

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2022
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Croft at 6:31 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 the 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. Sencindiver
Mr. Elliot	Mrs. McGinnis, Vice President (N.A.)
Mrs. Falicki	Mr. Croft, President
Mrs. Matzelle	Joshua Zagorski, Superintendent
Mr. Papenberg	Nikolas Vrettos, Business Administrator
Mrs. Quinzi	

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Croft opened the meeting to a Public Hearing on Student Safety Data System and Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) Reporting (Period #2) at 6:35 p.m.

The Public Hearing was opened to discussion at 6:36 p.m. and Mr. Zagorski reviewed Student Safety Data and HIB reporting for the months January to June.

Upon hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Croft closed the Public Hearing on Student Safety Data System and Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) Reporting (Period #2) at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mrs. Corbi, seconded by Mr. Elliot to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public & Executive) for the regular meeting on June 28, 2022 and the special meetings on May 26, 2022, May 31, 2022, and June 16, 2022.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mr. Zagorski reported on the following items:

- Curriculum Additions & Deletions
- Update on Staffing
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Preschool Expansion

Mrs. Falicki asked if the reduction in hours for the social worker will affect the workload of Dr. Sullivan and Mr. Zagorski responded that he spoke with Dr. Sullivan and there is no concern. Mr. Vrettos commented that prior to Ms. Odd working 100%, she was at 40% and 70%. Mrs. Corbi asked when is the preschool expansion rollout and Mr. Zagorski responded with October.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS: None

PTO: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Personnel** – No report.
- b. **Curriculum** – No report.
- c. **Building & Grounds** – No report.
- d. **Finance** – Mr. Papenberg 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** – Mrs. Falicki said the Palmyra monthly meeting hadn't occurred yet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

-to approve the submission of the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report Period #2 prepared by Dr. Sullivan and approved by the Superintendent.

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

-to approve reducing the Social Worker Position to 80% (4 days/week).

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve the revised Staffing Pattern for the 2022-23 school year as presented by the Superintendent.

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

-to approve District Goals for the 2022-23 School Year written by the Superintendent.

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

-to approve Back to School Night on September 22, 2022.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the revised date for Mrs. Dawn Locantore and Mrs. Christine Lubitsky to attend a workshop/professional day, "Primary Educator's Conference" on September 30, 2022 from 9:00A.M. until 2:40 P.M. at the Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ at a cost to the Board of \$149.00 each plus mileage.

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

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

- a. Mr. Joshua Zagorski or his designee to attend monthly Superintendent Roundtable and all county and state curriculum and administrator meetings (dates on file in Main Office) at a cost to the Board for mileage;
- b. Dr. Lorna Sullivan, Miss Elizabeth Odd and Ms. Cathryn Browning to attend professional/County meetings – Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Special Education, Curriculum Consortium, Child Study Team Directors, School Social Workers/School Psychologists, Crisis Response Team, Gifted Consortiums, and trainings as dictated by the State on various dates at a cost to the Board for mileage;
- c. Mr. Nikolas Vrettos to attend professional development programs sponsored by NJASBO at a cost to the Board of \$1,225.00 plus mileage and BCASBO Roundtable meetings at a cost to the Board of \$200.00 plus mileage. Schedule of dates and locations on file in the main office.
- d. Dr. Lorna Sullivan to attend a workshop (virtual), "School Based Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Training" on August 18, 2022 from 8:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at no cost to the Board.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the following individuals to be on the District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) as listed a-g:

- a. Joshua Zagorski, CSA
- b. Lorna Sullivan, CST
- c. Jeffrey Elliot, BOE member (once a year)
- d. Christine Durante, REA President and 3rd Grade Teacher
- e. Dawn Locantore, 1st Grade Teacher
- f. Rose Allen, Middle School Teacher
- g. Jennifer Alvarado, PTO President and parent (once a year)

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the following individuals to be on the School Improvement Panel (SciP) as listed a-e:

- a. Joshua Zagorski, CSA
- b. Lorna Sullivan, CST
- c. Rose Allen, Teacher
- d. Christine Durante, Teacher
- e. Dawn Locantore, Teacher

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve rubrics for the evaluation of staff (teachers, nurse, CST) based on Danielson, 2007 framework for the 2022-23 school year.

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

-to approve the current textbooks and instructional materials for the 2022-23 school year and Curriculum Rewriting Plan as listed a-g:

- a. **Health**-The Great Body Shop, The Children's Health Market
- b. **Language Arts Literacy** - Foundations (K-3) Units of StudyHeinemann (Gr. 6-8) HMH Into Reading Program (Gr 3-8) (5 yr. subscription 2022-23 through 2026-27) Literature listed (Shared & Guided Reading) and protocols used in curriculum Sadlier Vocabulary & Grammar Program (Gr. 5-8)
- c. **Mathematics** – Grades 6-8 Big Ideas (Harcourt Houghton Mifflin) Grades K-5 Go Math (Harcourt Houghton Mifflin) (**Materials subscription ends 2023**)
- d. **Music** - The Music Connection Silver Burdett Ginn © 2000); Grades K-6 Macmillan Sing & Learn Program (Teaching Guides and tapes), Recorder Karate books 1 and 2 (from Music k-8), Musick8.com, Ukuleleunderground.com, Music Minutes-Veronica Harper, Classicsforkids.com, Fun for the Little Ones-Jeanette Morgan, Spanish Piggyback songs-Sonya Kranwinkel, Exploring the Blues/ Music Alive!-Hal Leonard Corp., Thirty Days to Music Theory-Hal Leonard, 60 Music Quizzes for Theory and Reading-Alfred Publishing, MakingMusicFun.net, Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought) by Kathleen Krull and Kathryn Hewitt
- e. **Science** - Interactive Science (Pearson Education © 2016); Dimensions Science (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt © 2018); Carolina® Bio Labs: K'NEX Education Real Bridge Building Set. (All Science licenses expire on 7-31-2023.) **Social Studies** - Pearson's My World Interactive Program for Social Studies K-8 (Materials 6-year subscription ends 2025)
- f. **Technology/STEM** - Learning.com, Easy Tech Assessment Curriculum ActivitiesLearning.com, Easy Tech Assessment - Code.org, Computer Science and Coding - Google Apps - KNEX, Simulations & Real Bridge Building, Kodable, Britannica Nearpod, Epic P35Stem Lab
- g. **World Language**
Gr. 1-5 Descubre el español (Santillana Publishing)
Gr. 6-7 Voces Digital, Textbook (2013)
Gr. 6-7 Introductory Spanish, (Teacher's Discovery)
Gr. 8 Avancemos! (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve the following revised and newly designed curriculum fully aligned to the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards as listed a-e:

- a. Computer Science and Design Thinking (including Engineering)
- b. Study Skills Curriculum (grades 6 & 7) *newly designed*
- c. Social Studies (including Civics implementation)
- d. Spanish (Scope and Sequence)
- e. SEEK (grades 6-8 Activities)

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the adoption of the following for the 2022-23 school year as listed a-d:

- a. Curriculum aligned to the current New Jersey Student Learning Standards:
 1. Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills
 2. Comprehensive Health & Physical Education (including Dance & Theater) (K-8)
 3. Information Literacy (K-8)
 4. Language Arts Literacy (K-8)
 5. Mathematics (K-8)
 6. Music K-8/Chorus (Visual & Performing Arts including Dance/Theory, Music)
 7. Pre-school Curriculum (and Creative Curriculum)
 8. Science (K-8)
 9. Social Studies (Pre-school – Grade 8)
 10. Fine Arts K-8 (Visual and Performing Arts)
 11. World Language (Spanish K-8)
 12. English Language Learner;
 13. Computer Science & Design Thinking
- b. Specialized Programs as listed 1-4:
 1. Guidance and Counseling Plan
 2. Gifted & Talented Services/SEEK Curriculum
 3. ELL Services and Plan
 4. Character Education
- c. Student Code of Conduct;
- d. Intervention and Referral Manual and Training and committee members as named by the Superintendent;

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

-to approve Chromebook distribution for Preschool-8th grade students for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve interested 7th and 8th graders to participate in Palmyra High School's Marching Band or Color Guard at the cost per student of \$200.00.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve a fee increase for Parker McCay, School Solicitor's to \$185.00 hourly beginning July 1, 2022.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

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

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the annual review of the Purchasing Manual for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the annual review of the Standard Operation Procedures Manual for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the annual maintenance plan with Macro and Micro Collaborative Graphic (CRG) for our school building and grounds at a cost of \$435.00.

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

-to approve and accept the state funds for Orchard Friends, our nonpublic school, for the 2022-23 school year as listed below:

- 192/193 \$1,586.00

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

-to approve the following 2022-23 tuition contracts as listed a-c:

- a. Moorestown School District: 1 special education student ESY @ \$5,715.90 and school year \$99,359.15;
- b. Cambridge School: 1 special education student @ \$57,200;
- c. Burlington County Special Services School District: 2 special education students ESY @ \$2089.50 each.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

-to approve Brett DiNovi and Associates to provide Behavioral Consultation and Therapy Services, as needed, for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the renewal lease of one garage unit located on Fifth Street, Riverton, NJ 08077 at a monthly rate of \$180.00 (5.9% increase).

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

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

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

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

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

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motion:

-to approve the payment of bills for June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$124,661.41 and for July 28, 2022 in the amount of \$329,792.75 and for August 17, 2022 in the amount of \$91,208.68.

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

Mr. Elliot made the following motion:

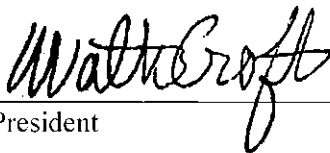
-to approve the transfers, as listed, for June 2022 in the amount of \$65,563.13 and for July 2022 in the amount of \$387,507.61.

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 a family leave request.

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. Corbi, seconded by Mr. Papenberg, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a family leave request.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Corbi, seconded by Mr. Papenberg, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSION DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve Mrs. Doreen Walter for intermittent leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act beginning September 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

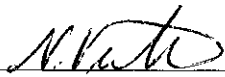
INFORMATION ITEMS: Board Review of Contracts

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

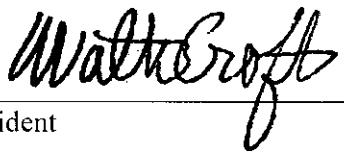
Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

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