

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2020
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Croft at 7:01 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:

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

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 7:01.

Mrs. Eck reported there was 1 HIB investigation during Reporting Period #1. She also reported throughout this period the District has provided mandated training in HIB policy and procedures as well as individual state training for the new social worker. In addition, Mrs. Eck stated we have continued our initiatives of promoting a positive school climate. These include:

- STARS Program/Bucket Fillers
- Week of Respect Activities
- Choose Love Program (2nd Grade)
- Sandy Hook Promise – “Signs of Suicide” (Middle School)
- Community Service Projects

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 7:09 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mr. DiLeo, and seconded by Mrs. Corbi to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the Reorganization Meeting on January 2, 2020.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- 2020-21 School Calendar Considerations
- Progress on District Goals & Superintendent Goals
- In-Servicing of Staff on ELL and Equity
- Social Emotional Learning Initiatives
 - Lessons
 - Therapy Dog
 - Yoga

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** – 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** – Mr. Elliot spoke about the blood drive and ethics training for the school officials.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

-to approve a Public Budget Hearing on the 2020-21 school budget to be held on April 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Media Center.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the 2020 Board of Education Committees.

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

Mrs. Mack made the following motion:

-to approve the Student Safety Data Submission for July1 – December 31 (Period #1) for the 2019-20 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

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

- a. Miss Elizabeth Odd to attend a workshop, "HIB Role of the Anti-Bullying Specialist" on January 9, 2020, from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the BCSSSD at a cost to the for mileage;
- b. Mrs. Lora Palazzolo to attend a workshop, "School Based SLPS: Language Disorders vs. Language Differences for English Language Learners" on February 6, 2020, from 8:30 A.M. until 3:15 P.M. at the Cherry Hill Westin at a cost to the Board of \$279.00 plus mileage;
- c. Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck to attend a workshop, "After School Sports & Special Events Security" on January 17, 2020, from 12:15 until 2:45 P.M. at the Burlington Township High School Performing Arts Center at a cost to the Board for mileage;
- d. Mr. Robert Sciarrotta and Dr. Lorna Sullivan to attend a workshop, "Mandatory Training for the 2020 NJ Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA)" on March 2, 2020, from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, NJ at a cost to the Board for mileage;
- e. Miss Elizabeth Odd and Miss Annie Jancsar to attend a workshop, "Braver Schools: Empowering Youth Through LGBTQ Infused Curriculum" on January 29, 2020, from 8:30 until 11:15 A.M. at the BCSSSD Media Center, Westampton, NJ at a cost to the Board for mileage.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motions:

-to approve the following class trip as listed a-c:

- a. Riverton Chorus (Grades 7 & 8) to Bishop Eustace Preparatory School to see the musical stage performance of Legally Blonde;
- b. Eighth grade students to Burlington County Institute of Technology's "Discovery Week" to tour the campus and rotate through exploratory courses;
- c. 8th Grade students to Ester Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center to view artifacts in the museum and listen to a Holocaust survivor speak about their experiences.

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

-to approve the participation of selected middle school student in the 2020 Burlington County Teen Arts Festival at Rowan College on March 4, 2020 at a cost to the Board of \$150.00.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motions:

-to approve participation in the "Doodle for Google" Art Contest beginning January 2020 and ending March 13, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. DiLeo. Mr. Warnock commented that Google has an App for it and Mrs. Eck answered the theme is kindness and that Anne Jancsar and Liz Odd are working together on the project. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve the participation in the National Geography Bee with a school Bee on January 29, 2020.

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

-to approve the participation of 8th graders in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee on February 11, 2020.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motions:

-to approve Elizabeth Odd and Annie Janscar to run a Yoga Club for grades 4 and 5 before school (7:45 – 8:15 A.M.) twice a month from February to May.

Seconded by Mrs. Mack. Mrs. Corbi asked if they would be receiving a stipend and Mrs. Eck said currently, the answer is no, but there may be an opportunity in the future within the math/science fields. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve use of a Social-Emotional In-School Therapy Dog from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs twice a month from February through May – responsible person Elizabeth Odd.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve those individuals listed on file in the Main Office to transport students in their personal vehicle for the 2019-20 school year.

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

Mr. Warnock made the following motion:

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

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the observance of the Random Acts of Kindness Week scheduled for February 17-21, 2020.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve the PTO Family Fun Night in the school gymnasium on April 24, 2020.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the participation in the American Heart Association Fundraiser – Jump Rope for Heart Program for the week of March 9-13, 2020. The teacher responsible: Mr. Dave Zaun.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-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 Mr. Elliot, motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Warnock made the following motions:

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

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

-to approve the following new policies and regulation for second reading and adoption as listed a-c:

- a. #5125.1 - Electronic Student Data and Records
- b. #6000 - Digital Learning School Environment
- c. #5125.1 Re - Electronic Student Data and Records

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

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

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the use of maintenance reserve funds to replace three sections of the kindergarten playground for \$9,855.

Seconded by Mr. Dileo. Mrs. Corbi asked what was being replaced and Mrs. Eck responded there were three pieces being replaced and she described the three units. Mrs. Eck added it has been 18 years since the kindergarten playground has had improvements. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the special payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for December 2019.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for December 2019 in balance.

Seconded by Mr. Elliot, 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 December 31, 2019, 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. DiLeo. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. DiLeo made the following motions:

-to approve the payment of bills for January 29, 2020 in the amount of \$616,963.80.

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

-to approve the transfers, as listed in the amount of \$251.55 for December 2019.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

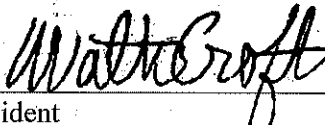
-to approve Miss Elizabeth Odd as a School Anti-Bullying Specialist for the 2019-20 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Warnock, 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 assigning home instruction and the salary adjustment for a teacher.

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, _____ 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. DiLeo, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of a salary adjustment and home instruction assignment. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Dileo, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

-to approve Miss Katherine Pacione to provide home instruction for student #2878079131, beginning immediately, not to exceed 10 hours.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the salary increase (\$3,400 – prorated) for higher education credit for Shannon Cahill to BA +30 effective February 1, 2020.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Disclosure Forms – Mr. Vrettos reviewed those who still needed to comply with School Ethics Commission.

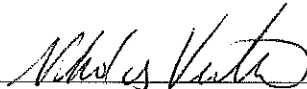
INFORMATION ITEMS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

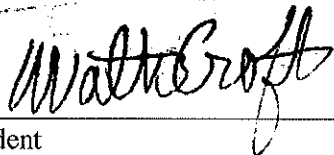
Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. DiLeo, 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