

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

February 13, 2023
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: Caryn Emiliani, Barbara Fedor, Leigh Ann Gasper, Linda Joyce, Joseph Labrosky, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Tara Meredick, and Dan Nenish.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS - None

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve minutes of 17 January 2023 Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve payrolls of 6 January 2023 of \$392,162.48 and 20 January 2023 of \$408,277.04. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve estimated payrolls of 3 February 2023 of \$401,000 and 17 February 2023 of \$402,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve Treasurer's Report for December 2022 and the un-reconciled ending balances for January 31, 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper 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. Gasper to appoint Monica Burda as Softball Junior Varsity Coach effective the 2022-2023 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. Gasper to appoint Carl Walsh as Junior High Track Assistant Coach effective the 2022-2023 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 Harry Armstrong III as Football Head Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Gasper, Labrosky, Nenish, Meredick, Emiliani, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor. ABSTAIN, Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to appoint Ryan Lindsay as Boys' Golf Head Coach effective the 2023-2024 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. Gasper to appoint JT Yarem as Girls' Golf Head Coach effective the 2023-2024 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. Joyce to appoint Stephen Kulikowski as Soccer Head Coach effective the 2023-2024 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. Gasper to appoint Jared Godlewski as Cross Country Head Coach effective the 2023-2024 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 Mia Capalongo as Fall Girls' Tennis Coach effective the 2023-2024 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. Gasper to appoint Katelyn Shaughnessy as Unit Advisor effective the 2023-2024 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. Gasper to post for the following positions effective the 2023-2024 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 Mrs. Meredick 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 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the following Board Policy Guides: 103 – Non-Discrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – School and Classroom; 104 – Non-Discrimination in Employment Practices; 106 – Guide for Planned Instruction; 107 – Adoption of Planned Instruction; 111 – Lesson Plans; 113.2 – Behavior Support; 114 – Gifted Education; 118 – Independent Study; 119 – Current Events; 125 – Community Education; 126 – Class Size 146.1 – Trauma Informed Approach; 218 – Student Discipline; 221 – Dress and Grooming; 239 – Foreign Exchange Students; and 250 – Student Recruitment. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Act 172 Tax Credit Application for 2023 Tax Year in accordance with the eligibility requirements provided for both the Taylor and Moosic Boroughs. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Linda Joyce as NEIU 19 Board Representative for a term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: YES, Gasper, Labrosky, Nenish, Meredick, Emiliani, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Joyce. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the Riverside School District Intervention and School Crisis Response Plan documentation. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to award the construction of the Pole Barn Project at our Track Facility to Dutchman Contracting, in the amount of \$168,490. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Joyce 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Riverside School District's proposed share is \$27,928.43, subject to review and approval of the 2023-2024 Riverside School District budget. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Charisse Kimble, Secretary, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Resignation to be effective February 17, 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for a full-time Secretary. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski wished Charisse Kimble good luck. He reported on two school safety grants that we recently received. He discussed motion #23 regarding the construction of the pole barn.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported on today's Act 80 day.

Facilities Committee - None

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh is reviewing insurance coverages with Mr. Drazdowski.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish reported that we are getting ready for the spring sports season.

NEIU 19 – Ms. Emiliani thanked the Board for approving Riverside's share of the NEIU 2023-2024 budget.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan wished Charisse Kimble good luck and thanked her for her service. He discussed motion #19 regarding EITT vs. FIDS. He also reported on today's Act 80 day which included suicide prevention and health and wellness training. Teachers Shannon Malamud and Maria Posluszny have met with him to discuss starting an after-school Girls on the Run program in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS -None

OPEN – Mrs. Armstrong stated that the February 21 Board Committee Meetings will be cancelled due to a boys' varsity basketball playoff game.

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