Superintendent.

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14) I motion for the Board to approve the written parent/guardian involvement policies for participating students after annual review as listed a-f:

- a. #1230 - School Connected Organizations
- b. #1230 Reg. - Parent/Guardian Involvement
- c. #5124 - Reporting to Parents/Guardians
- d. #5124 Reg. - School Parent/Guardian Compact
- e. #6142.6 - Basic Skills
- f. #6171.3 - At-Risk & Title I

The Policy, Parent/Guardian-School Compact, and notification of teacher qualifications will be given to parents in handbooks and in separate mailings.

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15) I motion for the Board to confirm the submission of the ESEA (The Elementary and Secondary Education Act Application FY22 as listed a-d:

- a. Title I - \$14,047. (\$20,140. decrease)
- b. Title IIA - \$5,720. (\$314. Orchard Friends) (\$5,222. decrease)
- c. Refusing Title III - \$1,401.
- d. Title IV -\$10,000. (\$554. Orchard Friends)

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16) I motion for the Board to approve the following policy for first reading and adoption as listed a:

- a. Policy #3517 – Security and Electronic Surveillance

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- 17) I motion for the Board to approve the following policies and regulation for second reading and adoption as listed a-e:
- a. Policy #2224.1 -Title IX – Sex-Based Discrimination
 - b. Reg. #2224.1 -Title IX – Sex-Based Discrimination Procedures & Grievance Process
 - c. Exhibit#2224.1 -Title IX-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment Report Form
 - d. Policy #3542.2 -School Meal Program Arrears
 - e. Policy #6140 -Curriculum Adoption

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- 18) I motion for the Board to approve the - Riverton Education Association (REA) and Riverton Board of Education Amendment for the first reading and adoption of the following job description as listed a:

- a. Job #63 Middle School Coordinator \$2,000.

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- 19) I motion for the Board to approve the current textbooks and instructional materials for the 2021-22 school year and Curriculum Rewriting Plan as listed a-h:

- a. **Health**-The Great Body Shop, The Children’s Health Market
- b. **Language Arts Literacy** - Foundations (K-3) Units of Study, Heinemann (Gr. 6-8) Language Books McDougal Littell (2004), Literature listed (Shared & Guided Reading) and protocols used in curriculum, Sadlier Vocabulary & Grammar Program (Gr. 5-8)
- c. **Mathematics** – Grade 6-8 - Big Ideas, (Harcourt Houghton Mifflin) Grades K-5 - Go Math, (Harcourt Houghton Mifflin) (Materials subscription ends 2023)
- d. **Music** - The Music Connection Silver Burdett Ginn © 2000); Grades K-6 Macmillan Sing & Learn Program (Teaching Guides and tapes), Recorder Karate books 1 and 2 (from Music k-8), Musick8.com, Ukuleleunderground.com, Music Minutes-Veronica Harper, Classicsforkids.com, Fun for the Little Ones-Jeanette Morgan, Spanish Piggyback songs-Sonya Kranwinkel, Exploring the Blues/ Music Alive!-Hal Leonard Corp., Thirty Days to Music Theory-Hal Leonard 60 Music Quizzes for Theory and Reading-Alfred Publishing, MakingMusicFun.net, Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought)by Kathleen Krull and Kathryn Hewitt
- e. **Science** - Interactive Science (Pearson Education © 2016), Dimensions Science (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt © 2018); Carolina® Bio Lab®: Frog CD-ROM - Bio Lab®: Frog teaches students the external and internal anatomy of the frog in a virtual setting, so the real dissection is much more meaningful; Carolina® Bio Lab®: Fish CD-ROM - Bio Lab®: Fish is a 3-in-1 CD-ROM covers the external and internal anatomy of the perch, shark (dogfish), and lamprey. Virtual minilabs include an interactive comparison of fish and a closer look at respiration rate, capillary flows, and dissolved oxygen; K’NEX Education Real Bridge Building Set.
- f. **Social Studies** - Pearson’s My World Interactive Program for Social Studies K-8 (Materials 6-year subscription ends 2025)

g. **Technology/STEM** - Learning.com, Easy Tech Assessment, Curriculum Activities Learning.com, Easy Tech Assessment - Code.org, Computer Science and Coding - Google Apps - KNEX, Simulations & Real Bridge Building, Kodable, Britannica Nearpod, Epic P35Stem Lab

h. **World Language**

Gr. 1-5 Descubre el español (Santillana Publishing)

Gr. 6-7 Voces Digital, Textbook (2013)

Gr. 6-7 Introductory Spanish, (Teacher's Discovery)

Gr. 8 Avancemos! (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

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Roll Call.

20) I motion the Board to approve for first reading the following curriculum fully aligned to the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards as listed a-g:

- a. Visual and Performing Arts: Music including Dance, Theatre, and Music Theory & Composition (Middle School);
- b. Comprehensive Health and Physical Education including Physical Wellness, Safety and Mental Health;
- c. Science;
- d. Social Studies;
- e. World Languages; Spanish, to be completed 2022;
- f. Computer Science and Design Thinking, template finished – work will continue;
- g. Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Completed Document.

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21) I motion for the Board to approve the adoption of the following for the 2021-22 school year as listed a-d:

a. Curriculum aligned to the current New Jersey Student Learning Standards:

1. Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills*
2. Comprehensive Health & Physical Education (including Dance) (K-8)
3. Information Literacy (K-8)
4. Language Arts Literacy (K-8)
5. Mathematics (K-8)
6. Music K-8/Chorus (Visual & Performing Arts including Dance/Theory, Music)
7. Pre-school Curriculum (and Creative Curriculum)
8. Science (K-8) – (Next Generation Science Standards)
9. Social Studies (Pre-school – Grade 8)
10. Technology (Pre-school – Grade 8);
11. Fine Arts K-8 (Visual and Performing Arts)
12. World Language (Spanish K-8)*
13. English Language Learner;
14. Computer Science & Design Thinking*

***Being revised/completed**

- b. Specialized Programs as listed 1-4:
 - 1. Guidance and Counseling Plan
 - 2. Gifted & Talented Services/SEEK Curriculum
 - 3. Character Education
 - 4. Adopt-A-Cop
- c. Student Code of Conduct;
- d. Intervention and Referral Manual and Training and committee members as named by the Superintendent;

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- 22) I motion for the Board to approve the annual maintenance plan with Macro and Micro Collaborative Graphic (CRG) for our school building and grounds at a cost of \$435.00.

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- 23) I motion for the Board to approve and accept the state funds for Orchard Friends, our nonpublic school, for the 2021-22 school year as listed a-d.

- a. Technology \$ 336.
- b. Textbooks \$ 480.
- c. Security \$2,975.
- d. Nursing \$1,904.

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- 24) I motion for the Board to approve heating and air conditioning repair work using Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Purchase Program Bid #HCESC-SER-12A, awarded to John Verderame & Sons, Inc. for \$274,678.

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- 25) I motion for the Board to approve the use of maintenance reserve funds to repair the heating and air conditioning system for \$58,874.

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- 26) I motion for the Board to approve the use of Voiance Interpreter Services at the rate of \$25.00 per month and 99¢ per minute for written translation and verbal interpretation at meetings with parents who are non-English speaking.

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- 27) I motion for the Board to approve the following 2021-22 tuition contracts as listed a-b:

- a. Yale School: 2 special education students including ESY @ \$78,080.10 each;
- b. Cambridge School: 1 special education student @ \$55,200.00.

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- 28) I motion for the Board to approve the annual review of the Purchasing Manual for the 2021-22 school year.
- M_____ S_____
- 29) I motion for the Board to approve the annual review of the Standard Operation Procedures Manual for the 2021-22 school year.
- M_____ S_____
- 30) I motion for the Board to approve Brett DiNovi and Associates to provide Behavioral Consultation and Therapy Services, as needed, for the 2021-22 school year.
- M_____ S_____
- 31) I motion for the Board to approve the renewal lease of one garage unit located on Fifth Street, Riverton, NJ 08077 at a monthly rate of \$170 (6.25% increase).
- M_____ S_____
- 32) I motion for the Board to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for June and July, 2021, in balance.
- M_____ S_____
- 33) I motion for the Board to approve the Special Payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for July 2021.
- M_____ S_____
- 34) I motion for the Board to approve the resolution to certify the monthly financial report and status as required by law.
- M_____ S_____
- Roll Call
- 35) I motion for the Board to approve the payment of bills for June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$117,851.85 and for July 31, 2021 in the amount of \$397,404.55 and for August 18, 2021 in the amount of \$88,090.12.
- M_____ S_____
- 36) I motion for the Board to approve the transfers, as listed, for June 2021 in the amount of \$131,975.63 and for July 2021 in the amount of \$500,827.12.
- M_____ S_____
- 37) I motion for the Board to approve the revised 2021-22 School Calendar to include the observation of Juneteenth on June 17th; the last day for teachers will be on June 20, 2022.
- M_____ S_____

12. I motion for the Board to approve the resolution to move to Executive Session for the purpose of hiring staff.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Riverton Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session, approximately _____ p.m. this evening

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverton Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

____ Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

____ Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

____ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: _____)

____ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

____ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

____ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is entitled: _____) (If contract negotiation, the nature of the contract and interested party is _____)

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is _____);

____ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Riverton Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Riverton Board of Education Attorney advises the Riverton Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Riverton Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

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13. I motion for the Board to approve reconvening to Public Session.

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14. Action taken as a result of discussion during Executive Session.

15. Discussion Items

16. Information Items

17. Recognition of Citizens for comment on items not on agenda.

18. The Board approves the meeting to be adjourned.

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