

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2020
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 3, 2020, 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:

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| Mrs. Corbi | Mr. Sencindiver |
| Mr. DiLeo | Mr. Croft, President |
| Mr. Elliot | Mr. Warnock, Vice President (N.A.) |
| Mrs. Mack (N.A.) | Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent |
| Mrs. McGinnis | Mr. Nikolas Vrettos, School Board Secretary |
| Mr. Papenberg | |

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mr. Elliot, and seconded by Mrs. Corbi to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the regular meeting on January 28, 2020 including the Public Hearing on the Student Safety Data Submission and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) reporting.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mrs. Eck reported on the following items:

- Proposed Calendar for 2020-21
- New K-5 Math Materials
- Preschool Olympics
- Instagram
- Ethics Training

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 and Mr. Sencindiver discussed the preliminary budget and personnel. Mrs. Eck discussed the governor’s speech and \$50 million stabilization.
- e. **Policy** – No report.
- f. **Community Relations** – No report.
- g. **Legislation** – No report.
- h. **Palmyra Board Representative** – Mr. Elliot stated the last meeting was February 12th where they discussed a BOE Boot Camp to be held on a Saturday and World Culture Day.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

-to approve receipt and of the Code of Ethics and the NJASBO power point training and discussion.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motions:

-to approve/confirm the following workshop/professional day requests as listed a-b:

- a. Dr. Lorna Sullivan to attend a workshop, “Joint Threat Assessment Training” on June 16 & 17, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA at a cost to the Board for mileage;
- b. Mr. Nikolas Vrettos to attend a workshop, “LRFP” on February 19, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at NJASBO, Robbinsville, N. J. at a cost to the Board for mileage.

Seconded by Mr. DiLeo. Mr. Croft asked what LRFP was and Mrs. Eck responded Long Range Facility Plan. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve the following applications for facilities use as listed a-b:

- a. PTO Variety Show to use the Gym and varies classrooms on February 29, March 2, 4, 6, 7 during requested times. Responsible person: Leah Falicki;
- b. PE Academy Camps to use (in case of severe weather) the gymnasium, computer lab, restroom and water fountain on April 15-16, 2020, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and June 18 to July 3, 2020, 9:00A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Responsible persons: Robert Sciarrotta and Dave Zaun.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the PTO Annual Dodgeball Tournament on March 20, 2020 from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. at the Sacred Heart School gym.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve 6-8 Grade SEEK students to attend the Congressional Conference at Riverton Borough Hall on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve those individuals on the updated list on file in the main office from the Sub Calling Service as certified substitutes for the 2019-20 school year.

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

-to approve those individuals on the list on file in the Main Office as volunteers/chaperones for the 2019-20 school year.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve Field Day as listed a-b:

- a. May 22, 2020 - Grades Pre-K, 5-8 Field Day
- b. June 12, 2020 - Grades K-4 Field Day

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the purchase and implementation of Go Math 2018 (3-year subscription) for grades K-5 at a cost of \$29,310.32.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for the month of February 2020, as submitted by the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the request for waiver of the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) program requirements for the 2020-21 school year due to the projection of less than 40 students eligible for participation. (DOE projection is 7 children.)

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve Resolution #2-20 authorizing the Riverton Board of Education to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with Omnia Partners for the purchase of goods and services.

Seconded by Mrs. Corbi. Mr. Sencindiver asked what is Omnia and Mr. Vrettos explained Omnia is a co-op where they can offer better pricing for Toshiba copiers. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the establishment of the school district maximum spending limit for the 2020 calendar year for the professional services as listed a-b:

- a. Legal Services \$15,000
- b. Audit Services \$23,200

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg. Mr. Croft asked if these amounts are the same as last year and Mr. Vrettos responded that legal services has stayed the same, but audit services has increased by 2%. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the following 2019-20 tuition contracts as listed a-b:

- a. Burlington County Special Services School District: 1 special education student @ \$26,529;
- b. YALE School: 1 special education student @ \$34,735.75.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis. Mr. Croft asked if the tuition amounts were for a full calendar year or the remainder of the year and Mr. Vrettos answered they were for the remainder of the year. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Dileo made the following motion:

-to approve the Special Payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for January 2020.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the following resolution

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c) 4, we certify that as of January 31, 2020, 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 Mr. Elliot. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Dileo made the following motion:

-to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for January 2020 in balance.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the payment of bills for January 31, 2020 in the amount of \$145,644.50 and for February 26, 2020 in the amount of \$384,535.71.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

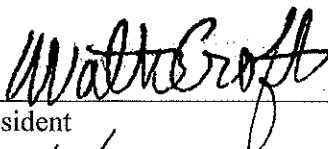
-to approve transfers as listed in the amount of \$127,949.72 for January 2020.

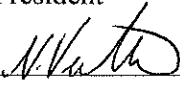
Seconded by Mr. Papenberg. Mr. Sencindiver asked if this amount was tuition and Mr. Vrettos replied no, this amount is from analyzing the entire year and reorganizing salaries after the settlement. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

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 HIB Case #2.

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



 President


 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 7:20 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, 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. Elliot, seconded by Mr. Sencindiver, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing HIB Case #2. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mrs. Corbi the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to affirm the HIB Investigation Case #2.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Mr. Vrettos stated that the playground repairs are completed.

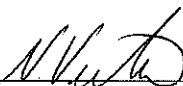
INFORMATION ITEMS: None

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

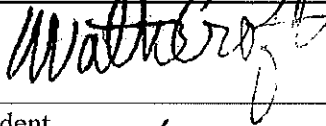
Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

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

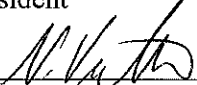


Nikolas Vrettos, Secretary
Riverton Board of Education

APPROVED UPON MOTION OF THE BOARD



President



Secretary