

Riverside Minutes  
Regular Meeting

April 8, 2024  
Riverside Administration Office

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

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS - None

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve minutes of 11 March 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 1 March 2024 of \$406,754.30, 15 March 2024 of \$412,330.38, and 29 March 2024 of \$423,399.76. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve estimated payrolls of 12 April 2024 of \$412,000 and 26 April 2024 of \$413,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve Treasurer's Report for February 2024 and the un-reconciled ending balances for March 31, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar giving the Superintendent of Schools the authority to make adjustments. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Kelly McKeefery as Full Time Compliance Secretary. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Luckasavage, Meredick, and Joyce.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to post for a Secretary. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Katie Loscombe as Aide. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch, at \$13.25 per hour. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Luckasavage, Meredick, and Joyce.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint James Tucker as Football Junior High Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Luckasavage, Meredick, and Joyce.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Jonathan Manuel as Football Junior High Assistant Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Luckasavage, Meredick, and Joyce.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Mohamed Ganim as Spring Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend to established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, and Joyce. NO, Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to post for the following positions effective the 2024-2025 school year at stipends established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Athletic Director, Boys' Head Basketball Coach, Girls' Head Basketball Coach, and Equipment Manager. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) High School and Elementary Programs to be held from June 18, 2024 through July 11, 2024. The programs will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ESY in-service day will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to post for the following Extended School Year (ESY) positions: 2 Elementary Autistic Support Teachers and 4 Aides, 1 Elementary Life Skills Teacher and 2 Aides, 1 High School/Middle School Life Skills/Learning

Support Teacher and 2 Aides, and 1 Speech Therapist. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to allow the Riverside Band and Marching Units to participate in the Taylor Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to allow the Riverside Band to participate in the Scranton Armed Forces Day Parade on May 18, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDS) Future Ready Comprehensive Planning procedure. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the attached resolution as a requirement of the Public School Facility Improvement Grant. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to enter into a co-op for wrestling with West Scranton High School. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to enter into a trading of facilities agreement with Riverfront Sports. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to enter into a co-op for girls' soccer with Old Forge High School. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED: National Honor Society** - Football Stadium - Veterans Walk for Warriors – April 14, 2024 – 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.\*; **Marli Hoskins** - High School Gymnasiums – Spikes for Vikes Fundraiser to benefit a Riverside family – April 28, 2024 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.\*; **Drama Club** - Talent Show – High School Auditorium – May 25, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.\*; **Vikings Helping Vikings** - Football Stadium/Field House – Annual VHV Summer Festival – June 8, 2024 - Set Up – June 7, 2024\*; **Riverside Boys' Basketball** - High School Gyms – Youth Basketball Camp – June 10 – 13, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.\*; **CSBBH** - Summer Work Schedule & Summer Program – Riverside Elementary East – Multi-Purpose Room/Library/Playground – June 18, 2024 - August 6, 2024 –9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.\*; **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Natalie Winters** - Adult Basketball Games – High School Gymnasiums – May 21, 2024 – July 30, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Tuesday evenings. Use is contingent upon adherence to the Use of Facilities Policy. \*The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve a District Application for a Federal COPS Grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve a District Application for a School-Based Mental Health Services Grant. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve Daktronics for football stadium and high school gymnasium scoreboard replacement via State Contract pricing pending contract approval of District Solicitor and Superintendent. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski discussed the Public School Facility Improvement Grant (Motion 19).

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce stated that staffing and academic adjustments are in process for the 2024-2025 school year. A live surgery was viewed at the SKOLastics Commons. Our FBLA club attended a Shark Tank at Bloomsburg University.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce attended a Board Retreat in March. Topics covered included the NEIU's strategic plan, the obligation of a Board Member, and the direction/benchmarks for Special Education.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish discussed the co-op for wrestling with West Scranton High School (Motion 20) and the trading of facilities agreement with Riverfront Sports (Motion 21). He stated that our basketball season was successful and that banquets were recently held. Spring sports have started.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Nenish reported on completed and on-going projects.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that a review of the 2024-2024 budget, insurance needs, and grants is taking place.

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Brennan reported that Mr. Mattioli and Mr. Pentasuglio have met regarding our policies.

Student Activities Liaison (ad hoc) – Mrs. Meredick reported that 33 FBLA students are competing in the State competition in Hersey. The Key Club held its induction ceremony on March 27, 2024, and the Book Club will be having a Movie Night as a thank you for all the hard work for Read Across America.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Brennan discussed the COPS Grant (Motion 24) and the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant (Motion #25).

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, commended Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Meredick on filling in for Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Fedor.

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