

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

January 11, 2021
Riverside Jr-Sr High School

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 Superintendent Paul M. Brennan, Raymond C. Rinaldi, II, and Mr. William Drzdowski

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS: None

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve minutes of 7 December 2020 Reorganization Meeting and 7 December 2020 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 Mrs. Meredick to approve payrolls of 11 December 2020 of \$398,905.63 and 24 December 2020 of \$408,498.49. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve estimated payrolls of 8 January 2021 of \$399,000 and 22 January 2021 of \$398,500. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve Treasurer's Report for November 2020 and the unreconciled balances of December 31, 2020. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Balance November 1, 2020	\$ 4,569,644.10
Receipts Month of November	5,247,287.15
Total Balance and Receipts	\$9,816,931.25
Expenditures Month of November	<u>1,317,689.25</u>
Balance November 30, 2021 (SEE ATTACHED)	\$ 8,499,242.00

I certify that I have verified these financial statements and submit same for the approval of the Board of Education.

George Bieber, Treasurer

Mr. Bieber also reported the un-reconciled ending balances as of December 31, 2020 as follows:

General Fund - \$5,304,641.36; Taylor Tax - \$1,055,750.51; Moosic Tax - \$3,764,009.08;

Health Insurance - \$0.00 - Total \$10,124,400.95.

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

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the Extended Leave Request from Shirley Caboot 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. Harchar to approve the Fee Agreement for Attorney Raymond C. Rinaldi II, District Solicitor, to include an hourly rate of \$100 for the period January 2021 through December 2021. This is in addition to the retainer fee of \$750.00 per month, or \$9,000.00 annually, approved at the 7 December 2020 Reorganization Meeting. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the Leave Request from Alycia Pappa, Aide, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint James Rupp as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach effective the 2020-2021 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 Mr. Harchar to appoint Ronald Petrunich as Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach effective the 2020-2021 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. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Donald Cannon as Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach effective the 2020-2021 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Mark Prutisto as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach effective the 2020-2021 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 Mrs. Meredick to appoint Jared Bonda as Equipment Manager effective the 2020-2021 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint William Sandly as Fall Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2020-2021 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Harry Armstrong III as Winter Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2020-2021 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Emiliani, Antoniaci McHugh,

Meredick, Nenish, Harchar, Joyce, Bieber, Fedor. ABSTAIN: Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the Letter of Intent to Resign from Julia Antoniaci, Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach. Roll call vote: YES. Emiliani, Meredick, Nenish, Harchar, Joyce, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Antoniaci McHugh. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Elisabeth Spindler as Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach effective the 2020-2021 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 Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities

Request(s): **SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Riverside Marching Units – Riverside High School Gym – January 12, 2021 – 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – JV & Varsity Cheerleading Pictures with Karin Dorman.* Use is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities. *The School recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Stephen Hunisch, Maintenance Worker, effective January 15, 2021. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Christopher Lazor as Principal at a salary of \$90,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to authorize the Superintendent and Solicitor to engage in a MOU for a retirement incentive for the RESPA. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan acknowledged that it was National School Board Recognition Month. He thanked the Board members for their service. Mr. Brennan stated the faculty and staff members are doing a great job this year. He wished Steve Hunisch best wishes in his retirement. Ms. Antoniaci McHugh asked about our analyzing our staffing needs during the COVID-19 period. More discussion will take place at the next Committee Meeting.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski acknowledged a \$9,300 donation from Fidelity Bank for our Dual Enrollment Program.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce recognized the Administration, faculty, and support staff for doing a great job during this time of COVID-19. She also thanked the Riverside community for their patience and understanding during this time.

Facilities Committee – None

Finance Committee – Mr. Bieber stated that our financial audit has been completed.

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee - None

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish is happy that the students are able to play basketball. He stated that you can't measure how much it means to the student athletes.

NEIU 19 – Ms. Emiliani stated that there wasn't a December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Mrs. Armstrong stated that the Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Carol Armstrong, President

Barbara Fedor, Secretary