

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 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 Media Center 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 posted on the District’s website, mailed to Burlington County Times, posted on the front door of the school, the Post Office, 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. Elliot
- Mrs. Falicki
- Mrs. Matzelle
- Mr. Papenberg
- Mrs. Quinzi
- Mr. Sencindiver
- Mr. Croft, President
- Mrs. McGinnis, Vice President
- Mrs. Mary Ellen Eck, Superintendent
- Mr. Nikolas Vrettos, School Board Secretary

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

Mr. Croft opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and Mr. Vrettos presented the 2022-23 budget.

Mr. Vrettos began the presentation with a review of enrollment, revenues, and appropriations. The presentation also included a review of all federal grants, including the ESSER grants.

Mr. Croft closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 upon no further discussion about the budget.

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to approve the resolution for the 2022-23 school district budget, as proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a FY 2022-23 school district budget as reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$6,729,143	\$5,621,675
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 253,320	\$ 0
Total Budget	\$6,982,463	\$5,621,675

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mrs. McGinnis, and seconded by Mr. Elliot to accept the Secretary's Minutes (Public) for the regular meeting on March 15, 2022.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- 20-21 NJ School Performance Report
- HIB Grades Report
- May Board Meeting Start Time Change for 8th Grade Awards
- Safe Return to School Plan Update
- Policy Updates
- Curriculum Writing Update

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS: None

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Personnel** – Mr. Sencindiver commented that he has been in contact with the REA to start discussions on the next contract.
- 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** – Mrs. Falicki commented that the meeting was shorter than usual, and the board reviewed resignations, and the SRO Contract.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

-to approve modifying the start time for the May 24, 2022 Board of Education Meeting to 6:30 P.M. to allow extra time to honor staff and present 8th grade student awards.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motions:

-to accept the New Jersey District/School Performance Reports for the 2020-21 school year.

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

-to approve the updated Safe Return to School Plan.

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

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to approve the annual review of our Multi-Year Comprehensive Equity Plan (extended one year) and the Statement of Assurance for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motions:

-to approve the nursing contracts to provide substitute nursing services “as needed” as listed a-b:

- a. Professional Medical Staffing at a rate of \$52.00 per hour
- b. Newborn Nurses at a rate of \$55.00 per hour

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

-to approve the following 2021-22 tuition contract as listed a:

- a. Lumberton Board of Education: 1 special education student @ \$21,483 additional cost of 1:1 aide services provided by Bret DiNovi.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve Service-Maintenance Contract with RFP for telecommunication, camera, switch, and license in the amount of \$760.21.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve for annual review and re-adoption of the following policies listed a-b:

- a. #1410 - Local Units
- b. #6114 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

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

-to approve the following policy for 1st reading as listed a:

- a. #5131 - Conduct and Discipline

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the participation of middle school students in the 2022 Burlington County Teen Arts Festival (Virtual).

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the following class trip as listed a:

a. The Art Club to attend the Philadelphia Art Museum to observe art in it's different styles and mediums;

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

-to approve the following 8th grade activity as listed a:

a. 8th grade baked goods & Treasure Day sale fundraiser on May 7, 2022

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve a \$250 award for the Riverton student graduating from Palmyra High School in June 2022 with the highest grade point average.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

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

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

-to approve the Food Service Biosecurity Management Plan with updates.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the contract with Wifi Integrators for Innovation to supply 26 access points and 1 switch at a cost of \$27,856.53 (eligible erate discount 40%) and install at \$4,185.

Seconded by Mrs. Quinzi. Mr. Elliot asked what brand of access points and Mr. Vrettos responded with Mist. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve participation in Burlington County Crisis Team at a fee of \$660 for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve participation in the Burlington County Professional Development Institute (BCPDI) for the 2022-23 school year at a cost of \$1.60 per student.

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

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to approve Educational Services Unit (ESU) to provide professional services as listed per the contract for the 2022-23 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis. Mr. Croft asked what type of services does ESU provide. Mr. Vrettos responded with OT, PT, and speech. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the countywide jointure for transportation services for the 2022-23 school year as listed a-c:

- a. Public, non-public, vocational schools
- b. Special education summer schools
- c. Special education winter routes

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis. Mr. Sencindiver asked what was driving transportation costs and Mr. Vrettos responded lack of drivers, gas, and specifically the number of students on a bus. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the submission of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeless Children and Youth (HCY) II Application for Fiscal Year 2022, and to accept the grant award of these funds upon approval in the amount \$1,334.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve/confirm the following application for facilities use as listed a-b:

- a. Palmyra Riverton Soccer Club to use the gym for a meeting on April 7, 2022 from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Responsible person: Jeffrey Elliot;
- b. PTO to use the gym as a alternate location (inclement weather) for Family Fun Night on May 6, 2022 from 5:30 -9:00 P.M. Responsible persons: Nicole Rafter and Brigid Zeoli.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the Special Payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for March 2022.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the following resolution

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c) 4, we certify that as of March 31, 2022, 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.

Mr. Elliot made the following motions:

-to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for March 2022 in balance.

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

-to approve the payment of bills for March 25, 2022, in the amount of \$160,318.66 and for April 27, 2022 in the amount of \$732,162.61.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

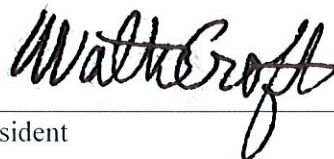
-to approve the transfers, as listed, in the amount of \$9,226.46 for March 2022.

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 renewal and hiring of staff.

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 is _____);

_____ 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. Sencindiver, seconded by Mr. Papenberg, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the renewal and hiring of staff.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mrs. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Elliot, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:48 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 motions:

-to approve Mrs. Samantha Miller as a 4th Grade Teacher for the 2022-23 school year at a salary of \$55,526. (Step 2 + BA+15).

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

-to approve Mrs. Caitlin Truitt as a Basic Skills Teacher for the 2022-23 school year at a salary of \$55,826. (Step 3)

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to confirm Mrs. Shannon Vasile's medical leave beginning April 12, 2022 until cleared by the medical professional. She will be reassessed in two weeks.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the certificated and non-certificated staff to positions listed on the 2022-23 Staffing Pattern as presented by the Superintendent at salaries as per the current negotiated agreement and on file in the business office.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS: BOE Self-Evaluation, CSA Evaluation, School Board Candidate Packets Available

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 7:54 p.m.

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