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Joshua W. Zagorski, Superintendent

## **RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **A G E N D A**

**AUGUST 15, 2023**

1. Flag Salute – President

2. Call meeting to order – roll call

“On January 4, 2023, 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.”

3. Public Hearing:

- Student Safety Data System and Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) Reporting Period #2 (Collection of incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substance use, harassment, intimidation and bullying as well as HIB training and activities to support a positive school climate).
- School Self-Assessment Grade for Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, District and School Grade Report and collecting any additional information for the HIB Self-Assessment

Open discussion to Public

Close Public Hearing

4. Acceptance of Secretary’s Minutes (Public and Executive) for the regular meeting on June 27, 2023.

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5. Correspondence

6. Administration Report

7. Recognition of citizens for discussion of Agenda Items

8. PTO

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Personnel – Mr. Sencindiver
- b. Curriculum – Mr. Elliot
- c. Building & Grounds – Mrs. Matzelle
- d. Finance – Mr. Papenberg
- e. Policy – Mrs. Corbi
- f. Community Relations – Mrs. Corbi, Mrs. Wilburn

- g. Legislation – Mr. Croft, Mr. Elliot
- h. Palmyra Board Representative – Mrs. Falicki

10. Old Business

11. New Business:

Action Items:

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent:

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

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- 2) I motion for the Board 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.

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- 3) I motion for the Board to approve Back to School Night on September 21, 2023.

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- 4) I motion for the Board to approve the revised Staffing Pattern for the 2023-24 school year as presented by the Superintendent.

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Roll Call Vote

- 5) I motion for the Board to approve/confirm the workshop/professional day requests as listed a-c:
  - 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. Mrs. Nicole Cesaretti and Mr. Robert Foster to attend a workshop, “Determining Applications for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals” on August 10, 2023, 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at the Rutgers Eco Complex 1200 Florence Columbus Rd. Bordentown, N.J. at a cost to the Board for mileage.

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- 6) I motion for the Board to approve the following individuals to be on the Threat Assessment Team as listed a-e:
- a. Joshua Zagorski, School Safety Officer
  - b. Lorna Sullivan, Administrator
  - c. Elizabeth Odd, Counselor
  - d. Christine Durante, Teacher
  - e. Andrew Beuschel, Resource Officer

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- 7) I motion the Board to approve the Provisional Certificate/Mentoring Plans which includes Joshua W. Zagorski as the Supervisor for the following novice teachers as listed a-c:
- a. Mrs. Dawn Locantore to mentor Miss Emily Acito
  - b. Ms. Jennifer Douglass to mentor Ms. Lauren Swerdloff
  - c. Ms. Rose Allen to mentor Mr. Todd Klokis

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- 8) I motion for the Board to approve the 2023-24 extra-curricular position of Lunch/Recess Duty to the following staff members as assigned by the Superintendent and listed a-d:

- a. Emily Acito
- b. Tara Bange
- c. Lauren Swerdloff
- d. Todd Klokis

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- 9) I motion for the Board to approve rubrics for the evaluation of staff (teachers, nurse, CST) based on Danielson, 2007 framework for the 2023-24 school year.

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- 10) I motion for the Board to approve the current textbooks and instructional materials for the 2023-24 school year and Curriculum Rewriting Plan as listed a-g:

- a. Health
- b. Language Arts Literacy
- c. Mathematics
- d. Music
- e. Science
- f. Technology
- g. World Language

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Roll Call Vote.

11) I motion the Board to approve the following revised and newly designed curriculum and curricula resources fully aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards as listed a-q:

- a. Grade K Reading Pacing Guide & Into Reading Curricular Framework
- b. Grade K Writing Pacing Guide
- c. Grade 1 Reading Pacing Guide & Into Reading Curricular Framework
- d. Grade 1 Writing Pacing Guide
- e. Grade 2 Reading Pacing Guide & Into Reading Curricular Framework
- f. Grade 2 Writing Pacing Guide
- g. Grade 3 Reading Pacing Guide & Into Reading Curricular Framework
- h. 21st Century Skills 2
- i. Engineering 2 - Architecture & Design
- j. 8th Grade Novel Unit Curriculum Framework
  - Book: The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
- k. Grade 6 HMH Into Math Pacing Guide & Into Math Curricular Framework
- l. Grade 7 HMH Into Math Pacing Guide & Into Math Curricular Framework
- m. Grade 7 Guided Inquiry Unit
  - Book: I Am Not a Label
  - Film: I am Greta
- n. Grade 8 HMH Into Math Pacing Guide & Into Math Curricular Framework
- o. Grade Algebra 1 HMH Into Math Pacing Guide & Into Math Curricular Framework
- p. Grade 6th through Alg1 Cultural Diversity Resources
- q. K-5 Go Math Scope & Sequence Revision & Edit

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12) I motion for the Board to approve the adoption of the following for the 2023-24 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. Language Arts Literacy (K-8)
4. Mathematics (K-8)
5. Music K-8/Chorus (Visual & Performing Arts including Dance/Theory, Music)
6. Pre-school Curriculum (and Creative Curriculum)
7. Science (K-8)
8. Social Studies (Pre-school – Grade 8)
9. Fine Arts K-8 (Visual and Performing Arts)
10. World Language (Spanish K-8)
11. English Language Learner;
12. Computer Science & Design Thinking

b. Specialized Programs as listed 1-4:

1. Guidance and Counseling Plan
2. Gifted & Talented Services/SEEK Curriculum
3. ML 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;

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13) I motion for the Board to approve Chromebook distribution for K-8 grade students for the 2023-24 school year.

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14) I motion for the Board to approve interested middle school students to participate in the following Palmyra School District activities for the 2023-24 school year at a cost per student of \$200.00 as listed a-d:

- a. Palmyra High School's Marching Band (grades 7-8)
- b. Color Guard (grades 7-8)
- c. Palmyra Middle School Field Hockey Team (grades 6-8)
- d. Middle School Wrestling (grades 6-8)

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15) I motion for the Board to approve payment to Mrs. Rosemary Eifert for 4.5 unused vacation days for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$873.90.

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16) I motion for the Board to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for the month of July 2023, as submitted by the Superintendent.

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17) I motion for the Board to approve and accept the state funds for Orchard Friends, our nonpublic school, for the 2023-24 school year as listed a-d:

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| a. Technology | \$ 490.00  |
| b. Textbooks  | \$ 578.00  |
| c. Security   | \$3,690.00 |
| d. Nursing    | \$2,160.00 |

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18) I motion for the Board to approve the annual review of the Purchasing Manual for the 2023-24 school year.

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19) I motion for the Board to approve the annual review of the Standard Operation Procedures Manual for the 2023-24 school year.

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20) I motion for the Board to approve special education student# 5688508466 to attend Hampton Academy for the 2023-24 school year.

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21) I motion for the Board to approve Brett DiNovi and Associates to provide Behavioral Consultation and Therapy Services, as needed, for the 2023-24 school year.

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22) I motion for the Board to approve the renewal lease of one garage unit located on Fifth Street, Riverton, NJ 08077 at a monthly rate of \$180.00.

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23) I motion for the Board to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for June and July, 2023, in balance.

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24) I motion for the Board to approve the Special Payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for July 2023.

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25) I motion for the Board to approve the resolution to certify the monthly financial report and status as required by law.

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Roll Call

26) I motion for the Board to approve the payment of bills for June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$76,824.03 and for July 31, 2023 in the amount of \$252,753.31 and for August 16, 2023 in the amount of \$92,022.82.

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27) I motion for the Board to approve the transfers, as listed, for June 2023 in the amount of \$62,771.77 and for July 2023 in the amount of \$ 199,255.44.

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12. I motion for the Board to approve the resolution to move to Executive Session for the purpose of Non-Investigative HIB Reporting and Hiring Staff.

**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 purchase, 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.

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13. I motion for the Board to approve reconvening to Public Session.

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14. Action taken as a result of discussion during Executive Session.

15. Discussion Items

16. Information Items – Board review of contracts

17. Recognition of Citizens for comment on items not on agenda.

18. The Board approves the meeting to be adjourned.

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