

RIDGEWOOD LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
Administration Office
301 S. Oak Street, 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. Tony Griffith, Board of Education President. Present were: Mr. Folkert, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. McCrea and Mr. Riebesell.

1. ADDENDUM –
SUPERINTENDENTS'S REPORT

ADD Item(s):

12. FFA STUDENT TRIP(S) – The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the following FFA overnight student field trips, as presented.
- State Convention – May 3, 2023 to May 5, 2023 , Columbus Ohio
 - Washington Leadership Conference – July 10, 2023 to July 17, 2023, Washington DC.

Motion to approve – Mr. Riebesell

Seconded – Mr. Mathews

Roll Call: Five Affirmative votes

2. MINUTES-

- Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:45 P.M. Administrative Office (Finance Meeting)
- Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Administrative Office (Regular Board Meeting)
- Friday, March 31, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. Administrative Office (Special Board Meeting)

Motion to approve – Mr. Riebesell

Seconded – Mrs. McCrea

Roll Call: Five Affirmative votes

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Mr. James Parry - 5500 Little Indian Rd., Kimbolton, 43749, asked the board if a decision had been made regarding his son's suspension. Mr. Parry also asked Mr. Griffith why his phone call had not been returned stating he'd called over 40 times. Mr. Griffith stated that he had only 2 messages and he apologized for not returning his call. Mr. Griffith stated that the reason he didn't call back was because there wasn't any updated information to report. Mr. Parry asked Mr. Griffith if he had a chance yet to review the video. Mr. Parry stated that if the board needed additional time then he'd wait until the May Board meeting for a determination. Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Griffith stated that the Board would conclude its investigation and have a voting decision at the May Board Meeting. Mr. Parry asked if that vote would either be to uphold the suspension or to remove the suspension from his son's record. Mr. Griffith stated the vote would do just that. Mr. Parry then asked the board about the district's dress code policy because his son had been told he was not allowed to wear a cut off t-shirt (t-shirt in question was shown to the board). Mr. Masloski, stated the t-shirt shown was inappropriate and should not be worn in school and he should be wearing a shirt like the one he is currently wearing. Mr. Parry asked why girls are allowed to come to school with their buttocks hanging out of their shorts and nothing is done. Mr. Parry then asked why the administrative staff continually harasses student going to the restroom. Mr. Masloski, asked if there were certain times this was happening. Mr. Parry asked his son for the answer and it was stated almost at the end of every period throughout the day. Mr. Masloski thanked them for providing confirmation that the administration was doing what he had asked them to do. Mr. Parry then asked why the Administrative

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Office was the only building in the district that didn't have security cameras because none are visible and a building with high traffic and money involved you would think you'd want to know what the employees are doing. Mr. Masloski stated that the school's security measures are not discussed with the public. Mr. Tingle asked what was being insinuated. Mr. Folkert stated that just because you don't see any doesn't mean none are in this building. Mr. Parry stated he wasn't insinuating anything and commented so there are cameras here, at which Mr. Masloski stated school security measures are not discussed with the public.

4. **COMMENDATIONS -**

- Momma Mia – Cast, Crew, and Staff
- Cohen Cabot – Franklin B. Walters Award
- Cami Brill – MVESC Outstanding Student Award
- Tim Romine MVESC Outstanding Student Award
- Mr. Stark – MVESC Outstanding Teacher
- Chad Lahna – MVESC Exemplary Educator

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - (IF NEEDED)** The Board of Education enter into Executive Session for:

- Property Sale or Purchase Issues; Conference with the District's Legal Counsel;
 Collective Bargaining Preparations & Sessions; Security Arrangements;
 Matters Required to be Kept Confidential by Federal Law, Regulations or State Statutes;
 Personnel Issues - appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion,
 demotion, compensation, investigation of charges or complaint

Motion to enter executive session @ 6:05 p.m. – Mrs. McCrea

Seconded– Mr. Folkert

Roll Call: Five Affirmative votes

Motion to exit executive session @ 6:22 p.m. - Mr. Mathews

Seconded – Mr. Folkert

Roll Call: Five Affirmative votes

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay Tingle, Treasurer

1. **FINANCE REPORT** - for the month of March
2. **BILL PAYMENTS** - for the month of March
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 598-9023 \$186,970.29
 - 572-9023 to 598-9023 \$ 30,417.09
 - 590-9023 to 598-9023 \$ 4,714.09
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 #230819 in the amount of \$843,500.00 to Parnell & Associates, Inc.

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5. NATURAL GAS SUPPLY - At the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Board of Education approved the resolution authorizing an agreement for the purchase of natural gas supply commencing June of 2023, as presented.

Motion to approve item(s) 1 - 5 – Mr. Mathews
Roll Call: Five 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. SECRETARY STAFF STEP - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the correction of the approved amended step for the following secretary, as presented.
 - Melissa Asbury – eff. 11/18/2022 – Placed at Step 11; Correction - Step 10
(Step 10 and Step 11 are the same hourly rate - no financial adjustment is required).
2. EMIS / STUDENT SERVICES POSITION - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the continuing contract for the EMIS / Student Services position, as presented.
 - Patti Rohr – Eff. July 1, 2023 (Step 21)
3. RESIGNATION(S) - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following resignations, as presented.
 - Chad Massie – Head Wrestling Coach (eff. 3-20-2023)
 - Kelsie Stephens – RES Aide (eff. 5-25-2023)
4. SUMMER HELP – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following summer help for the summer of 2023, as presented.
 - Cale Roberts
5. PHYSICS CLASS FIELD TRIP – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the Physics Class field trip to Cedar Point on May 18, 2023, as presented.
6. EARLY GRADUATION - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following early graduation request to graduate with the class of 2023, as presented.
 - Hunter Maple
7. STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Program through Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Co, as presented.
8. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SERVICES - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the agreement with ESC of Northeast Ohio for substitute teacher services for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

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9. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following administrative contract, as presented.
- Jesse Smoulder, RHS Asst. Principal/AD - 3 Year Contract (Yr. 1 = \$87,838; Yr. 2 = \$90,473; Yr. 3 = TBD)
10. JEFFERSON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER – At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the agreement with JCESC for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.
11. LEGAL NOTICE(S) - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the placement of legal notices for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Photography
 - Fuel
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Motion to approve item(s) 1 – 12 – Mr. Mathews
Roll Call: Five Affirmative votes

Seconded – Mr. Riebesell

BOARD ITEMS

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

DATE: Thursday May 18, 2023
TIME: Regular Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Administrative Office

ADJOURNMENT -

Motion to Adjourn @ 6:38 p.m. – Mrs. McCrea
Roll Call: Five Affirmative vote

Seconded – Mr. Folkert

Mr. Jay Tingle, Treasurer

Mr. Tony Griffith, Board President