

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 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 Gym 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 (A)
Mr. DiLeo	Mr. Croft, President
Mr. Elliot	Mr. Warnock, Vice President
Mrs. Mack	Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent
Mrs. McGinnis	Mr. Nikolas Vrettos, School Board Secretary
Mr. Papenberg	

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Croft opened the meeting to a Public Hearing on School Self-Assessment Grade for Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, District and School Grade Report and the collection of any additional information for the HIB Self-Assessment at 7:03.

Mrs. Eck reported our score is similar to years passed and that we’re working hard to train all stakeholders.

Upon hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Croft closed the Public Hearing on School Self-Assessment Grade for Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, District and School Grade Report at 7:05.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mr. Papenberg, and seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the regular meeting on October 27, 2020.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- Congratulated Newly Elected BOE Members – Leah Falicki & Erin Matzelle
- Presented Awards & Poems to Outgoing BOE Members – Scott Warnock – 17 Years of Service
- Helen Mack – 25 Years of Service
- Updates to Pandemic Plan (Kindergarten Changing to 9 -1) & School Calendar
- Title I Performance Report

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. Warnock reported that the November 11th Board Meeting was in-person, the student of the month was a former Riverton student, they spoke about equity initiatives, QSAC, the reopening on 11/9, minimizing winter sports to High School only, Thanksgiving break, and that the Foundation had a successful fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to confirm the most recent Restart and Recovery Plan for the 2020-21 School Year including the following change as listed a:

- a. Extend Kindergarten day to 1:00 P.M. (increasing 45 minutes) beginning December 1, 2020.

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

Mrs. Mack made the following motion:

-to approve the following regulation for 2nd reading and adoption as listed a:
a. Regulation #6114 - Pandemic Response Team

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

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

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

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

- a. Mrs. Lora Palazzolo to attend a workshop, "Accessible Strategies & RTI for Speech Intervention" (online) at a cost to the Board of \$69.00;
- b. Mrs. Lora Palazzolo to attend a workshop "Practical Therapy Techniques for Challenging Articulation Cases (Live Online) on December 11, 2020, 9:00 AM to 3:30 P.M.

Seconded by Mrs. Mack. Mrs. Eck stated that professional development is a requirement for Speech because of the disproportionate number of students. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve those individuals listed on file in the Main Office to transport students in their personal vehicle for the 2020-21 school year.

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

-to approve those individuals on the list on file in the Main Office to use their personal vehicle for school related activities for the 2020-21 school year.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

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

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg. Mr. Croft asked for Mrs. Eck to explain. Mrs. Eck said it is a breakdown of the after school tutoring program and the specific target areas. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. DiLeo made the following motion:

-to approve the 2020-21 Title I Comparability of Services Report as prepared by Superintendent.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the budget calendar and budget goals for school year 2020-21.

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

Mr. Warnock made the following motion:

-to approve the following 2020-21 tuition contracts as listed a-d:

- a. Palmyra Board of Education: 57 regular education student @ \$14,725 each;
- b. Palmyra Board of Education: 10 special education students @ \$18,146 each;
- c. Burlington Township Board of Education: 1 regular education student @ \$ 9,907.56;
- d. Y.A.L.E. School: 1 special education student @ \$1,596.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve those individuals on the revised 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.

Mrs. Mack made the following motion:

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

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for October 2020 in balance.

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motions:

-to approve the following resolution

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

-to approve the payment of bills for October 28, 2020, in the amount of \$143,093.03 and for November 25, 2020 in the amount of \$484,617.33.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

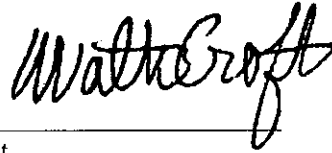
-to approve the transfers, as listed in the amount of \$56,421.00 for October 2020.

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

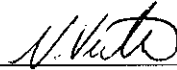
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 hiring a special education 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, 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. Warnock, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a special education teacher.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Elliot, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:29 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 Ms. Shannon Vasile as a special education teacher at the annual salary of \$51,405 prorated (Step 1) for the 2020-21 school year beginning December 7, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

Mrs. Mack made the following motions:

-to accept the resignation of Mr. Donovan Moore effective December 23, 2020.

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

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

Seconded by Mr. Papenbeg. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

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 7:31 p.m.

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

Nikolas Vrettos, Board Secretary
Riverton Board of Education

APPROVED UPON MOTION OF THE BOARD

President

Secretary