

**RIDGEWOOD LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
Ridgewood Elementary School
225 W. Union Avenue, West Lafayette, Ohio 43845**

5:45 P.M. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

All requirements of Section 121:22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Implementing Rules adopted by the Board were complied with for this meeting.

6:00 P.M. REGULAR BOARD AGENDA

PRESIDENT’S PROCEDURES - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Frank Mathews, Board of Education President. Present were: Mr. Folkert, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. McCrea and Mr. Riebesell. Absent was Mr. Griffith.

1. **ADDENDUM**

TREASURER’S REPORT

Add to List

4. **PURCHASE ORDERS EXCEEDING \$15,000**

- Purchase Order #220367 in the amount to \$678,610.75 to Pomerene, Burns & Skelton.

Additional Item

7. **PURPOSE & BUDGET STATEMENTS** - The Treasurer recommends the Board of Education approve the following Purpose & Budget Statements for the 2021 – 2022 school year, as presented.

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Jill Collins	Class of 22
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Motion to approve – Mr. Mathews
Roll Call: Four Affirmative votes

Seconded - Mrs. McCrea

2. **MINUTES-**

- Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. Administration Building (Finance Meeting)
- Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. - Administration Building (Regular Board Meeting)

Motion to approve – Mrs. McCrea
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Seconded - Mr. Folkert

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3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

1. Jesse Brickles – 53013 CR 16, West Lafayette, 43845 - This is a respiratory virus and it has to run its course if you become sick. A mask is not going to help with prevention.

2. Natasha Brickles - 53013 CR 16, West Lafayette - Masks should be the parent/child choice and not a mandated decision by the Board of Education. Masks carry pathogens and are dirty. The mask will cause some students to struggle in learning because facial expressions are not able to be seen and they make it more difficult to understand what is being said.

One study has shown that a clean mask after 2 hours of use was contaminated with various types of different viruses. How do we protect kids from those virus caused by wearing a mask?

I ask, have you thought about what are the negative impacts of wearing a mask?

3. Tim Tubbs- 216 West Russell, West Lafayette, 43845 - I am the soccer coach here at Ridgewood and I should be at a soccer game right now. Because we have 8 players out due to quarantine the game had to be canceled. Last year we had to wear masks and we played all of our scheduled games. We will wear masks for the remainder of the season.

4. Jen White – 52411 CR 425 Fresno, 43824 - My son Adam was the 21st case in the world to be diagnosed with COVID. He has multiple medical problems and has had many surgeries in his short life. He is upset that he has to wear a mask when attending school. He has hearing aids and reads lips as part of his learning and the mask will not allow him to read his teachers lips. My daughter dropped out of school because of the restrictions to learning caused by COVID. This is mentally hurting our kids. Don't tell us we don't have a choice because we do. Our choice is that if this mandated is passed, we can withdraw our children from this school district.

5. Randy Zeigler – 7666 Endlich Rd, Stone Creek, 43840 - (Face Mask Study Handout provided and attached) Mr. Masloski lied to me at a school board meeting I attended this past summer about wearing mask. He said students won't be wearing mask. If you are so concerned about this, why aren't you canceling athletics? You aren't canceling athletics because it profits the school. You continue to harass us nightly with your COVID phone calls. If the school won't stand up for our kids, we must as parents. I will be starting a schedule for parents who are looking for alternative methods of learning and we will teach our own kids.

6. James Zeigler – P.O. Box 131, Stone Creek, 43840 - (Face Mask Study Handout provided and attached) By requiring our kids to wear mask, this will prove that masks have issues as well. You, Board of Education, will be responsible for these kids should another type of sickness happen to them. I am a graduate of this school, but I no longer love this school district. You have shown your true colors. Is funding tied to making student wear a mask?

How many kids have died because of COVID at RLSD?

Are you willing to sign a document stating that you are responsible for any student who becomes sick because of this forced mask mandate?

The odds of an individual who is 18 or under making a full recovery from COVID is 99.9997%, with odds this high why are you requiring them to wear a mask?

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7. Antonia Rettos – 610 Plainfield Rd., West Lafayette, 43845 - (Multiple Handouts provided and attached) Masks should be the parent/child choice and not a mandated decision by the Board of Education. With all of the phone calls we were receiving from the RLSD, I knew it was only a matter of time before masks were going to be forced on the kids. Ashland CSD voted 3/2 to not to make their students wear a mask and I hope the RLSD will turn down this mask mandated as well. A mask hinders the student's ability to see/read facial expression and does not promote learning and growth.
8. Chris Horstman – 303 E. Main Street, West Lafayette, 43845 - Mr. Zeigler was on point, that's all I have to say.
9. Pamela Anderson – 215 S. Wall Street, West Lafayette, 43845 - I'm in favor of the 31 days for mask. Can't we just try it and see where the numbers go?
10. Rachel Stroup – 16264 TR 118, Kimbolton, 43749 - I came here tonight wanting to see what this is all about. Everyone is making great points. I too believe that this is a parent/child choice about wearing a mask. In my house, I have both, wearing a mask and not wear a mask at school. My point, this was our decision to make as a family as to if my boys wanted to or didn't want to wear a mask. This is a parent/child decision and it should remain that way.
11. Donald Weaver – 8689 Little Buckhorn Rd., Newcomerstown, 43832 - I'm a pastor here in town and I have done research on COVID because of my congregation and the age of my church members. I have always supported the schools but I don't agree with this mask mandate. Students just can't understand what is being said because of interference caused by a mask. Has the school district thought about law suits?
12. Bo Booth – 22022 Valleyview Drive, West Lafayette, 43845 - Everyone here this evening has done a wonderful job talking about mask. Masks weaken the immune system. What happened to my body, my choice? Or is that just for only certain things. I believe that forcing a child to wear a mask is a form of child abuse. My job requires me to be in an environment that at times that can be dangerous. In those situations, one of my tools is a device called an oxygen monitor and it goes off if the air I am breathing is unsafe. I'm going to play a video of this device in action while someone is wearing a mask (device sounded during the video while the person was wearing the mask indicating low oxygen levels).
13. Laura Young – 640 Elm Street, West Lafayette, 43845 - I realize that you are trying to put the kids first when making these decisions, but aren't there other alternative that can be tried first before mandating students to wear a mask? Has the district looked at the air exchange at each school building? What about HEAP filtration? We realize you are trying to keep the kids safe but a mask is not the answer.
14. Lacey McCombs – 20061 CR 124, West Lafayette 43845 - At my job I have to wear a mask and if it's not a N95 mask it's not effective. The generic masks are not going to keep you from getting COVID. My son has chosen to wear a mask so he can play football. This was a parent/child choice that we made and not a district decision made for us. Masks lessen the immune system. If you or your child is sick, stay at home. Eat properly, wash your hands regularly and take other precautions to lessen your exposure. These masks are becoming a burden to our children and the long term negative issue is what I worry about.

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4. ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTATION –

- Mike Masloski gave an update Safe Return to In Person Instruction & Continuity of Service

TREASURER’S REPORT – Jay Tingle, Treasurer

1. FINANCE REPORT - for the month of August
2. BILL PAYMENTS - for the month of August

3. SCHOOLWIDE POOL FUND - At the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Board of Education approved the following transfers to the Schoolwide Pool Fund:

- 001 to 598-9021 \$ 110,927.43
- 572-9021 to 598-9021 \$ 18,712.23
- 590-9021 to 598-9021 \$ 3,018.76

- 001 to 598-9022 \$ 84,659.29

4. PURCHASE ORDERS EXCEEDING \$15,000 - At the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Board of Education approved the following purchase orders, as presented.

- Purchase Order #220245 increase the amount to \$44,670.00 to Parnell & Associates, Inc.
- Purchase Order #220265 in the amount to \$85,000.00 to R.J. Wright & Sons.
- Purchase Order #220266 in the amount to \$825,000.00 to J. Shetler Construction.
- Purchase Order #220335 in the amount to \$36,000.00 to George Junior Republic (PA).
- Purchase Order #220342 in the amount to \$45,000.00 to Capitol Aluminum & Glass.
- Purchase Order #220367 in the amount to \$678,610.75 to Pomerene, Burns & Skelton.

5. DONATIONS/GRANTS - At the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Board of Education approved the following donation, as presented.

From	To	Donation
ALR Insurance	RLSD	\$ 400.00
Harvest Barn	RLSD - FFA	\$ 300.00
Harvest Barn	RLSD - FFA	\$ 50.00
Shriver Tire	RLSD - FFA	\$ 50.00
Coshocton Grain	RLSD - FFA	\$ 50.00
McWane Ductile	RLSD - FFA	\$ 250.00
Stone Creek Vol. Fire	RLSD - FFA	\$ 250.00
Endsley Insurance	RLSD - FFA	\$ 50.00
Karen Young	RLSD - FFA	\$ 50.00
Ridgewood Alumni	RLSD - FFA	\$ 100.00

6. AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS/ESTIMATED REVENUES - At the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Board of Education approved FY2022 amended appropriations and estimated revenues as presented.

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue</u>
➤ 510 CARES		\$ 4,729.75
➤ 507 ESSER		\$143,971.44

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Motion to approve item(s) 1-5 & 7 – Mr. Mathews
Roll Call: Four Affirmative votes

Seconded – Mrs. McCrea

Motion to approve item(s) 6 – Mr. Folkert
Roll Call: Four Affirmative votes

Seconded – Mrs. McCrea

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Mike Masloski, Superintendent

PERSONNEL ACTIONS: It is recommended the Board approve personnel actions as follows:
(All new hires are pending successful FBI and BCI background reports, drug screening and proper certification)

1. **CERTIFIED STAFF** – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following hire beginning the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.
 - Kyle Bethel – 5th Grade ELA
2. **CERTIFIED RETIREMENT** – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the retirement, as presented.
 - Gordon Arney – effective end of the day September 30, 2021
3. **CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT** – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the retirement, as presented.
 - Wanda Craddock
4. **RESIGNATION** – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following resignation, as presented.
 - Victor Dickerson - effective September 10, 2021

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5. CLASSIFIED BID OPENINGS – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following bid opening, as presented.
- Darcy Brickles - bus route, (formerly Mary Lou Schwartz route) effective 9-7-2021
 - Marla Farver – 6 hour cook position

6. DISTRICT SUBS – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following substitutes for the 2021-2022 School year, as presented.

Connie Eckelberry	Peggy Cunningham	Britney Cunningham
Michelle Garretson	Shane Zornes	Alaina Cruz
Jackie Domer	Diana Brickles	Adrianna Ondayko

7. LONG TERM CERTIFIED SUB – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following as a long term sub for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.
- Leslie Liedtke – RLSD PE teacher

8. VOLUNTEERS – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

- Peggy Ball – RLSD
- Ron Bond - RLSD
- Trevor Donaldson – Boys Basketball
- Dyson Bowman – Boys Basketball

9. OAPSE SUBSTITUTES - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved paying the contracted job classification wages of an OAPSE staff member who helps out by being a sub driver, cafeteria worker or custodian during the 2021-2022 school year.

10. SUPPLEMENTALS – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following Supplementals for the 2021-2022 School year, as presented.

<u>Athletic</u>	
Travis Simmons – 8 th grade Boys Basketball	Kevin Davis – 7 th grade Boys Basketball
<u>Academic - Mentors</u>	
Christopher McVay –for Kyle Bethel	Penny Mast – for Savannah Gress
Wendy Croy – for Ryan Lowe	Jacqueline McPherson – for Keith Leindecker

11. RESOLUTION FOR BLENDED LEARNING – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the Blended Learning Declaration Model, as presented.

12. CAFETERIA PRICES – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following breakfast and lunch prices for adult meals effective immediately to comply with the USDA and National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program guidelines.

- Adult Breakfast = \$2.50
- Adult Lunch = \$4.75 (milk not included)

13. EXTERIOR DOORS - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the agreement with Capitol Aluminum & Glass to replace exterior doors throughout the district, as presented.

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14. POLICY READING – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following changes to Board Policy, as presented.

New-Revised-Deleted-Replaced	Policy #	Title
Revise	8740	Bonding
New	8740.01	Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Insurance Policy

Motion to approve item(s) 1-14 – Mr. Mathews Seconded - Mrs. McCreat

Roll Call: Four Affirmative votes

15. CLASSIFIED STAFF – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following hire as a RHS cook, as presented.

- Ellen Mathews - 2 ½ hrs. – effective Sept. 2, 2021

Motion to approve item(s) 15 – Mr. Folkert Seconded - Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Three Affirmative votes (Mrs. McCrea, Mr. Folkert and Mr. Riebesell)

One Abstaining vote (Mr. Mathews)

16. RESOLUTION - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the resolution of temporarily requiring students to wear face coverages “mask” for 31 calendar days beginning Tuesday September 21, 2021 through Thursday October 21, 2021, as presented.

Motion to approve item(s) 16 – Mr. Folkert Seconded - Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Four Affirmative votes

17. RESOLUTION - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the resolution of temporarily requiring all employees, volunteers, board members, parents/guardians, community members, contractors, businesses, groups renting district facilities, persons attending board meetings, and persons attending extracurricular activities to wear face coverages “mask” for 31 calendar days beginning Tuesday September 21, 2021 through Thursday October 21, 2021, as presented.

Motion to approve item(s) 17 – Mr. Mathews Seconded - Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Four Affirmative votes

LEGISLATIVE:

1. HB 126 - Property Valuation Challenges and the Board of Revisions Process (Handout)
2. HB 140 - Modification of Ballot Language and Election Notices (Handout)
3. HB 123 - Community Reinvestment Areas (Handout)

BOARD ITEMS

1. RLSD & Village of WL – Hourly Rate for Special Events Security - \$35 per hour to \$47.00 per hour.
2. CORAS – Mr. Masloski CORAS is reaching out to all the school districts in Appalachia and requesting a 2 year commitment of \$5,000 a year for a lobbyist at the state level.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Capital Conference – Mr. Tingle stated that at this time, the district’s delegate and alternate have been submitted however registration for the event have not at this time. The district will wait and see what the COVID outbreaks are before making a final decision.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

DATE: Monday October 18, 2021

TIME: Regular Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: ~~Administrative Building~~ Ridgewood Elementary School

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:36 p.m. – Mr. Mathews

Seconded – Mr. Folkert

Roll Call: Five Affirmative votes

Mr. Jay Tingle, Treasurer

Mr. John Riebesell, Board President