

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Croft at 6:33 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, 2023, 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	Mrs. Wilburn
Mrs. Falicki (N.A.)	Mr. Croft, President
Mrs. Matzelle	Mr. Elliot, Vice President (N.A.)
Mr. Papenberg	Joshua Zagorski, Superintendent
Mrs. Quinzi	Robert Foster, Business Administrator
Mr. Sencindiver	

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mrs. Corbi, seconded by Mr. Papenberg to accept the Secretary’s Minutes (Public & Executive) for the regular meeting on October 24, 2023.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from a student regarding the banning of plastic water bottles at Riverton School was presented.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Mr. Zagorski reported on the following items:

- NJ4S – Partnering with them to provide support to students, staff, & community
- Mrs. Elwell/Mrs. Park - Interventionist Presentation to PTO
- Behavioral Threat Assessment Training & Management
- ROD Grant
- High Impact Tutoring Grant
- Strauss Essmay Policy Drafts
- Superintendent Evaluation Calendar
- Veteran’s Day Breakfast & Ceremony
- Middle School Students’ Service Projects
- Turkey Trot
- ESSR Safe Return Plan

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** – No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

-to approve the Riverton School District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services updated November 2023.

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

Mr. Sencindiver made the following motions:

-to approve the preschool tuition rate for the regular education students of \$3,200/student (no increase) for the 2024-25 school year and the lottery to be held January 2, 2024.

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

-to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent in regard to the HIB Investigation Case # 1.

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

-to approve the Riverton boys/girls basketball schedule for the 2023-24 school year. The schedule will be on file in the main office and on the District's website.

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

-to approve Riverton School's 28th Annual Turkey Trot held on November 21, 2023.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg. Mr. Croft asked how many winners there were for the Turkey Trot. Mr. Zagorski indicated there were 6 winners per grade. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve the 4th Annual Shop with a Cop event on December 2, 2023.

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

-to approve the participation in the American Heart Association Fundraiser – Kids Heart Challenge for the week of February 5-9, 2024. The teacher responsible: Mr. Dave Zaun.

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

-to confirm the Middle School Delaware River Clean Up walking field trip on November 3, 2023.

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

-to approve the Student Environmental Action Fundraiser: “Save the Irrawaddy Dolphins” raising funds to be used to create and manage conservation of the Irrawaddy Dolphins.

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

-to approve the Parent Night Program, “Phone Addiction and Snapchat” on December 12, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. in the gym.

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

-to approve the following class trip as listed below:

- Middle School Students to attend the Burlington County Teen Arts Festival where students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents, view other student’s work and participate in workshops.

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

-to approve the following application for facilities use as listed below:

- Borough of Riverton to use the gym for a reorganization meeting on January 3, 2024 from 5:00 – 9:00 P.M. Responsible Person: Michelle Hack & Kelly Andrews, Borough Clerk.

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

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

- a. Mr. Joshua Zagorski and Mr. Robert Foster to attend a workshop, “Burlington County Technology Summit-GZ Special Events” on November 1, 2023 from 8:00 until 11:30 A.M. at the Holiday Inn, Cherry Hill, NJ. at a cost to the Board of \$60.00 pp and mileage;
- b. Mr. Joshua Zagorski to attend a workshop, “NJASA Techspo’24 Conference” on January 24-26, 2024 from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. with a cost to the Board of \$540.00 plus mileage.
- c. Mr. Joshua Zagorski to attend a workshop, “NJ Ed Summit 2023-24 Harnessing the Power of Educational Technology A.I.” on March 21, 2024 from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the FDA Building, Monroe, N.J. at a cost to the Board of \$150.00 and mileage;
- d. Mrs. Anne Devonshire to attend professional day to set up and install student artwork for the Burlington County Teen Arts Festival on March 11, 2024 at Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC), Mt. Laurel, NJ at a cost for mileage.

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

-to approve Miss Emily Acito 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. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve Ms. Joanna DiMiero (Rowan student teacher) as a classroom helper/volunteer and a substitute teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Papenberg. Mr. Zagorski indicated Ms. DiMiero is a student teacher currently working in the Riverton School and this is to approve extra hours for her to come in and help out. Motion carried, all members voting aye.

-to approve Riverton School District to partner with NJ Statewide Student Support Services (NJ4S) created by the NJ Department of Children & Families to provide specialized prevention and intervention services for students and caregivers and consultation to school staff at no cost.

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

-to approve Amazing Transformations, LLC to provide a behaviorally trained aide to assist a special education kindergarten student.

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

-to approve Ms. Jennifer Douglass to provide home instruction for student #5093977508 for 10 hours/week beginning November 15, 2023 at the contractual rate with an ending date TBD.

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

-to approve Miss Christine Durante to provide home instruction for student #7395683736 for 5 hours/week beginning the week of November 20, 2023 at the contractual rate with an ending date TBD.

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

-to approve Mrs. Michele DiMarino for the extra-curricular duty of Basketball Monitor assigned by the Superintendent for the 2023-24 school year.

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

-to approve the Superintendent Calendar Evaluation for the 2023-24 School Year.

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

-to approve Resolution 1-24 to authorize the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use on the GovDeals online auction website, including a-b:

- a. 4 laptop carts
- b. 1 conference table

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

-to approve the Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings (ECTS) yearly contract, (e-rate consultant).

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

-to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for November 2023, as submitted by the Superintendent.

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

-to approve the budget calendar and budget goals for the 2023-24 school year.

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

-to approve the Special Payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for October 2023.

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

-to approve the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for October 2023 in balance.

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

-to approve the following resolution

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c) 4, we certify that as of October 31, 2023, 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. Papenberg. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

-to approve the payment of bills for November 29, 2023 in the amount of \$627,619.40.

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

-to approve the transfers, as listed in the amount of \$21,694.62 for October 2023.

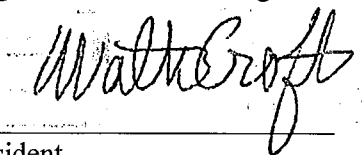
Seconded by Mr. Papenberg, motion carried, all members voting aye.

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

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 Parker McCay Presentation, HIB Case #2 and #3, REA Contract, Staff Reimbursement, and Student Placement.

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: _____)

-to approve the first reading of the Strauss Esmay Policies and Regulations listed in the table of contents of the policy manuals.

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

-to approve the first reading of the revoking of the New Jersey School Board's Policies and regulations listed in the table of contents of the policy manuals.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

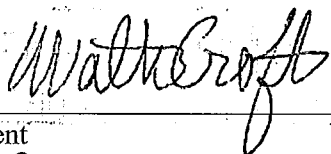
Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Quinzi, seconded by Mrs. Wilburn, the Board moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion carried, all members present voting aye.

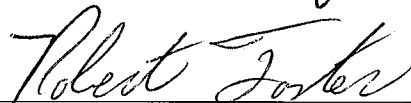


Robert Foster, Secretary
Riverton Board of Education

APPROVED UPON MOTION OF THE BOARD



President



Secretary