

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: George Bieber, Caryn Emiliani, 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 Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of 12 October 2021 Regular Meeting and 25 October 2021 Special 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. Harchar to approve payrolls of 1 October 2021 of \$418,330.25, 15 October 2021 of \$387,293.97, and 29 October 2021 of \$429,222.02. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve estimated payrolls of 12 November 2021 of \$397,000 and 26 November 2021 of \$398,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve Treasurer's Report for September 2021 and the unreconciled balances as of October 31, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve and pay bills when found correct and funds are available. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to post for the following positions effective the 2021-2022 school year at stipends to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: 2 Winter Weightlifting Instructors, Baseball – Head Coach, Softball – Head Coach, Spring Tennis – Head Coach, Boys' Track – Head Coach, Girls' Track – Head Coach, and Jr. High Track – Head Coach. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached list of student activity accounts for the 2021-2022 school year: High School Activity Fund, Elementary East Student Council Account, and Elementary West Student Council Account. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve an agreement, subject to Business Manager's review, with Government Software Services, Inc. for preparation and distribution of Homestead/Farmstead Notices as required by Act 1. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve a three-year contract with Windstream Enterprise for Voice and Faxing services. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached pay application for the High School Track Replacement project. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Waiver in Lieu of Expulsion Hearing and Release Agreement for Student ID Number 135568. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Bieber to appoint Christina Souter as Elementary Teacher effective the 2021-2022 school year, at Step 1, Master's Column, at a pro-rated salary of \$45,788, with any adjustments, if needed, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Harchar, Emiliani, Joyce, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Policy Guides: 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, 904 – Public Attendance at School Events, and 907 – School Visitors. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Harchar to accept the attached First Amendment to the Metz Management Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the attached Pay Application from Spano Construction for the Administration building project. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Divine Mercy Parish – Riverside Jr-Sr High School Auditorium – Christmas Eve Mass - December 24, 2021. Use is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, with regret, seconded by Mr. Nenish, with regret, to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign as Board Member from George Bieber. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Kevin Harchar as Treasurer of the Board. Roll call vote: All in favor.

President Armstrong presented Mr. Bieber with a plaque in recognition of his service.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported that our student, Ivan Gao, scored a perfect score on the SAT Math (800) and a 750 score on SAT Reading. He also reported that Riverside had five student athletes who won medals in Hershey. He thanked Mr. Bieber for his work on the Board.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski reported that the RESPA contract has been settled. He also thanked Mr. Bieber.

Solicitor's Report – None. He also thanked Mr. Bieber for his service.

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce stated that we had problems filling the open Chemistry teacher position. She thanked Mr. Bieber for his service.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on completed work orders.

Finance Committee – None.

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that work continues with REA negotiations.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish also reported on the five medals won in Hershey. He also thanked Mr. Bieber for his service.

NEIU 19 – Ms. Emiliani stated that the next NEIU Board Meeting is November 16, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS – None

OPEN – Tom Geroulo, Taylor, stated that Governor has set a January 17, 2022 date for not wearing masks in schools. He asked the Board to make their decision as late as possible regarding requiring masks. Kevin Snyder, Old Forge, thanked the Board for the opportunity to interview for the open Elementary teacher position. Joe Surridge, Moosic, thanked Mr. Bieber for his service to the district. He stated that the Riverside School Board has always worked together for the betterment of the district. Garrett Staudinger, Taylor, stated his objections to requiring students to wear masks in school. Mrs. Armstrong announced that the November 15, 2021 Committee Meetings have been rescheduled to November 29, 2021. Mrs. Armstrong also stated that a notice will be put on our website and front doors asking for Letter of Interest in the vacant school board member seat with a deadline of November 23, 2021.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to adjourn. Roll call vote:

All in favor.