

Riverside Minutes  
Regular Meeting

April 12, 2021  
Riverside Jr-Sr High School

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, Linda Joyce, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Tara Meredick, and Dan Nenish.

Absent: Caryn Emiliani, Barbara Fedor, and Kevin Harchar.

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 Mr. Bieber to approve minutes of 8 March 2021 Regular 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 5 March 2021 of \$379,749.10 and 19 March 2021 of \$388,060.11. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve estimated payrolls of 2 April 2021 of \$381,000, 16 April 2021 of \$382,500, and 30 April 2021 of \$380,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve Treasurer's Report for February 2021 and the un-reconciled ending balances for March 31, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Mr. Bieber also reported the un-reconciled ending balances as of March 31, 2021 as follows:

General Fund - \$2,810,850.53; Taylor Tax - \$431,511.43; Moosic Tax - \$3,987,088.74;

Health Insurance - \$195,438.93 - Total \$7,424,889.63.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish 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. Meredith to authorize the updates that were added to the Riverside Health & Safety Plan. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar giving the Superintendent of Schools the authority to make adjustments. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to accept the preventative maintenance contract for annual freezer maintenance services with J&F Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the following Use of Facilities request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Riverside Marching Units – High School Auditorium & Band Room – Unit Show – May 7, 2021 – 3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (dress rehearsal)

& May 8, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. (Unit Show)\*; Riverside Touchdown Club – High School Auditorium - Awards Ceremony – Date/Time to be announced\*. \*The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Use is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for the following positions effective the 2021-2022 school year at stipends to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Athletic Director, Football Assistant Coaches (4), Junior High Cross Country Coach, Junior High Soccer Coach, Assistant Unit Advisor, Equipment Manager, Boys' Head Basketball Coach, Girls' Head Basketball Coach. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Bieber to appoint Morgan Mickavicz as Senior Class Advisor effective the 2020-2021 school year at a pro-rated stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve Joshua Davis as substitute maintenance worker, cleaning person, lunch monitor, and aide. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for Scholastic Bowl Advisor effective the 2020-2021 school year at a pro-rated stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to hire the qualified candidate. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for Director of Buildings and Grounds. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the Waiver in Lieu of Expulsion and Release Agreement for Student ID Number 133167. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the Waiver in Lieu of Expulsion and Release Agreement for Student ID Number 135144. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Patrick Duffy as Technology Technician at a pro-rated salary of \$42,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Justin Kraky as Technology Technician at a pro-rated salary of \$60,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Bieber to extend filing deadline for local earned income tax filing from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to accept the following bids for the construction on Administration Building, subject to the final review by the Superintendent and his consultant: General Bid: Spano Construction in the amount of \$755,986.00; Plumbing Bid: Scranton Electric Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$38,796.00; Mechanical Bid: Scranton Electric Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$83,240.00; Electrical Bid: Mark Whitehead in the amount of \$133,000.00.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Bieber to authorize and advertise a RFP for District Maintenance and Cleaning Services. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported that Riverside Elementary West was on a two-day pause on Monday and Tuesday. Students will be back in person at West on Wednesday. He thanked the Board for the work on the RCAP grant which allows us to keep costs down.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski thanked the Board for extending the deadline for the local earned income tax. He mentioned the article in the newspaper about Riverside's desire not to raise taxes next year.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that she met with both High School principals regarding staffing needs for the next school year.

Facilities Committee Report - None

Finance Committee Report - None

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee Report - None

Athletic Committee - None

NEIU 19 - None

Health & Safety Committee – Mr. Brennan reported that the Safety Plan was submitted this morning.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN - None

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