

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

September 9, 2024
Riverside Administration Office

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

Personnel and legal issues were discussed.

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, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Anthony Mattioli, Tara Meredith, and Dan Nenish.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve minutes of August 12, 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. Meredith to approve payrolls of 2 August 2024 of \$393,141.88, 16 August 2024 of \$387,957.74, and 30 August 2024 of \$377,351.91. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve estimated payrolls of 13 September 2024 of \$399,000 and 27 September 2024 of \$398,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve Treasurer's Reports for July 2024 and the unreconciled balances as of August 31, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Shelby Slaboda as Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher effective the 2024-2025 school year at Step 1, Bachelor's Column at a salary of \$46,670. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Mohamed Ganim as Powerlifting Instructor at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for the following Teacher Mentors effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Elementary Teacher Mentor and School Speech-Language Pathologist Mentor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the Public and Non-Public Bus Routes for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the attached list of Krise bus drivers for the 2024-2025 school year. Proper clearances, insurance, and paperwork will be processed through Krise. Krise should notify Scott Pentasuglio if any clearances are in question or if a potential change occurs. Krise will also provide Riverside School District access to the clearances of their drivers. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached list of contracted drivers to provide transportation for the 2024-2025 school year at rates outlined in the District's transportation salary schedule. Drivers must alert Scott Pentasuglio if there is a change in the status of their clearances, car insurance, and car registration. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the following Use of Facilities Event(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Taylor Borough – Civil Service Physical Agility Test – Riverside High School Track – September 21, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*; Taylor Borough – Riverside Elementary West – Parking Lot/Grassy Area – Land the State Police Helicopter and parking for National Night Out event – October 5, 2024 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*; Lady Vikes/Vikings Basketball – Junior High Basketball Tournament – Riverside High School Gyms – October 11 – 13, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.*; REE Student Help Fund - REE Student Council/Taylor Public Library - Bonfire/Trunk or Treat Event – Riverside Jr-Sr High Parking Lot, Upper Practice Field, and Commons - October 19, 2024 – 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.*; Riverside Vikings PTA – Fundraiser Distribution – Riverside Elementary East Multi-Purpose Room – November 17, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*** *The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Use is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to accept the board affirmation statement for Riverside JR Sr High School TSI-non Title I status plan. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve an Agreement for Title I services with Pittston Area School District to serve a student at Holy Rosary. Total cost is \$1,225 for the year unless other non-public Title I funds become available. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the updated Riverside School District Safety Plan. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 218.3- Gang Activities – 3rd and final reading; 249 – Bullying – 3rd and final reading; 819 – Suicide Prevention & Response – 3rd and final reading; 845 – Employee & Visitor ID Badges – 3rd and final reading; 622 – GASB Statement – 2nd reading; 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance – 2nd reading; 830 – Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification – 2nd reading; 707 – Use of School Facilities – 1st reading; 711 – Trespass – 1st reading; and 711.1 – Parking and Traffic Enforcement – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the attached Preventative Maintenance Agreement with McClure and Company on HVAC and Ventilation Services. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Samantha Talerico, Aide, effective August 26, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Tracy Polumbo, Secretary, effective September 13, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Mohamed Ganim as Fall Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Karli Urban 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.

Business Manager's Report - None

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce discussed the new media room at the high school.

NEIU Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that the SOAR program through Marywood is in full force.

Athletic Committee – None

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Mattioli discussed new policy guides.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reporting on on-going and completed projects. Joe Gnall was the Metz employee of the month.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh stated that all renewals for insurances have been completed. The District is saving \$31,800.

Student Activities Liaison (ad hoc) – Mrs. Meredick stated that it is open enrollment for the clubs.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan discussed motion #16 – updated health & safety plan.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Heather Mahon, REA Union President, commented that the Benergy presentation on opening day was well received. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, had questions about recent audits. Ms. Antoniaci and Mr. Brennan responded. He also had questions about the grants for the licensed professional counselor and the health and well-being program. Mr. Brennan responded. He passed out an incident report which he said was filed with the Taylor Police on July 11, 2024. He also passed another piece of literature about a current coach.

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