

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

March 11, 2024
Riverside Administration Office

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

The Board recognized students Emma Ponas and Hunter Brown for their participation in PMEA District and Regional Band.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS - None

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve minutes of 12 February 2024 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve payrolls of 2 February 2024 of \$404,085.45 and 16 February 2024 of \$435,203.69. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve estimated payrolls of 1 March 2024 of \$414,000, 15 March 2024 of \$415,000, and 29 March 2024 of \$414,500. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve Treasurer's Report for January 2024 and the un-reconciled ending balances for February 29, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Marty Gramigna as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Brian Jones as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Ted Jackson as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Jessica McCauley as Junior High Cross Country Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Lindsay Grzyboski as Assistant Unit Advisor 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. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for two Spring Weightlifting Instructors effective the 2023-2024 school year at stipends established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to authorize Atty. Raymond C. Rinaldi, II to sign the attached stipulation for settlement filed to Lackawanna County Case number 2023 CV 3811. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to authorize donations for facility use for the 2023-2024 season to the following: Taylor Borough Recreation (softball) – field use \$1,200, Moosic Borough Recreation (baseball) – field use \$1,500, and Taylor Borough Recreation (baseball) – field use \$1,500. Checks to be released upon approval of Superintendent. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Jessica Trescavage – Key Club Induction Ceremony – HS Auditorium – March 27, 2024*; Dave Walsh – Science Fair – REE Multi-Purpose Room – April 13, 2024*; Riverside Class of 2021 – Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser to benefit VHV– HS Cafeteria – April 20, 2024*; Riverside Lady Vikes Softball – 4th-6th Grade Dance Fundraiser - HS Cafeteria – April 27, 2024*. 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. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Loni Loiselle, Aide, effective March 15, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Tamee Mitchell, Aide, effective March 6, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for the following positions effective the 2024-2025 school year at stipends established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Football Junior High Coach and Football Junior High Assistant Coach. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the Leave Request of Ryan Cavanaugh as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve Jason Hatton and Laura Lugo as Reliable Transportation drivers for the 2023-2024 school year. Proper clearances, insurance, and paperwork will be processed through Reliable Transportation. Reliable Transportation should

notify Scott Pentasuglio if any clearances are in question. Reliable Transportation will also provide Riverside School District access to the clearances of their drivers. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, with regret, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Kathleen Vitale, Speech/Language Teacher, effective August 30, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to post for a Speech/Language Teacher effective the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to post for a Full-Time, 12 Month, Compliance Secretary. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Business Manager's Report - None

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce stated that staffing meeting will be held next week. She wished the boys' varsity basketball team good luck.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce stated that NEPA Safe Schools Network presentation were held at various schools.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish also wishes the Vikes good luck. Spring sports will be starting.

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Mattioli will be meeting with Mr. Pentasuglio this week.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Nenish reported on completed and ongoing projects.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh stated that work is being done on the budget.

Student Activities Liaison (ad hoc) – Mrs. Meredick reported on activities for various clubs.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Brennan reminded everyone about the upcoming Mean Girls play on March 22nd – 24th. He reported on the number of students working out at the fieldhouse with Mr. Tucker. Mr. Ganim has students participating in a weightlifting competition. Mr. Brennan congratulated Mrs. Vitale on her retirement and wished her well. He also wished Ms. Loisel and Ms. Mitchell well in their future endeavors. He wished the basketball team good luck.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Johanna Reed stated that the Regional Orchestra will be performing on March 22nd at Blue Ridge. She congratulated Hunter Brown on going to Regionals.

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