

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Croft at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at the school.

Mr. Croft led the salute to the flag, and read the following statement:

“On January 6, 2021, notice of this meeting was mailed 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.”

The following were present:

Mrs. Corbi	Mr. Sencindiver
Mr. DiLeo (7:02.)	Mr. Croft, President
Mr. Elliot (7:01)	Mrs. McGinnis, Vice President
Mrs. Falicki	Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent
Mrs. Matzelle	Mr. Nikolas Vrettos, School Board Secretary
Mr. Papenberg	

**PUBLIC LOTTERY FOR PRESCHOOL:**

Mr. Croft opened the public lottery for Preschool at 7:01. Mrs. Eck introduced the lottery procedures and Mr. Croft pulled the nine numbers from a basket. Mrs. Eck explained that the first seven numbers will be offered enrollment and the last two will be on a waiting list. The public lottery was closed at 7:03.

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to accept the Preschool Lottery results for the 2021-22 school year.

Seconded by Mr. DiLeo, motion carried, all members voting aye.

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:**

Mr. Croft opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and Mrs. Eck presented the 2021-22 budget.

Mrs. Eck reported on current and future plans regarding staffing, moving resources, and state funding. She shared programs in the 2021-22 budget, including increased instruction in Middle School due to the addition of staff. She reported that the increase in hours for the Social Worker and Media Specialist will support the full K-8 program. Mrs. Eck stated the increases in the budget are due to salary and benefit increases for the additional staff and the cost of tuition. Mr. Vrettos followed with a review of enrollment, revenues, grants, and appropriations.

Mr. Croft closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 upon no further discussion about the budget.

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to approve the resolution for the 2021-22 school district budget, as proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a FY 2020-21 school district budget as reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$6,833,235	\$5,621,675
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 125,429	\$ 0
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$6,958,664</b>	<b>\$5,621,675</b>

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is \$315,572 for other capital projects costs to replace sections of the school roof. The total cost of this project is \$316,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements.

Seconded by Mrs. Corbi. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Motion made by Mr. Sencindiver, and seconded by Mrs. Corbi to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the regular meeting on March 16, 2021.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- Congratulations to 15 Students Representing Riverton School at the Burlington County Teen Arts Festival & Thank You to Ms. Jancsar for Organizing the Virtual Event – List of Students Attached.
- Grade Level Activities Making Learning Fun in June as Restrictions Lift, including 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trips & Off-Site Dance
- CRSSA Funds from ESSER Grant to be used for Technology and Building Improvements, Increase School Social Worker’s Hours, Holding Academic Support Programs Over Summer  
Mr. Sencindiver asked what would be done over the summer and Mrs. Eck responded there would be small group instruction, four days a week for three weeks. Mr. Sencindiver asked if the staff would participate and Mrs. Eck responded that she has confirmed with the staff that they are willing to work.
- Palmyra High School – Middle School Students Earning Points toward CTE through Carver Program, the CAP Program is Continuing, Strategic Plan Survey  
Mrs. Corbi asked how many of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are planning on attending Palmyra this coming year and Mrs. Eck responded with 10.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PTO:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Personnel** – No report.
- b. **Curriculum** – No report.
- c. **Building & Grounds** – No report.
- d. **Finance** – Mr. DiLeo reviewed the bills and found all to be in order.
- e. **Policy** – No report.
- f. **Community Relations** – No report.
- g. **Legislation** – No report.
- h. **Palmyra Board Representative** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to accept the New Jersey District/School Performance Reports for the 2019-20 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the submission application for ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) application as listed a-c:

- a. CRRSA-ESSER II Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act - \$96,000
- b. Mental Health - \$45,000
- c. Learning Acceleration - \$25,000

Seconded by Mr. Elliot, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve using grant funds to increase Social Worker position to 100% as of April 5, 2021.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the revised Staffing Pattern (copy in Board Folder/Scan) for the 2020-21 school year as presented by the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mrs. Corbi. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to affirm the HIB Investigation Case #1.

Seconded by Mrs. Corbi, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve Mr. Jack Dooley as an IT Consultant at the rate of \$35.00/hour for the 2020-21 school year as assigned by the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the Walden University Nursing Practicum Student, Ms. Jennifer Mantzas, for the Summer 2021 Term (Weeks 1-6). Mentor- Jaclyn Sutter.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, Mr. Sencindiver asked if Ms. Mantzas will follow the nurse around. Mrs. Eck responded yes and that it's for school credit. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve for annual review and re-adoption of the following policies listed a-b:

- a. #1410 - Local Units
- b. #6114 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

Seconded by Mr. DiLeo, motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve for first reading the following policies as listed a-d:

- a. #5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
- b. #5141.1 - Accidents
- c. #5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension
- d. #5145.12 - Search and Seizure

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve for second reading and adoption the following policy as listed a:

- a. #5141.5 - Mental Health and Wellbeing

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for the month of April 2021, as submitted by the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to approve the bus evacuation drill that occurred on March 25, 2021 for the 2020-21 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Corbi, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve the Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance (Non-Lead Testing Year) for the school year 2020-21.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve the participation of middle school students in the 2021 Burlington County Teen Arts Festival (Virtual).

Seconded by Mr. Elliot. Mrs. Eck proceeded to read the names of the students participating in the festival. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve the following 8<sup>th</sup> Grade field trips as listed a-b:

- a. Class trip to NJ Motorsports Park;
- b. Class trip to Six Flags Great Adventure.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the following 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities as listed a-c:

- a. Car parade on June 10, 2021;
- b. Graduation on June 14, 2021, June 15, 2021 (Rain Date);
- c. Graduation Dance (off site) on June 15, 2021.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve a \$200 award for the Riverton student graduating from Palmyra High School in June 2021 with the highest grade point average.

Seconded by Mr. DiLeo, motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve the following staff members to complete CPR training on June 18<sup>th</sup> as listed a-rr:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Rosemary Allen        | w. Kate Pacione        |
| b. Joanna Austin         | x. Michael Palladino   |
| c. Lindsay Bartuska      | y. Lora Palazzolo      |
| d. Susan Blackwell       | z. Kristin Park        |
| e. Shannon Cahill        | aa. Sandra Parker      |
| f. Patrice Deal          | bb. Jeanne Paulsen     |
| g. Michele DiMarino      | cc. Danielle Payne     |
| h. Christine Durante     | dd. Amy Penwell        |
| i. Mary Ellen Eck        | ee. Amy Pfeiffer       |
| j. Rosemary Eifert       | ff. Thomas Sadler      |
| k. Michele Farr          | gg. Kristen Schindwein |
| l. Alyson Flanagan       | hh. Robert Sciarrotta  |
| m. Mary Fitzgerald       | ii. Lorna Sullivan     |
| n. Anne Jancsar          | ii. Lena Sutcliffe     |
| o. Rebecca Karr Parente  | kk. Jaclyn Sutter      |
| p. Elizabeth KillionToro | ll. Heather Thress     |
| q. Nancy Knoll           | mm. Shannon Vasile     |
| r. Caitlin Leone         | nn. Nikolas Vrettos    |
| s. Dawn Locantore        | oo. Doreen Walter      |
| t. Christine Lubitsky    | pp. Jessica Yeager     |
| u. CJ McGee              | qq. Dave Zaun          |
| v. Elizabeth Odd         | rr. Andrea Zimmermann  |

Seconded by Mr. Elliot. Mr. Croft asked if this is the entire staff. Mrs. Eck responded that this is almost the entire staff. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

- to approve the workshop/professional day request as listed a:
  - a. Miss Katherine Pacione to attend an online workshop, "NJSLS: Changes to the Science Standards" on May 12, 2021, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at no cost to the Board.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motions:

- to approve the Extra-curricular positions for the 2020-21 school year as listed a-f:
  - a. Intramural Girls Basketball – Alyson Flanagan & Andrea Zimmermann
  - b. Intramural Boys Basketball – Susan Blackwell & Alyson Flanagan
  - c. Yoga – Anne Janscar & Elizabeth Odd
  - d. Kickball – Dave Zaun
  - e. Soccer – Rebecca Karr-Parente
  - f. Flag Football – Dave Zaun

Seconded by Mrs. Corbi. Mrs. Eck commented that the district is attempting to add games with other local schools to the schedule. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

- to approve those individuals on the list on file in the main office from the Sub Calling Service as certified substitutes for the 2020-21 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Elliot, motion carried, all members voting aye.

- to approve the 2021-22 Rite Aid Flu Clinic for staff member on October 5, 2021.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg. Mr. Sencindiver asked for more details. Mrs. Eck responded that Rite Aid visits the school and provides an opportunity for staff to get the flu shot. Mr. Croft asked if the staff typically takes part and Mrs. Eck responded yes.

- to approve a ½ page ad in the Riverton Fourth of July program booklet at a cost of \$80.00.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

- to approve Resolution# 2-21 renewing the agreement to purchase energy aggregation services, supplies and materials, time and materials; and such other services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services ("ACES").

Seconded by Mr. DiLeo, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

- to approve the Food Service Biosecurity Management Plan with updates.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve participation in Burlington County Crisis Team at a fee of \$650 for the 2021-22 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve participation in the Burlington County Professional Development Institute (BCPDI) for the 2020-21 school year at a cost of \$1.40 per student.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve Educational Services Unit (ESU) to provide professional services as listed per the contract for the 2021-22 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. DiLeo made the following motions:

-to approve the Special Payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for March 2021.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve the following resolution .....

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c) 4, we certify that as of March 31, 2021 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been overextended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for March 2021 in balance.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve the payment of bills for March 26, 2021, in the amount of \$198,281.77 and for April 28, 2021 in the amount of \$548,214.95.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

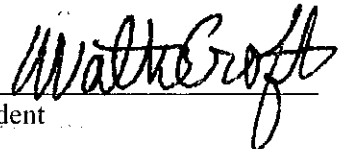
-to approve the transfers, as listed, in the amount of \$52,311.37 for March 2021.

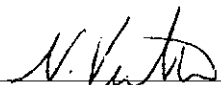
Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, the Public shall be excluded from the portion of the meeting involving the discussion of renewal and hiring of staff.

FURTHER, that any action taken shall be disclosed following the executive meeting.

  
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 President

  
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 Secretary

*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 \_\_\_\_\_)

X 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.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Papenberg, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the renewal and hiring of staff. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. McGinnis, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

**ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSION DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the certificated and non-certificated staff to positions listed on the 2021-22 Staffing Pattern as presented by the Superintendent at salaries as per the current negotiated agreement and on file in the business office.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

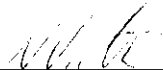
**INFORMATION ITEMS:** Mr. Vrettos mentioned that School Board Candidate Packets are available.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA :** None

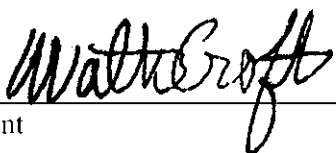
**ADJOURNMENT:**

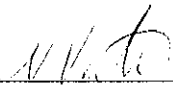
Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. McGinnis, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion carried, all members present voting aye.

  
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Nikolas Vrettos, Secretary  
Riverton Board of Education

**APPROVED UPON MOTION OF THE BOARD**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

  
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Secretary

## 2021 TEEN ARTS FESTIVAL VIRTUAL

NAME	GRADE	PROJECT	PERMISSION SLIPS ✓
1. Emily Austin	8	Micrography	
2. Seraphina Thomas	8	Micrography	✓
3. Brady Speers	8	Scratch Art	✓
4. Victoria Geissler	8	Scratch Art	✓
5. Emily Austin	8	Scratch Art	✓
6. Eleni Waldhauser	8	One-Point Perspective	✓
7. Anna Paszkiewicz	8	One-Point Perspective	
8. Elsie Kenson	7	Watercolor Animal	✓
9. Isabel Oliveira	7	Watercolor Animal	
10. Joe Flanagan	7	Watercolor Animal	✓
11. Julia Flanagan	7	Still Life	✓
12. Lucy Reigel	7	Still Life	✓
13. Mason Alvarado	7	Still Life	✓
14. Evie Aird	7	Still Life	✓
15. Taylor Meyers	7	Still Life	