

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2020
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 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	Mr. Nikolas Vrettos, Business Administrator
Mr. Papenberg (N.A.)	

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

Mr. Croft opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and Mrs. Eck presented the 2020-21 budget.

Mrs. Eck reported on : Increased Aid, Tax Levy Adjustment Due to Enrollment, Current & Proposed Programs
Mr. Vrettos reported on: Capital Projects & Their Impact on the Budget and the Comparison Between Current & Last Year’s Budgets. Mr. Vrettos touched briefly on the one question that came from the public in regards to the advertised percentage increase. He explained how the use of the capital reserve is backed out of the formula in order to determine a budget increase based on the tax payers’ income and grants. Mrs. Eck explained the enrollment appears to be lower based solely on our current kindergarten 20-21 registration.

Mr. Croft closed the public hearing at 7:10 upon no further discussion about the budget.

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motions:

-to approve the resolution for the 2020-21 school district budget, as proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a FY 2020-21 school district budget as reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$6,269,123	\$5,621,675
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 106,925	\$ 0
Total Budget	\$6,376,048	\$5,621,675

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

-to approve the resolution that included in the proposed budget is an adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$10,768. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mr. Sencindiver, and seconded by Mr. Elliot to accept the Secretary's Minutes (Public and Executive) for the regular meeting on March 17, 2020.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mrs. Eck spoke about the following items:

- Update on Remote Schooling
- 8th Grade Twitter Project with Ms. Allen
- Lunch Being Offered at No Cost to All Students

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS: None

PTO: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Personnel** – No report.
- b. **Curriculum** – No report.
- c. **Building & Grounds** – Mr. Vrettos reported: Moving forward with Concrete Work on Fourth Street (Retaining Wall), Cinnaminson St. (Retaining Wall), Blacktop Playground (Curb), Misc. Sidewalk Areas
- d. **Finance** – No report.
- e. **Policy** – No report.
- f. **Community Relations** – No report.
- g. **Legislation** – No report.
- h. **Palmyra Board Representative** – Mr. Warnock reported on: Palmyra's Virtual Meeting, Student of the Month, Mural Passed, Curriculum & Online Access w/Ability to still use Textbooks.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

-to approve the revised school calendar 2019-20 school year as listed a-e:

- a. May 20 - Student school day (not teacher in-service)
- b. June 12 - 8th Grade Graduation
- c. June 15 - 8th Grade Graduation Dance
- d. June 16 - Last day for students 12:20 P.M. dismissal for students
- e. June 17 - Last day for teachers – Teacher In-Service

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

Mr. DiLeo made the following motions:

-to approve for first reading and adoption the following policies and regulations as listed a-i:

- a. Policy #4111.1/4211.1 Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
- b. Policy #4111.2/4211.2 Domestic Violence
- c. Policy #5113 Attendance, Absences & Excuse
- d. Policy #5134 Married, Pregnant & Lactating Students
- e. Policy #5141 Health,
- f. Policy #6140 Curriculum Adoption
- g. Policy #6161.1 Evaluation & Selection of Instructional Materials
- h. Policy #9322 Public and Executive Sessions
- i. Regulations #4111.1/4211.1 and #5134 Support for Breastfeeding Mothers

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

-to approve Resolution #4-20:

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Board of Education of the Borough of Riverton, (the “Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:18A-1 (et seq.), advertised for sealed bids for the Roof 8 Replacement Project at the Riverton School (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Board conducted a public bid opening which yielded the following bids for consideration:

Contractor	Bid
Roof Management, Inc.	\$117,000.00
D. A. Nolt, Inc.	\$132,244.00
Northeast Roof Maintenance, Inc.	\$168,000.00
Detwiler Roofing	\$218,800.00

And **WHEREAS**, the Board Solicitor’s office has reviewed the low bid and recommends award to Roof Management, Inc., in an amount equal to its bid;

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the bid of Roof Management, Inc. is accepted for the Project at the Riverton School, and the parties will enter into an appropriate Contract in the amount listed above.

Seconded by Mrs. McGinnis. Mrs. McGinnis asked what will be the warranty and Mr. Sencindiver responded the warranty comes from the manufacturer. Mr. Vrettos said he will follow up with a response once he reaches out to the architect. 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 March 2020.

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

Mr. Elliot 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, 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. Mack. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mack made the following motion:

-to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for March 2020 in balance.

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

Mrs. McGinnis made the following motion:

-to approve the payment of bills for March 27, 2020, in the amount of \$145,452.07 and for April 29, 2020 in the amount of \$598,025.65.

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

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

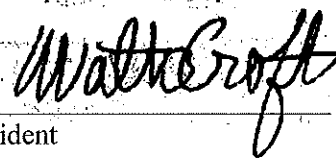
-to approve the transfers, as listed, in the amount of \$15,175.00 for March 2020 and \$ \$71,783.46 for April 2020.

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

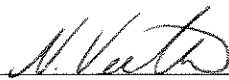
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 Mrs. McGinnis, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the renewal and hiring of staff. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Sencindiver, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:28 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, Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

- -to approve the certificated and non-certificated staff to positions listed on the 2020-21 Staffing Pattern as presented by the Superintendent at salaries as per the current negotiated agreement and on file in the business office.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

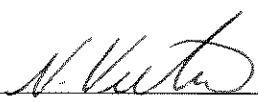
INFORMATION ITEMS: Group Update on BOE & CSA Evaluations

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

ADJOURNMENT:

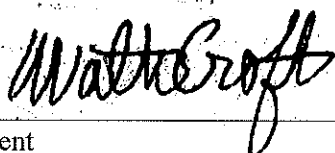
Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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