

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

March 10, 2025
Riverside Administration Office

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, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Anthony Mattioli, Tara Meredith, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Brandi Luckasavage.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve minutes of 10 February 2025 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve payrolls of 14 February 2025 of \$449,616.51 and 28 February 2025 of \$429,675.41. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve estimated payrolls of 14 March 2025 of \$450,000 and 28 March 2025 of \$451,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve Treasurer's Report for January 2025 and the un-reconciled ending balances for February 28, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh also reported the un-reconciled ending balances as of February 28, 2025 as follows: General Fund - \$1,537,442.55; Taylor Tax - \$5,836,961.43 Moosic Tax – \$5,017,830.47; Health Insurance - \$90,137.14; Total \$12,482,371.59.

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

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Harry Armstrong III as Football Head Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, and Fedor. ABSTAIN, Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Jessica McCauley as Junior High Cross Country Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Mimi Tilberry as Assistant Unit Advisor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Suzi Taylor as Fall Girls' Tennis Head Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for Football Assistant Coaches (4) effective the 2025-2026 school year at stipends established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for two Spring Weightlifting Instructors effective the 2024-2025 school year at stipends established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to authorize donations for facility use for the 2024-2025 season to the following: Taylor Borough Recreation – field use \$1,200, Moosic Borough Recreation – field use \$1,500, and Taylor Borough Recreation – field use \$1,500. Checks to be released upon approval of Superintendent. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Lady Vikes Softball Booster Club – School Dance Fundraiser – High School Cafeteria – April 5, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*** 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 Ms. Kobeski to approve Avery Meredick as a contracted driver to provide transportation for the 2024-2025 school year at rates outlined in the District's transportation salary schedule. Driver must alert Scott Pentasuglio if there is a change in the status of her clearances, car insurance, and car registration. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for a Special Education Director effective the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the Leave Request of Mia Nardone, Secondary Teacher, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the Leave Request of Lindsey Fultz, Elementary Teacher, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 614 – Payroll Authorization – 3rd reading; 617 – Petty Cash – 2nd reading; 618 – Student Activity/Special Purpose Funds – 2nd reading; 619 – District Audit – 2nd reading; 620 – Fund Balance – 2nd reading; 623 – Taxable Fringe Benefits – 2nd reading; 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement Federal Programs – 2nd reading; 627 – Credit Cards – 2nd reading; 706.1 – Disposal of Surplus Property, Equipment, Supplies & Textbooks – 1st reading; 707 – Use of School Facilities – 1st reading; 800 – Records Management – 1st reading; 822 – Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) -1st reading; and 803.1 –

Data Governance – Storage/Security – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Erica Hann, Aide, effective February 18, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to hire Erica Hann as a statutory employee. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to authorize Atty. Raymond C. Rinaldi, II to sign the attached stipulation for settlement filed to Lackawanna County Case number 4861 CV 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to authorize Atty. Raymond C. Rinaldi, II to sign the attached stipulation for settlement filed to Lackawanna County Case number 5033 CV 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Riverside School District and the Riverside Educational Support Personnel Association. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint Nashalee Arroyo-Rosado as Part-Time Translator at \$15 per hour. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Meredith, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Solicitor's Report – None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce was a guest reader at West and East for Read Across America day. This is a great program for our students.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce shared that she heard great feedback about Mr. Brennan's presentation at the NEIU 19's Leading the Future program. She stated that the NEIU 19 does many trainings for special education.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish reported that Riverside is ready for spring sports. He stated that Jared Godlewski's is doing a great job with the cross-country program. The program is enjoying our new upgraded track facilities.

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Mattioli stated work continues on updating policies.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on completed projects. Mrs. Fedor also reported on compliments she received on our new scoreboard in the high school gym. She thanked the students responsible for running the scoreboard. Mr. Brennan stated that the Mass Media club does the work on the scoreboard.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reporting on work for additional funding and the 2025-2026 budget. Both the REA and RESPA contracts are now been finalized.

Student Activities & Communications - None

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported on Read Across America day. Mr. Brennan thanked Bev Leasure and her team for their work on the RESPA contract. He also thanked the Riverside team for their work. He reported on a record number of students participating in the track program. He reported that Riverside received a 500% increase in its Ready to Learn Grant.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Tom Collins, Taylor, Kerin Koza, Moosic, Sean Cole, Taylor, Patrick Abdalla and Mary Abdalla, Moosic, spoke in support of Justin Kearney, Girls' Basketball Head Coach.

Mrs. Armstrong stated that Justin Kearney sent a letter stating he will not be reapplying for the Girls' Basketball Head Coach position for 2025-2026. Mrs. Armstrong stated that personnel issues could not be discussed. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, asked why Justin Kearney wasn't applying again. Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Nenish, and Attorney Rinaldi responded.

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