

President Armstrong announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting.

A Regular Meeting of the Riverside School Board was held on the above date in the Riverside Administration Office with President Armstrong presiding and the following members present: Barbara Fedor, Linda Joyce, Laura Kobeski, Brandi Luckasavage, Anthony Mattioli, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Tara Meredick, and Dan Nenish.

Also present was Paul M. Brennan and Raymond C. Rinaldi II.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve minutes of 3 December 2024 Reorganization Meeting and 3 December 2024 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve payrolls of 6 December 2024 of \$444,470.99 and 20 December 2024 of \$495,057.12. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve estimated payrolls of 3 January 2025 of \$437,000, 17 January 2025 of \$438,000, and 31 January 2025 of \$437,500. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve Treasurer's Report for November 2024 and the unreconciled balances of December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve and pay bills when found correct and funds are available. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the Fee Agreement for Attorney Raymond C. Rinaldi II, District Solicitor, to include an hourly rate of \$130 for the period January 2025 through December 2025. This is in addition to the retainer fee of \$750.00 per month, or \$9,000.00 annually, approved at the 3 December 2024 Reorganization Meeting. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to adopt the Resolution recognizing January as National School Board Recognition Month. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT(S):** REW & REE Student Councils – Student Night at Riverside Vikings Basketball Game – High School Gym – February 3, 2025*; Sources of Strength/Youth Move PA (PMHCA) – Sources of Strength Training – Riverside Elementary East Library – February 10, 2025 and February 11, 2025*; and Art Club – Valentine’s Paint Night Fundraiser – High School Commons – February 13, 2025*. Use is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities. *The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for the following coaches effective the 2025-2026 school year at stipends established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Boys' Golf Head Coach, Girls' Golf Head Coach, Fall Girls' Tennis Head Coach, Soccer Head Coach, Cross Country Head Coach, and Unit Advisor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 342 – Jury Duty – 3rd reading; 420 – Freedom of Speech in Non-Instructional Settings – 3rd reading; 437.1 – Military Leave – 3rd reading; 803 – School Calendar – 3rd reading; 816 – District Social Media – 3rd reading; 829 – Electronic Signatures – 3rd reading; 601 – Fiscal Objectives – 3rd reading; 602 – Budget Planning – 3rd reading; 603 – Budget Preparation – 3rd reading; 604 – Budget Adoption – 3rd reading; 605 – Tax Levy – 3rd reading; 606 – Tax Collection/Remittal – 3rd reading; 607 – Tuition Income – 2nd reading; 608 – Bank Accounts – 2nd reading; 609 – Investments of District Funds – 2nd reading; 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation – 2nd reading; 611 – Purchases Budgeted – 2nd reading; 612 – Purchases Not Budgeted – 1st reading; 613 – Cooperative Purchasing – 1st reading; 614 – Payroll Authorization – 1st reading; 615 – Payroll Deductions – 1st reading; 615.1 – Tax Sheltered Annuity Program – 1st reading; 616 – Payment of Bills – 1st reading; and 616.1 – Electronic Records/Signatures – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Tyler Buckley as Baseball Assistant Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong. NO, Lucasavage, Kobeski, and Meredick. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint James Tucker as Winter Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Joyce, Kobeski, Nenish, Meredick, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Kelly Osmolia, Special Education Teacher, effective December 20, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for a Special Education Teacher. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached Resolution for ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE TAX COLLECTORS OF THE BOROUGHS OF MOOSIC AND TAYLOR, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE COLLECTION OF SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAXES. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Paige Olanovich as Aide. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch, at \$13.50 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the Letter of Intent to Resign from Lisa Balcerzak, Aide, effective January 24, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Solicitor's Report – Atty. Rinaldi thanked the Board for their continued support. This is his 22 year at Riverside.

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that everything is going well.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce reported that special education vocational students helped assemble toys for the early intervention classes. Kindergarten transitions will take place during January and February to determine appropriate placements.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish asked Mr. Brennan to report. Mr. Brennan reported on the successful Taylor Lions Holiday Tournament and numerous football awards.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Brennan congratulated Atty. Rinaldi and thanked the Board members for their work. He wished Kelly Osmolia good luck and congratulated Paige Olanovich on her new position. Mrs. Armstrong congratulated Mr. Brennan for being the keynote speaker at the NEIU on January 21, 2025.

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Mattioli stated that the policy guide process has been clarified.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on current projects.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that the budget process has started and that bonding and insurance issues are being reviewed.

Student Activities & Communications – Mrs. Meredick reported that clubs are in full force. She also reported that our website is being updated.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Michelle Jones, Taylor, discussed a use of facilities request. Mr. Brennan advised her to submit the necessary paperwork.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to adjourn. Roll call vote: All in favor.