

RINGGOLD SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL BOARD REOPENING AND CONVERSION PLANS

Several Nottingham Township residents have expressed concern to the Board of Supervisors about the financial wisdom of the Ringgold School Board's proposed plans to reopen the recently closed Monongahela and Donora Elementary Centers, convert the recently renovated Ringgold Elementary School South (formerly Carroll Middle School) back to a middle school, close the present Ringgold Elementary School in Gastonville and not pursue any new construction. The residents expressed concern and frustration over what they perceived was a failure of the Ringgold School Board to disclose its justification for these plans. According to the residents, it appeared that the Ringgold School Board was reversing something that it had spent tax payer funds to do, which did not make sense to them.

The Ringgold School Board is a public body accountable to the public for its plans and how it intends to spend taxpayer money. These matters are subject to disclosure at its meetings. Any resident who has an interest in these matters is encouraged to attend the Ringgold School Board's public meetings and express any concern they may have to that Board. The School Board meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Administration Building located at 400 Main Street, New Eagle, PA 15067. Feel free to contact the Administration Building at 724-258-9329 for more Ringgold School Board information.

Residents have a right to review any studies that the School Board is relying on that justify its plans. Residents should also be aware that in the event they believe that there is pertinent information not being disclosed, they have a right to make a request for that information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act. Under the Act, a request may be made in person, by mail, facsimile or email, and should be directed to the "Open Records Officer" of the Ringgold School District. Uniform Request Forms should be available from the School District. A resident may also obtain a form from the Nottingham Township website or from the Office of Open Records website link below.

http://openrecords.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/open_records/4434