

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

November 12, 2024
Riverside Administration Office

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

Personnel and legal issues were discussed. Mrs. Armstrong announced that Barbara Fedor is absent due to the passing of her sister, Patricia Keeler, Riverside alumni.

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: Linda Joyce, Laura Kobeski, Brandi Luckasavage, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Tara Meredith, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Barbara Fedor and Anthony Mattioli.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – Mary Burke, Taylor, asked about copies of the policy guides for Motion #17. Mrs. Armstrong explained that the policy guides are posted on the website after the third reading.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve minutes of 21 October 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. Luckasavage to approve payrolls of 11 October 2024 of \$435,011.07 and 25 October 2024 of \$466,964.42. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve estimated payrolls of 8 November 2024 of \$440,000 and 22 November 2024 of \$438,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve Treasurer's Report for September 2024 and the unreconciled balances as of October 31, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Sean Hughes as Baseball Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Armstrong. NO, Luckasavage and Meredick. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Katie Fox as Softball Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Meredick, Joyce, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Jared Godlewski as Boys' Track Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Meredick, Joyce, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Bryan Pica as Girls' Track Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Meredick, Joyce, and Armstrong

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Joshua Godlewski as Junior High Track Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Meredick, Joyce, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for the following positions effective the 2024-2025 school year at stipends outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement:
Baseball Assistant Coach, Baseball Junior Varsity Coach, Baseball Junior High Coach, Softball Assistant Coach, Softball Junior Varsity Coach, Softball Junior High Coach, Boys' Track Assistant Coach, Girls' Track Assistant Coach, Junior High Track Assistant Coach, and Winter Weightlifting Instructors (2). Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the attached list of student activity accounts for the 2024-2025 school year: High School Student Activity Fund, Elementary East Student Council Account, and Elementary West Student Council Account.
Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve an agreement, subject to Administrative review, with Government Software Services, Inc. for preparation and distribution of Homestead/Farmstead Notices as required by Act 1. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to allow the Riverside Cheerleaders and Band to participate in the Scranton Santa Parade on November 23, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to allow the Riverside Cheerleaders to participate in the Taylor Miracle on Main Street Parade on November 29, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 711 – Trespass – 3rd reading; 711.1 – Parking and Traffic Enforcement – 3rd reading; 342 – Jury Duty – 2nd reading; 420 – Freedom of Speech in Non-Instructional Settings – 2nd reading; 437.1 – Military Leave – 2nd reading; 803 – School Calendar – 2nd reading; 816 – District Social Media – 2nd reading; 829 – Electronic Signatures – 2nd reading; 601 – Fiscal Objectives – 1st reading; 602 – Budget Planning – 1st reading; 603 – Budget Preparation – 1st reading; 604 – Budget Adoption -1st reading; 605 – Tax Levy – 1st reading; and 606 – Tax Collection/Remittal – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the following Use of Facilities

Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Riverside Cheerleaders** – High School Auditorium - Unit Show/Dress Rehearsal – February 15, 2025 (dress rehearsal) 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. and February 16, 2025 (unit show) 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*; **Riverside Cheerleaders** – High School Gym/Commons – Cheer Tryouts - March 22, 2025 -8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*; **Riverside Cheerleaders** – High School Gym/Commons – Passing of the Sword – March 22, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*; **Riverside Band/Chorus** – High School Auditorium – Holiday Concert – December 18, 2024 (school day hours) and December 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*; **Riverside Band/Chorus** – High School Auditorium – Spring Concert – May 21, 2025 (school day hours) and May 22, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*; **Moosic Little League** – High School Cafeteria – End of Year Pizza Party – November 24, 2024 -3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*. **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Moosic Youth Center School of Dance** – Riverside Jr-Sr High School Auditorium – Dance Recital - May 3, 2025 (dress rehearsal) 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and May 4, 2025 (recital) 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; **Velez Studio of Dance** – Riverside Jr-Sr High School Auditorium – Dance Recital – June 7, 2025 (dress rehearsal) 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and June 8, 2025 (recital) 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 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 Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Joan Morales, Translator, effective November 14, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for a Translator. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached Management Advisory Services Agreement between the Riverside School District and Rainey and Rainey CPAs. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the attached Settlement Agreement between the Riverside Educational Support Personnel Association and the Riverside School District for Grievance #2023-24-02 / PSEA Case #2024-004636. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that the Scholastic Commons is being used daily. She also reported that the National Honor Society Induction ceremony will be held on November 17, 2024.

NEIU 19 Report – Mrs. Joyce stated that various trainings are taking place at various school districts.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish acknowledged the cross country and football championships. He reported that basketball is starting its season.

Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Luckasavage reported that she will be meeting with Scott Pentasuglio tomorrow.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Nenish reported on electric work at the front of the High School, new scoreboards, repurposing of old scoreboards, cleaning at the track, the new pole barn, and that buildings are being maintained by fixing problems and painting.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting with building principals in January to work on the budget.

Student Activities Liaison (ad hoc) – None

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported that graduation will be held on June 3, 2025 at PNC Field. The rain date is June 4, 2025. He reported that Ms. Hoskins, Ms. Tilberry, and Mrs. McDermott recently attended a mental health first aid training. He acknowledged the Cross Country District Championship and stated that 2 students competed at the State level. He also acknowledged the Football District Championship. He thanked Joan Morales for her work at Riverside. Mr. Brennan stated that he started a Student Advisory Group this school year. He is very pleased with the group. The group has targeted 8 teachers and is challenging the teachers with integrating AI into their lesson plans.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Mary Burke, Taylor, stated that veterans have told her the flag should be in the front of the conference room. She had questions about the Board choosing insurance providers, and she stated a problem she had recently with the dental insurance. Mrs. Meredick and Ms. Antoniaci McHugh responded. She also discussed the cost of grievances. Attorney Rinaldi and Ms. Antoniaci McHugh responded. She questioned the MOU allowing employees who do not reside in Taylor or Moosic to attend Riverside. Mr. Brennan responded. She stated that the school buildings were not always clean. She stated she was worried that secretary jobs would be outsourced just like the maintenance jobs were outsourced. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, asked when the support contract would expire. Ms. Antoniaci McHugh responded. He stated he felt the starting rate for aides might not be competitive. Mr. Brennan responded.

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