

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 High School Library with President Armstrong presiding and the following members present:

Caryn Emiliani, Leigh Ann Gasper, Barbara Fedor, Kevin Harchar, Linda Joyce, 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 Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve minutes of 6 December 2021 Reorganization Meeting and 6 December 2021 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve payrolls of 10 December 2021 of \$375,353.78 and 24 December 2021 of \$428,410.85. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve estimated payrolls of 7 January 2022 of \$380,000 and 21 January 2022 of \$382,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve Treasurer's Report for November 2021 and the unreconciled balances of December 31, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve and pay bills when found correct and funds are available. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Gasper, Harchar, Emiliani, Nenish, Fedor, Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Meredick. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the ACT 1 Resolution for the Riverside School District for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the “Taxpayer Relief Act” (known as Act 1) passed on June 27, 2006, by the Pennsylvania legislature ACT 1 of Special Session 2006. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the Fee Agreement for Attorney Raymond C. Rinaldi II, District Solicitor, to include an hourly rate of \$110 for the period January 2022 through December 2022. This is in addition to the retainer fee of \$750.00 per month, or \$9,000.00 annually, approved at the 6 December 2021 Reorganization Meeting. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to adopt the Resolution recognizing January as National School Board Recognition Month. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Tyler Buckley as Baseball Assistant Coach effective the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Harchar to appoint Michael Zimorowicz as Baseball JV Coach effective the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Gasper, Harchar, Emiliani, Nenish, Fedor, Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Meredick. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Donald Cannon as Baseball Junior High Coach effective the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Robert Seguin as Softball Assistant Coach effective the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Danielle Powell as Softball JV Coach effective the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Jessica McCauley as Boys' Assistant Track Coach effective the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Alison Harchar as Elementary Teacher Mentor effective the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend to be established as per the

Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci, Meredick, Joyce, Gasper, Emiliani, Nenish, Fedor, Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Harchar. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Travis Toth as Secondary Science Teacher effective the 2021-2022 school year, at Step 1, Master's +60 column, at a pro-rated salary of \$60,014, with any adjustments, if needed, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Elizabeth Tinney as Long-Term Substitute Secondary Science Teacher effective the 2021-2022 school year, at Step 1, Bachelor's Column, at a pro-rated salary of \$43,670, with any adjustments, if needed, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Tamee Mitchell as Aide effective the 2021-2022 school year. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch, at \$13.00 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to remit payment to The Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County for the 2020 and 2021 taxes paid by Clover Communities.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to post for the following coaches effective the 2022-2023 school year at stipends to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Football Head Coach, Boys' Golf Head Coach, Girls' Golf Head Coach, Fall Girls'

Tennis Head Coach, Soccer Head Coach, Cross Country Head Coach, and Unit Advisor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Riverside Cheerleaders – Unit Show - Riverside Jr-Sr High School Auditorium – February 20, 2022, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Unit Show starts at 7:00 p.m.) and February 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Rehearsal)* 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. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the Agreed Upon Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Release Agreement for Student ID #130861. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Riverside School District and the Riverside Education Association effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2025. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Joyce, Gasper, Harchar, Emiliani, Nenish, Fedor, Armstrong.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan recognizing National School Board Recognition Month, thanked the Board for their work. He also thanked both negotiating teams for their hard work and dedication to our students.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski welcomed Mrs. Gasper to the Board. He also thanked the negotiation teams for being able to settle both the RESPA and REA contracts. The annual audit has been completed and the results will be shared with the Board shortly. The 2022-2023 preliminary budget will be submitted tomorrow, with no tax increases. He also reported that the State Approved our \$1.8 M ESSER II grant, in which we will be purchasing curriculum, after school programs, summer school programs and numerous items for our Special Education Students.

Solicitor's Report – None. Mrs. Armstrong thanked Atty. Rinaldi for his service. She also acknowledged the members of the negotiating team as Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, Mrs. Joyce, Mr. Drazdowski, and Atty. Rinaldi.

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce stated reported that principals, Mr. Pentasuglio and Mr. Walsh, meet with the Board in executive session to discuss curriculum and other items.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor acknowledged compliments to the cleanliness of our high school gym and stands. She thanked Metz employees for their hard work.

Finance Committee – Mr. Harchar clarified Motion 7. He also stated that preliminary 2022-2023 budget will be submitted tomorrow, with no tax increase.

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee - None

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish invited everyone to try to get out and support our basketball teams.

NEIU 19 - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Mrs. Armstrong announced that Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, with Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Emiliani stated that she has a prior commitment on January 18, 2022 at the NEIU meeting. Tom Geroulo asked about the mask mandate. Mr. Brennan stated that no changes have been made to our policy and that the District will revisit the mask mandate in 30 days. Mr. Geroulo shared medical research information to back his stance on masks.

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