

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2022  
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 gym at the school.

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

“On January 5, 2022, 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.”

Mr. Croft announced the election results of November 2, 2021 and congratulated Michael Sencindiver on the re-election of his 3-yr term. Mr. Sencindiver recited the Oath of Office.

Mr. Croft took a roll call:

Mrs. Corbi	Mr. Sencindiver
Mr. Elliot	Mr. Croft, President
Mrs. Falicki	Mrs. McGinnis, Vice President
Mrs. Matzelle	Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent
Mr. Papenberg	Mr. Nikolas Vrettos, School Board Secretary
Mrs. Quinzi	

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mr. Croft opened the meeting to a Public Hearing on Student Safety Data Submission Report Period #1 (Collection of incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substance use, harassment, intimidation and bullying as well as HIB Training and activities to support a positive school climate) 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 at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Eck stated there were 3 reported cases, one was found in violation of HIB Policies and the other two were breaches of the Code of Conduct. Mrs. Eck reported on the HIB Self Assessment stating the District continues to be in full compliance with strength in timelines, procedures and initiatives. She also stated this year we served more students with counseling and school wide support mentioned in the SSDS presentation.

Upon hearing no further questions or comments from the public, Mr. Croft closed the Public Hearing on Student Safety Data Submission Report Period #1 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 at 7:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Motion made by Mrs. Corbi, and seconded by Mr. Elliot to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2022. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- 2 Trainings – 1 District, 1 School
- 5 School Programs/4 District Programs
- SEL Trait – Mindfulness
- Red Ribbon Rodeo
- Week of Respect/Violence Free Week
- Day of Service
- Growth Mindset - Trait of the month
- World Kindness Day
- Pizza with the Police
- Therapy Dog Visit
- Choose Love Classroom Program
- 22-23 School Year Calendar
- Updated Safe Return to School Plan

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

**PTO:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Personnel** – No report.
- b. **Curriculum** – No report.
- c. **Building & Grounds** – Mr. Vrettos gave an update on the Roof #1 bid and stated he was expecting figures on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- d. **Finance** – Mr. Papenberg 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** – Mrs. Falicki spoke about the reorganization meeting and the regular meeting, stating both were virtual, and that the Board President has remained the same.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

-to approve the updated Safe Return to School Plan.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the Student Safety Data Submission for July 1- December 31 (Period #1) for the 2021-22 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

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

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve a Public Budget Hearing on the 2022-23 school budget to be held on April 26, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the gymnasium.

Seconded by Mr. Elliot. Mr. Sencindiver asked if state aid figures were available. Mrs. Eck responded not yet, but we are hoping to hear something soon. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Elliot made the following motions:

-to approve the 2022 Board of Education Committees.

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

-to approve the English Language Services Three-Year Plan for the school years 2021-24.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the Title I Performance Report as prepared by the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the 2022-23 school calendar as presented by the Superintendent.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve those individuals listed on file in the Main Office to transport students in their personal vehicle for the 2021-22 school year.

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

-to approve the observance of the Random Acts of Kindness Week scheduled for February 14-20, 2022.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the participation in the American Heart Association Fundraiser – Kids Heart Challenge for the week of February 7-11, 2022. The teacher responsible: Mr. Dave Zaun.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the annual review of Policy #3542.1 Local Wellness, Nutrition.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for the month of January, 2022 as submitted by the Superintendent.

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

-to approve the special payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for December 2021.

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

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

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

-to approve the payment of bills for January 26, 2022 in the amount of \$399,398.90.

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

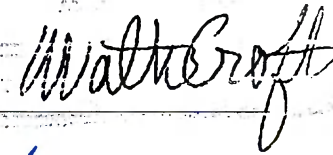

-to approve the transfers, as listed in the amount of \$181,793.58 for December 2021.

Seconded by Mrs. Corbi. Mr. Sencindiver asked what went into the transfer figure. Mr Vrettos responded that it mostly consisted of updating grant accounts. 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 NJ Family Leave.

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 \_\_\_\_\_);

\_\_\_\_\_ 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. Papenberg, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing NJ Family Leave.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:16 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 New Jersey Family Leave for Mrs. Elizabeth Killion-Toro beginning January 31, 2022 until February 11, 2022.

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Disclosure Forms & Ethics Training


**INFORMATION ITEMS:** Mr. Vrettos asked the group if they would like a handout or schedule NJSBA for ethics review. The group agreed to review ethics by way of handout. Additionally, Mr. Vrettos mentioned Financial Disclosures will be available in the beginning of February, as well as Governance I, II, and IV training.

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

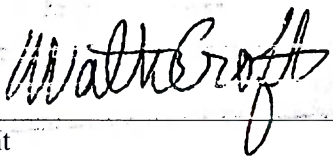
**ADJOURNMENT:**


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

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Corbi, seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, 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**

  
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President

  
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Secretary