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**RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**A G E N D A
January 2, 2025**

1. Flag Salute – Board Secretary

“On January 12, 2024, 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.”

2. I motion for the Board to approve adjourning to the Student of the Month Presentations.

- December -Mindfulness

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3. I motion for the Board to approve reconvening to Public Agenda.

M _____ S _____

4. Announcement and Oath of Office to new Board Members – Board Secretary

Walter Croft, Jennifer Alvarado, James Riley

5. Roll Call

6. Nominations for President – Board Secretary

7. I motion for the Board to close nominations for President.

M _____ S _____

8. I motion for the Board to approve _____ as Board President for the 2025 calendar year.

M _____ S _____

9. Nominations for Vice President – President, Board of Education

10. I motion for the Board to close nominations for Vice President.

M _____ S _____

11. I motion for the Board to approve _____ as Vice President for the 2025 calendar year.

M _____ S _____

12. I motion for the Board to approve the appointment of the 1st Colonial National Bank as its depository for school funds for the 2025 calendar year.

M_____ S_____

13. I motion for the Board to approve the signatories for the Board of Education bank accounts as listed:

Custodian Account _____, President
Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Thomas Egan, Treasurer

Agency Account Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Thomas Egan, Treasurer

Flexible Spending Account Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Thomas Egan, Treasurer

Payroll Account Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Thomas Egan, Treasurer

Unemployment Trust Fund _____, President
Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Thomas Egan, Treasurer

Activity Account Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Thomas Egan, Treasurer

Maintenance Reserve Account Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Capital Reserve Account Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Scholarship Fund Account Robert Foster, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Thomas Egan, Treasurer

M_____ S_____

14. I motion for the Board to approve the authorization of Mr. Robert Foster, School Business Administrator to solicit competitive quotations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(c).

M_____ S_____

15. I motion for the Board to approve the chart of accounts in compliance with GAAP as currently used by the district.

M_____ S_____

16. I motion for the Board to approve the Investment (403b) providers for the 2025 calendar year as listed a-e:

- a. AXA Equitable
- b. Lincoln Investment Planning
- c. Security Benefit and The NEA Retirement Program
- d. Corebridge Financial
- e. The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company

M_____ S_____

17. I motion for the Board to approve TSA Consulting Group as the Third-Party Administrator (TPA) for Riverton Board of Education’s 403(b) plans.
M_____ S_____
18. I motion for the Board to approve the payment of bills between Board of Education meetings as prepared by the School Business Administrator and reviewed by the Superintendent and one member of the Finance Committee.
M_____ S_____
19. I motion for the Board to approve the resolution to appoint Mrs. Leah Falicki for the 2025 calendar year as Riverton Board of Education representative on the Palmyra Board of Education.
M_____ S_____
20. I motion for the Board to approve the appointment of the Burlington County Times, as its legal newspaper for the 2025 calendar year.
M_____ S_____
21. I motion for the Board to approve the appointment of Inverso and Stewart as the Public School Accountant of the Board of Education through the January 2026 Reorganization Meeting at the annual fee of \$25,000.
M_____ S_____
22. I motion for the Board to approve the appointment of Parker McCay as School Solicitor through the Reorganization Meeting scheduled for January 2026 at an hourly fee of \$185.00 (no increase) for shareholders and paralegals/law clerks at an hourly fee of \$95.00/hour.
M_____ S_____
23. I motion for the Board to approve the appointment of the Barclay Agency as Property/Casualty Insurance Brokers and Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF) Bylaws.
M_____ S_____
24. I motion for the Board to approve the following schedule of regular meetings for the 2025 calendar year. These meetings will be held in the Gym, at 6:30 P.M., unless otherwise advertised.
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| January 28, 2025 | *August 19, 2025 |
| February 25, 2025 | September 23, 2025 |
| *March 18, 2025 | October 28, 2025 |
| *April 29, 2025 | November 25, 2025 |
| May 27, 2025 | No July or December Meetings |
| June 24, 2025 | *January 6, 2026 (Reorganization) |
| | *denotes day/week change |
- M_____ S_____

25. I motion for the Board to adopt the following for the 2025 calendar year as listed a-d:

- a. Board Policy/Regulations/Procedures/By-Laws Manual
- b. Code of Ethics for Board Members and the training on the Code of Ethics
- c. Job Descriptions Manual
- d. Mission Statement

M _____ S _____

26. I motion for the Board to approve and adopt the functional organizational chart showing reporting responsibilities of the Board and Administrative Personnel.

M _____ S _____

27. I motion for the Board to approve Colonial Life with their partnership with Flex Facts, Inc., as a voluntary benefit company and the third-party administrator for the Flexible Spending Account as required by Chapter 78 at a fee of \$3.50/month per participant with a minimum charge of \$50.00/month.

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28. I motion for the Board to approve sharing the flexible spending plan administration fee from Flex Facts with Riverton Borough for January 2025 - December 2026. Shared Fee: \$75/month; \$37.50 each.

M _____ S _____

29. I motion for the Board to approve the request to allow the Superintendent to fill any vacant position for the 2025-26 school year with a qualified candidate who holds, if position warrants, permanent NJ Certificate and whose references are suitable prior to the next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting. The Board will take action to approve/confirm the recommended candidate at their next regular scheduled meeting.

M _____ S _____

30. I motion for the Board to grant permission for the Superintendent to assign duties or stipend positions to staff members as necessary for the 2025-26 school year.

M _____ S _____

31. I motion for the Board to approve the appointment of Joshua W. Zagorski, Superintendent, for the 2025-26 school year as the District's Affirmative Action Officer and as such, Mr. Zagorski will serve as the District's Chief Equity Officer as required by N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.3.

M _____ S _____

32. I motion for the Board to approve the appointment of the Affirmative Action Team (listed below) for the 2025-26 school years as listed a-g:

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| a. Joshua Zagorski* | f. Nicole Cesaretti |
| b. Robert Foster | g. Robert Sciarrotta |
| c. Lorna Sullivan | |
| d. Christine Durante | *Affirmative Action Officer |
| e. PTO Member | |

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33. Transition to Regular Business

34. I motion for the Board to accept as listed a-b:

- a. The Secretary’s Minutes for the regular meeting (Public and Executive) on November 26, 2024;
- b. The School Board Election results on November 5, 2024.

M_____ S_____

35. Correspondence

36. Administration Report

37. Recognition of citizens for discussion of Agenda items

38. PTO

39. Committee Reports:

- a. Personnel – TBD
- b. Curriculum – TBD
- c. Building & Grounds – Mrs. Matzelle
- d. Finance – Mr. Papenberg
- e. Policy – Mrs. Corbi
- f. Community Relations – Mrs. Corbi
- g. Legislation – Mr. Croft, Mr. Elliot
- h. Palmyra Board Representative – Mrs. Falicki

40. Old Business

41. New Business:

Action Items:

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- 1) I motion for the Board to announce Mrs. Anne Devonshire as Educator of the Year and Mrs. Tiffany Williams as Educational Services Professional for the 2024-25 school year and to approve the selection.

M_____ S_____

- 2) I motion for the Board to accept the recommendations of the Superintendent in regard to the HIB Investigation Case #1.

M_____ S_____

Roll Call Vote.

- 3) I motion for the Board to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for the month of December 2024 as submitted by the Superintendent.

M_____ S_____

- 4) I motion for the Board to approve the “Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff” (SOA) prepared by the Superintendent on file in the main office.

M_____ S_____

5) I motion for the Board to approve the Special Payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for November 2024.

M _____ S _____

6) I motion for the Board to approve the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for November 2024 in balance.

M _____ S _____

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

M _____ S _____

8) I motion for the Board to approve the transfers, as listed in the amount of \$10,338.93 for November 2024.

M _____ S _____

9) I motion for the Board to approve the payment of bills for November 27, 2024 in the amount \$159,009.56 and for December 20, 2024 in the amount \$718,842.25.

M _____ S _____

40. Recognition of Citizens – for comment on items not on agenda

41. I motion for the Board to approve the resolution to move to Executive Session for the purpose of Staff Employment, Staffing Pattern, CSA Evaluation Timeline.

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 _____)*

_____ *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.

M _____ S _____

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

M _____ S _____

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

44. Discussion Items - Board of Education Committee Assignments, 2025-26 Yearly Calendar

45. Information Items

46. I motion for the Board to approve the meeting to be adjourned.

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