

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

February 12, 2024
Riverside Jr-Sr High School

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

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

A moment of silence was held in memory of Mary Rachko, alumni and retired Riverside teacher.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – Ron Gallagher, Taylor, had questions about the speed limit at the crosswalks. Mr. Brennan responded.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of 22 January 2024 Board 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 5 January 2024 of \$404,249.05 and 19 January 2024 of \$413,470.31. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Kobeski to approve estimated payrolls of 2 February 2024 of \$414,000 and 16 February 2024 of \$415,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve Treasurer's Report for December 2023 and the un-reconciled ending balances for January 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 Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Harry Armstrong III as Football Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Fedor. NO, Luckasavage. ABSTAIN, Mattioli and Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Ryan Lindsay as Boys' Golf Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Mattioli, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint JT Yarem as Girls' Golf Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Mattioli, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Stephen Kulikowski as Soccer Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Kobeski

Meredick, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Luckasavage and Mattioli. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint Jared Godlewski as Cross Country Head Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Mattioli, Kobeski, Meredith, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Mia Capalongo as Fall Girls' Tennis Coach effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Mattioli, Kobeski, Meredith, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Katelyn Shaughnessy as Unit Advisor effective the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Mattioli, Kobeski, Meredith, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, 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 Assistant Coaches (4), Junior High Cross Country Coach, Junior High Soccer Coach, and Assistant Unit Advisor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish pursuant to Section 914A(6)(i) Act 102 of 1970 to approve the proposed operating budget of NEIU #19 for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Riverside School District's proposed share is \$28,154.57, subject to review and approval of the 2024-2025 Riverside School District budget. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to advertise for the following, if needed: art supplies, athletic equipment/supplies, furniture, general business supplies, industrial arts supplies, maintenance supplies, general school supplies, medical supplies, athletic supplies, nurse supplies, science supplies, and technology supplies and to authorize the Administration to participate in the NEIU and CCIU joint purchasing program for copy paper and possibly other general supplies and equipment for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to accept the Act 172 Tax Credit Application for 2024 Tax Year in accordance with the eligibility requirements provided for both the Taylor and Moosic Boroughs. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve Bill Coombs as a contracted driver to provide transportation for the 2023-2024 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 his clearances, car insurance, and car registration. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Riverside Vikings PTA – Fundraiser Distribution – REE Multi-Purpose Room – March 16, 2024*; Riverside Cheerleaders – Passing

of the Sword – High School Cafeteria and Gym – April 13, 2024*; **NON-SCHOOL**

SPONSORED EVENT(S): Act Out Theatre Group Booster Club – Play Production - High School Auditorium – May 4-12, 2024 & May 16-19, 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 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 2022 CV 3640. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Ann Marie Moran, Secretary, effective February 16, 2024. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for Secretary. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Shannon Wells as Licensed Professional Counselor. This position is based on the remaining term of the grant. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the Resolution to approve IntegraOne as the selected vendor for Cisco Data networking equipment and for the Fortinet Firewall. These items were successfully bid on the Schools and Library Program website under the E-Rate program, referencing Form 470 Application number 240009552. Roll call vote:

All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Brandi Luckasavage to appoint Brittany Carichner as Elementary Teacher at Step 10, Master's + 60 column, at a salary of \$69,499, effective the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Mattioli, Kobeski, Meredick, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski explained the Act 172 Tax Credit Application (Motion #17).

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reporting on testing results.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce reported on the NEIU Early Intervention program.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish stated that the football banquet was recently held. Boys' and Girls' basketball teams are in District playoffs.

Board Policy Committee - None

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on completed and ongoing projects.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that budget work is in process.

Student Activities Liaison (ad hoc) – Mrs. Meredick reported that clubs are up and running.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Brennan wished Ann Marie Moran the best in her new job and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the District. An Act 80 day was held today to allow for mental health training. Mr. Brennan thanked Kim Hoskins for the success of the football banquet.

OLD BUSINESS – Mrs. Armstrong announced that the Committee Meetings would be held on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN – Ron Gallagher, Taylor, had questions about a bullying issue. Both Attorney Rinaldi and Mr. Brennan stated that specific student issues could not be discussed in public. Ron Gallagher also had questions about the 7th grade students walking outside to the ground floor between classes. Mr. Brennan responded. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, would like more transparency and changes to the interview process. Ron Gallagher thanked Mr. Brennan for his work on the crosswalk issue. Kim Hoskins, Moosic, thanked the Board for hiring Coach Armstrong. Coach Kulikowski asked about the possibility of hiring an assistant varsity soccer coach. Both Mr. Brennan and Mr. Nenish responded. Mallory Brunetti, Old Forge, asked for Motion # 25 to be read again. Mr. Brennan responded.

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