

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2019
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Croft at 7:03 p.m. in the Media Center at the school.

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

“On January 4, 2019, 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 (N.A)
Mr. DiLeo (N.A.)	Mr. Croft, President
Mr. Elliot	Mr. Warnock, Vice President
Mrs. Mack (7:06)	Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent
Mrs. McGinnis	Mr. Nikolaş Vrettos, School Board Secretary
Mr. Papenberg	

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mr. Warnock, and seconded by Mrs. Corbi to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the regular meeting on September 24, 2019.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Student Social Studies Project Proposals
- No Meat Mondays
- Water Bottle Awareness

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- Access ELL and DLM Reports
- MOA & MOU
- Spirit Week/ Spirit Night & October Activities Supporting:
 - Week of Respect
 - School Violence Awareness
 - Red Ribbon Week
- QSAC
- Rain Garden

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS: None

PTO: Mrs. Eck reported that although the golf outing was a lot of hard work, it was very successful.

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** – No report.
- h. **Palmyra Board Representative** – Mr. Elliot reported about Palmyra's test scores.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- to accept additional State Test Results for DLM and ELL Access.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motions:

-to approve submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and the Annual Maintenance Worksheet (M-1) for the 2019-20 school year.

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

-to approve the Annual Facility Checklist as completed by the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds evaluating the health & safety of the school building.

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

Mrs. Mack made the following motion:

-to approve submission of the NJQSAC District Performance Reviews (Operations, Governance, Fiscal Management, Personnel, and Instruction/Program) and related documentation as required by the QSAC (Quality Single Accountability continuum) process.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motions:

-to approve the Holiday Concert to be held on December 5, 2019 in the gym.

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

-to approve the Student Council Dance on December 6, 2019, in the gym.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the PTO Variety Show on March 6th and 7th, 2020.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to confirm/approve the observance of American Education Week, November 18-22, 2019 with the 20th being a day for visitors.

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

Mr. Warnock made the following motion:

-to approve the following individuals to be on the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee as listed a-f:

- a. Dr. Lorna Sullivan
- b. Miss Elizabeth Odd
- c. Mrs. Amy Pfeiffer
- d. Mrs. Karen Park
- e. Ms. Adrienne Kupper
- f. Ms. Suzy Freeman

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

Mrs. Mack made the following motion:

-to approve Mrs. Rebecca Karr-Parente to provide extra academic support to identified students after school as part of our Title I After-School ELA and Math Program at the contractual rate as assigned by the Superintendent.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the Assignment Plan for Certified and Noncertified Nurses as per New Jersey Code and to approve the annual review and re-adoption of Regulation# 5141 "Health; Nursing Plan" as presented by the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the Riverton boys/girls basketball schedule for the 2019-20 school year. The schedule will be on file in the main office and on the District's website.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

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

- a. PTO to use the Blacktop/gym on Friday, November 1, 2019 for the Middle Schoolers "Campout" 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. Responsible person: Felicia McCamy;
- b. PTO to use the gymnasium on Friday, February 7, 2020 for Family Fun Night from 4:00 until 9:30 P.M. Responsible person: Nicole Rafter

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for October, 2019, as submitted by the Superintendent.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve/confirm the following class trips as listed a-c:

- a. Fifth grade to Plays & Players Community Theater at Camden County College to see the live stage performance of a story that students read in class regarding the Holocaust;
- b. Eighth grade to Palmyra High School to tour the building and review various curricular and extra-curricular programs offered to students;
- c. Chorus to Riverton Country Club for an evening performance of seasonal songs.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

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

- a. Mr. Dave Zaun to attend a workshop, "Energizing PE" on October 10, 2019 at Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center from 8:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at a cost to the Board of \$25.00 plus mileage;
- b. Dr. Lorna Sullivan to attend a workshop, "Homeless Liaison-McKinney-Vento Training" on October 31, 2019 at Lenape Regional Administrative Offices, 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at a cost to the Board for mileage;
- c. Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald to attend a workshop, "CAR Regional Information Session" on December 16, 2019 at Stockton University from 12:30 until 3:00 P.M. at a cost to the Board for mileage.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve substitute teachers for the 2019-20 school year as listed a-b.

- a. Mrs. Jacqueline Berg
- b. Christine Rago

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve those individuals on the revised 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.

-to approve a \$250 award for the Riverton student graduating from Palmyra High School in June 2020 with the highest grade point average.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the annual review of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement with all addendums between Education and Law Enforcement Officials (MOA) and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding live video streaming for the 2019-20 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Elliot. Mr. Croft asked will they only come in if you request it. Mrs. Eck's response was to look at the video feed. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to appoint Mary Ellen Eck to be the School Safety Specialist for the 2019-20 school year.

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

Mr. Warnock made the following motion:

-to approve Brett DiNovi and Associates to provide Behavioral Consultation and Therapy Services, as needed, for the 2019-20 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve Dr. Barbara Leech to conduct neuropsychological testing as part of the Child Study Team Evaluations as assigned by the Child Study Team at the cost of \$1,500.00 per evaluation.

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

-to approve Dr. Hewitt to conduct psychiatric evaluations as part of the Child Study Team Evaluations as assigned by the Child Study Team at a cost of \$650.00 per evaluation.

Seconded by Mr. Warnock. Mrs. McGinnis asked why is neuropsychological evaluation so much higher than psychiatric evaluation. Mrs. Eck answered a neuropsychological evaluation takes more than one day. 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: 2 special education students @ \$87,352;
- b. Pennsauken School: 1 special education student @ \$57,545.

Seconded by Mrs. Mack. Mrs. McGinnis asked if these were Riverton students and Mrs. Eck responded yes. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the School Alliance Insurance Fund Safety Incentive Program Award Credit (SAIF) in the amount of \$3,500.

Seconded by Mr. Elliot, 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 September 2019.

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

Mrs. Mack made the following motion:

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

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, 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 September 30, 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 Mrs. Corbi. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the payment of bills for September 27, 2019 in the amount of \$143,927.16 and for October 23, 2019 in the amount of \$282,706.65.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

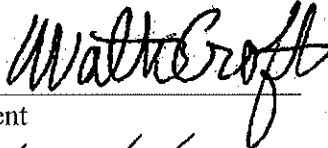
-to approve the transfers, as listed, in the amount of \$12,801.85 for September 2019.

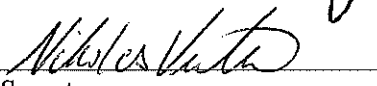
Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, motion carried, all members voting aye.

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 the negotiated agreement and Superintendent Merit Goals.

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 Mrs. McGinnis, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the negotiated agreement and Superintendent Merit Goals. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mrs. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Elliot, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

-to approve the Negotiated Agreement between Riverton Board of Education and the Riverton Education Association for the years 2019-2023.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the submission of two Merit Goals (Quantitative) for Mary Ellen Eck to the County Superintendent.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Mr. Elliot reported he would like to resign as the Palmyra Board Representative due to family responsibilities. Mr. Warnock reported that Casino Night was very successful, it raised \$18,000.

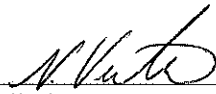
INFORMATION ITEMS: None

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mrs. McGinnis, 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