

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Croft at 7:02 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	Mr. Croft, President
Mr. Elliot	Mrs. McGinnis, Vice President
Mrs. Falicki	Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent
Mrs. Matzelle	Mr. Nikolas Vrettos, School Board Secretary
Mr. Papenberg (N.A.)	

**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) at 7:03.

Mrs. Eck reported there were no investigations during Reporting Period #1. She also reported that trainings took place for staff and students along with the following programs:

- STARS Program
- Week of Respect Activities
- “Choose Love” Lessons
- Mindful Minutes
- Community Service
- Wellness Activities

Upon hearing no further questions or comments from the public, Mr. Croft closed the Public Hearing on Student Safety Data Submission Report Period #1 at 7:08 p.m.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Motion made by Mr. Sencindiver, and seconded by Mrs. McGinnis to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2021.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

**AUDIT PRESENTATION:** Mr. Robert Inverso reported on the 2019-20 year-end audit. He stated the school remains in excellent financial condition and made no further suggestions or recommendations. After Mr. Inverso's presentation, Mr. Sencindiver asked if Tuition Reserve is a new state reserve account. Mr. Inverso responded no, and that the reserve contribution was approved at the June BOE meeting. Mrs. Eck responded with the account is maxed at 10% of the tuition cost. Mr. Vrettos added the \$96,000 we paid Palmyra is 10%.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mrs. Eck read a thank you note from Mrs. Mack.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- Updates to COVID Pandemic Plan
- Status of District/School Goals:
  - Curriculum Progress
  - Inclusive Practices Update
  - Technology Initiatives
  - CSA Goals
- Regional Meetings, Personal Contributions, & Staff Development
- "Donors Choose" Program in Grade 3
- Litter on the Playgrounds
- Spring Ideas – Outdoor Graduation & Dance

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

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Personnel** – No report.
- b. **Curriculum** – No report.
- c. **Building & Grounds** – No report.
- d. **Finance** – No report.
- e. **Policy** – No report.
- f. **Community Relations** – No report.
- g. **Legislation** – Mr. Croft commented that if any member would like to attend the Burlington County Board Meeting they should send him an email
- h. **Palmyra Board Representative** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

-to accept the audit for the 2019-20 school year as prepared and presented by Mr. Robert Inverso, Inverso and Stewart, and to approve the submission of the Corrective Action Plan (no recommendations) to the County Office of Education for approval.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the Student Safety Data Submission for July1 – December 31 (Period #1) for the 2020-21 school year.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motions:

-to approve a Public Budget Hearing on the 2021-22 school budget to be held on April 27, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the gymnasium.

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

-to approve the 2021 Board of Education Committees.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve March 1, 2021 as Kindergarten Registration Day.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis. Mrs. Corbi asked if the Kindergarten registration would be virtual and Mrs. Eck responded yes. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the preschool tuition rate for regular education students of \$3,200/student (No increase) for the 2021-22 school year and the lottery to be held April 27, 2021.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the observance of the Random Acts of Kindness Week scheduled for February 14-20, 2021.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

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

- a. #6000 - Digital Learning School Environment
- b. #3514 - Equipment

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to accept the generous donations to our school and community during the holiday season from the school community as listed a-g:

- a. DeVries Family
- b. Zeoli Family
- c. Zimmermann Family
- d. Kupper/ Schwartz Family
- e. Swanson Family
- f. Riverton Police and Fire Departments
- g. Burlington County Bar Association

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve Mrs. Joanna Austin as a substitute teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

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

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motions:

-to approve the Joint Transportation Agreement with the Camden County Educational Services Commission to provide transportation services as specified for the 2020-21 school year.

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

-to approve the special payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for December 2020.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motions:

-to approve the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for December 2020 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, 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 Mrs. Corbi. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the payment of bills for January 27, 2021 in the amount of \$905,876.21.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the transfers, as listed in the amount of \$142,889.24 for December 2020.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Mr. Vrettos stated the SEC disclosure forms will be assigned soon. Mrs. Eck informed the Board Mr. Adams from the NJSBA will conduct ethics training at 6:15 prior to the February 23, 2021 meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** None

**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 7:25 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. DiLeo, 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