

RIVERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Riverton Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Croft at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym at the school.

Mr. Croft led the salute to the flag, and read the following statement:

“On January 10, 2025, 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. Alvarado	Mrs. Wilburn
Mrs. Corbi	Mr. Croft, President
Mrs. Falicki	Mrs. Matzelle, Vice President
Mr. Papenberg	Joshua Zagorski, Superintendent
Mrs. Quinzi	Robert Foster, Business Administrator
Mr. Riley	

Mr. Croft asked for a motion to adjourn to the Student of the Month Presentations.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Quinzi and seconded by Mrs. Matzelle the Board adjourned to the January Student of the Month Presentations based on SEL – Growth Mindset at 6:35 p.m.

Upon completion of the Student of the Month Presentations a motion was made by Mrs. Alvarado and seconded by Mrs. Corbi to reconvene to Public Session at 6:40 p.m.

AUDIT PRESENTATION:

Mr. Robert Inverso reported on the fiscal year 2024 audit. He stated the school remains in good financial condition and made no further suggestions or recommendations.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Zagorski reported on the Student Safety Data Submission Report Period #1(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) at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Croft opened the hearing to the public for discussion and at that time there were no questions or comments made.

Upon hearing no further questions or comments from the public, Mr. Croft closed the Public Hearing on Student Safety Data Submission Report Period #1 at 6:51 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Mrs. Corbi, seconded by Mrs. Wilburn to accept the Secretary's Minutes (Public and Executive) for the Reorganization Meeting on January 2, 2025.

Motion carried, all members voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: None**ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

Mr. Zagorski reported on the following items:

- 8th Grade Graduation and Dance
- Successful Basketball Season for Teams and Cheerleaders
- SSDS Report - July to December 2024
- New PHS Principal Visit on 1/24/25
- QSAC Equivalency Waiver
- Partnership with NJ Tutoring Corps.
- Employment Updates
- NJDOE - Sent out Guidance on Handling of ICE Officials Should they Arrive at a School
- Stipend for Supervisor of Preschool
- Superintendent Contract

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** – Palmyra BOE met on 1/8/25; celebrated educators of the year. Referendum updates: progress is underway on track renovations to be completed before graduation. Palmyra is in the process of a Superintendent search – they interviewed 9 first round candidates.

OLD BUSINESS: None**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

-to accept the audit for the 2023-24 school year as prepared and presented by Mr. Robert Inverso, Inverso and Stewart, and to approve the submission of the Corrective Action Plan (no recommendations) to the County Office of Education for approval.

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

Mrs. Wilburn made the following motions:

-to approve the Student Safety Data Submission for July 1 – December 31 (Period #1) for the 2024-25 school year.

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

-to approve a Public Budget Hearing on the 2025-26 school budget to be held on April 29, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the gymnasium.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve: RESOLUTION #1-25: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Riverton School District BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT this Board of Education approve the submission of the New Jersey Department of Education Equivalency Waiver, approving the Commissioner to evaluate Riverton School through an equivalent set of weighted quality performance indicators in Instruction and Program, Indicators 1 through 7. The newly proposed I&P Indicators 1 through 7 are adjusted for a greater weight at ELA and math student progress indicators and reduced weights at ELA, math, and science student achievement, providing Riverton School the opportunity to demonstrate growth and achievement during the comprehensive monitoring process in 2024-25 (NJQSAC Cohort 3) in an equitable manner as its school district's peers monitored and evaluated in the 2025-26 school year and beyond.

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

-to approve the 2025 Board of Education Committees.

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

Mrs. Wilburn made the following motion:

-to approve the revised school calendar for the 2024-25 school year as listed below:

- February 14, 2025 - Full day of school for students/staff
(Make-up Snow Day for 1/6/25).

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the 2025-26 School Calendar as presented by the Superintendent.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the agreement with Brookfield Schools to provide homebound instruction for student #5436646658 through the CASTLE Program at Virtua Hospital at the rate of \$55/hour beginning 1/3/25 through the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Falicki, motion carried, all members voting aye except Mrs. Alvarado who abstained.

-to approve the following job description for first reading and adoption as listed below:

- #18 Night Custodian – Part-time

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the following applications for facilities use as listed below a-b:

- a. PTO Variety Show to use the Gym and varies classrooms on March 10th, 12th, 14th, and 15th during requested times. Responsible person: Jeanne Tuscano;
- b. PE Academy Camps to use the gymnasium, turf, blacktop and restrooms on April 23-25, 2025 (Spring Break) from 8:45 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. for their Fitness Frenzy Camp and on June 23- July 3, 2025 from 8:45 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. to use the gymnasium, computer lab and restrooms (in case of severe weather) for their Sports and STEAM Camps. Responsible persons: Mr. Robert Sciarrotta and Mr. Dave Zaun.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the following class trip as listed below:

- First Grade to Adventure Aquarium to observe life in the sea as well as learn ways to protect sea creatures and their habitats.

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

Mrs. Wilburn made the following motion:

-to approve the PTO Dodgeball Tournament held on April 11, 2025 in the Sacred Heart Gym.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve/confirm the workshop/professional day request as listed a-b:

- a. Mrs. Lora Palazzolo to attend an online workshop, "School Based SLPS: Language Disorder vs Language Difference for English Language Learners" on January 23 & 24, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. at a cost to the Board of \$695.00;
- b. Dr. Lorna Sullivan and Mrs. Elizabeth Almeida to attend a workshop. "Safety Care Re-Certification" on Friday, January 17, 2025 from 8:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. at Amazing Transformations, Voorhees Township at a cost to the Board of \$1,300. and mileage.

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

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Mrs. Wilburn made the following motion:

-to approve Grade 3 Family Math Nights held on January 21 & 28 and February 4 & 11, 2025 from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. in the STEM Lab.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the observance of Random Acts of Kindness Week scheduled for February 14-20, 2025.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the annual review of Policy #8505 Local Wellness/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods.

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

-to approve Mr. Robert Foster as the Riverton School Public Agency Compliance Officer for the 2025 calendar.

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

Mrs. Wilburn made the following motion:

-to approve the General Services agreement with the Camden County Education Services Commission for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve the 2023-24 Title I Comparability of Services Report and the 2023-24 Title I Performance Report as submitted by the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motions:

-to approve the Fire & Security Drill Report for the month of January, 2025 as submitted by the Superintendent.

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

-to approve the special payrolls for hourly, per diem, and substitute employees for December 2024.

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

-to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for December 2024 in balance.

Seconded by Mrs. Wilburn, 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 December 31, 2024, 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. Wilburn. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

-to approve the payment of bills for January 29, 2025 in the amount of \$767,536.93.

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

Mrs. Wilburn made the following motion:

-to approve the transfers, as listed in the amount of \$10,070.45 for December 2024.

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

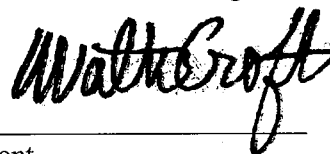
RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- Pre-K Lottery Format – Any Legislation Concerning homeowners vs. renters

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 staffing.

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. Quinzi, seconded by Mrs. Corbi, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing staffing.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Corbi, seconded by Mr. Papenberg, the Board reconvened to open Public Session at 7:50 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, Mrs. Corbi made the following motions:

-to approve the appointment of Ms. Shari Goldberg as an Interim Middle School Math teacher at the daily rate of \$295.62 (Step 1 MA Prorated) beginning date TBD pending pre-employment requirements for the 2024-25 school year.

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

-to approve the appointment of Mrs. Donna Johnson as an Interim 4th Grade Teacher beginning February 12, 2025 at the daily rate of \$278.62 (Step 1 Prorated) until the end of the 2024-25 School Year.

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

-to approve the appointment of Ms. Breann Cavanagh as an Educational Assistant at the rate of \$17.50/hour beginning date TBD pending pre-employment requirements for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the appointment of Ms. Merrideth Krueger as an Educational Assistant at the rate of \$17.50/hour beginning date TBD pending pre-employment requirements for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Mrs. Corbi made the following motion:

-to approve Mr. Phillip Tyler as a part-time custodian at the rate of \$16.50/hour for the 2024-25 School Year pending pre-employment requirements.

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

Mr. Papenberg made the following motion:

-to approve the revised 2024-25 Staffing Pattern (copy in Board Folder) as presented by the Superintendent.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Disclosure Forms

INFORMATION ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

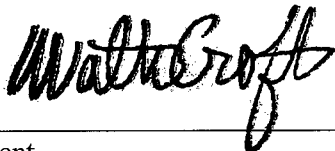
Hearing no further business, Mr. Croft called for a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

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