

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, Linda Joyce, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Kevin Harchar and Tara Meredick.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve payrolls of 6 August 2021 of \$384,906.62 and 20 August 2021 of \$385,975.92. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve estimated payrolls of 3 September 2021 of \$386,000 and 17 September 2021 of \$389,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve Treasurer's Reports for July 2021 and the unreconciled balances as of August 31, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint the attached list of extra-curricular positions effective the 2021-2022 school year at stipends to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the 2021-2022 Student Assistant Program (SAP) Letter of Agreement between the NEIU and the Riverside School District. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Public and Non-Public Bus Stops for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the attached list of STA bus drivers for the 2021-2022 school year. Proper clearances, insurance, and paperwork will be processed through STA. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached list of contracted drivers to provide transportation for the 2021-2022 school year at rates outlined in the District's transportation salary schedule. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve an Agreement for Title I services with LaSalle. Total cost is \$1,578 for the year unless other non-public Title I funds become available.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to approve the Act 80 request (Section 1504) for the 2021-2022 school year. Act 80 dates and time will be scheduled by the principals and/or the Superintendent. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve the following Use of Facilities

Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** REE Student Council - Bonfire/Trunk or Treat Event – Riverside Jr-Sr High School grounds - October 23, 2021 - 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm*.

Taylor Lions Club – Holiday Basketball Tournament – December 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2021 – High School Gymnasium*. *The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Use

is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Lindsey O’Hora, Elementary ESL Teacher, effective October 16, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Maria Voytko, NOLA Teacher, effective August 31, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Joette Conaboy, Aide, effective August 13, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign as Football Assistant Coach from William Sandly effective August 11, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the Comprehensive Preventative Maintenance Solution Program and HVAC Ventilation Modifications. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to authorize the updates that were added to the Riverside Health & Safety Plan. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Matthew Talerico as Football 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 Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Lisa Balcerzak 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 \$11.00 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Leyvina Leon 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 \$11.00 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Heather Perrone, Aide, effective September 8, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for an Aide. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to approve the Leave Request of Lindsey Fultz, Elementary Teacher, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached Settlement Stipulation for in the Assessment Appeal of the real property of USPG Portfolio Five, LLC (Shoppes at Montage) located on Glenmaura National Boulevard, Moosic, Pennsylvania, tax parcel 18601-010-015 and filed to Lackawanna County Term No. 2019-CV-6488. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Riverside School District to quit claim all of its right title and interest to the real property more particularly described on Exhibit "A" to the Development Authority of the Borough of Taylor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to accept Beynon's Proposal in response to our RFP for track replacement in the amount \$319,115.00. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to accept the attached Pay Applications for the site work of our Administration Building for Spano Construction, Whitehead Electric and Scranton Electric heating and cooling. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Jessica Plisko, Secondary Teacher, effective September 9, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Joan Marie Morales as Translator (K-12) at \$15.00 per hour (no benefits). Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Office – Mr. Brennan reported that Mr. Drazdowski has secured a HARIE grant. Funds will be used for safety updates to our main street crosswalk. Mr. Brennan personally thanked the teachers and staff who have resigned.

Business Manager's Report – Mrs. Armstrong thanked Mr. Drazdowski for his work on obtaining the HARIE grant. Mr. Drazdowski thanked the Board for approving the Comprehensive Preventative Maintenance Solution Program and HVAC Ventilation Modifications and the renovations to our track. He also thanked the teachers and staff members who have resigned.

Solicitor's Report – Nothing to report.

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported on school is in-person and that teachers are excited for a good school year.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported that a total of 81 projects have been completed in all buildings.

Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that the committee continually looks for cost savings. Possible meetings will take place with high school teachers regarding the REA contract negotiations.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish reported on the planned improvements to our track.

NEIU 19 – Ms. Emiliani stated that the NEIU conference was cancelled. The NEIU's next Board Meeting is tomorrow.

Health & Safety Committee – The Committee had made changes to the Health & Safety Plan before the Governor's mandate. This is our most recent Health & Safety Plan.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Tara Lynn Brown, Rilyn Staudinger, and Garrett Staudinger all of Taylor stated their objections to requiring students to wear masks in school. Mrs. Armstrong and Attorney Rinaldi responded. Tom Geroulo asked if the board agenda is now online. Mrs. Armstrong responded that it is. He also had questions about motion #19 – HVAC ventilation modifications. Mr. Drazdowski responded.

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