

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

November 9, 2020
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, Caryn Emiliani, Barbara Fedor, Kevin Harchar, Linda Joyce, Mary

Antoniacci McHugh, and Tara Meredick. Absent: Dan Nenish

Also present were Paul Brennan and William Drazdowski

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS: None

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve minutes of 13 October 2020 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniacci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve payrolls of 2 October 2020 of \$437,536.40, 16 October 2020 of \$396,781.22, and 30 October 2020 of \$440,012.32. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve estimated payrolls of 13 November 2020 of \$398,000 and 27 November 2020 of \$397,500. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve Treasurer's Report for September 2020 and the unreconciled balances as of October 31, 2020. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to post for two (2) Winter Weightlifting Instructors for 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. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the attached list of student activity accounts for the 2020-2021 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 Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith 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 Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the Leave Request from David Walsh, Principal, as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the following: **SCHOOL-**

SPONSORED EVENT(S): Riverside Youth Basketball (RYBA) – Approve use for gymnasiums during our Winter Season on Sundays. Days of the week and times can be flexible if approved in advance by the School District. The league must work around the Vikings and Lady Vikes basketball teams. In addition, only Riverside students will be involved in the league. All safety protocols must be followed in accordance with the Riverside School District Athletic Department Resocialization of Sports Recommendation Plan. 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 Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve a Tenure Contract for Johanna Reed, having completed three years of satisfactory teaching at Riverside School District.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Sharon Stoddard as maintenance/cleaning/aide/secretary substitute worker. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Harchar to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Robin Pliss, Cleaning Person, effective November 9, 2020. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the attached Addendum No. 2 to Resolution No. 34 of August, 2014, dated August 11, 2014. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the Leave Request of Michael Trescavage, Elementary Teacher, as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the Extended Leave Request of Ryan Lindsay, Secondary Teacher, as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office.

Roll call vote: YES, Meredick, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Emiliani. NO, Joyce, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong. MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve Policy Guide #251

– Homeless Students. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to post for Principal. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported on a successful fall sports season, despite the challenges of COVID-19.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski reported that the HOP permit and sewer permit were approved for the new Administration building. Mr. Drazdowski reported an increase of 9,000 student breakfasts and 5,500 lunches last month as compared to the same month last year. He thanked Donna Gilroy and the Aramark staff for their hard work.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce met with Elementary Principal to review how the school year is going. Obstacles are being met and projects are moving forward. Mrs. Joyce also met with our Director of Special Education. Cyclical monitoring has been completed with a few items being corrected. Other areas being addressed are transitions, teacher trainings, and new additions to remedial education.

Facilities Committee – None

Finance Committee – None

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee – Ms. Antoniaci is working with Mr. Drazdowski regarding health care cost savings and further utilization within the contract.

Athletic Committee - None

NEIU 19 – Ms. Emiliani reported that 70% of NEIU parents surveyed wanted in-person classes, with 30% in favor of virtual classes. The NEIU is allowing parents to decide which option is best for them. Mrs. Joyce asked about EI funding. The NEIU is still fighting for EI funding.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN - None

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