

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

May 11, 2020
Zoom Meeting

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 via Zoom with President Armstrong presiding and the following members present: George Bieber, Caryn Emiliani, Barbara Fedor, Kevin Harchar, Linda Joyce, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Tara Meredith, 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 Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of 14 April 2020 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve payrolls of 3 April 2020 of \$392,719.09 and 17 April 2020 of \$393,713.38. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve estimated payrolls of 1 May 2020 of \$394,000, 15 May 2020 of \$394,500, and 29 May 2020 of \$394,700. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve Treasurer's Report for March 2020 and the un-reconciled ending balances for April 30, 2020. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Bieber 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. Fedor to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) high school and elementary programs to be held from July 7, 2020 through July 30, 2020. The programs will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to post for the following Extended School Year (ESY) positions: 1 Elementary Learning Support Teacher, 1 Elementary Autistic Support Teacher, 1 Elementary Life Skills Teacher, and 1 High School Life Skills Teacher. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached Settlement Stipulation for the Assessment Appeal of the property located at 32 Stauffer Industrial Park, Taylor Borough, Lackawanna County Pennsylvania, tax parcels 15507-010-002, 15507-010-00205, 15507-010-00210, and 15507-010-00207, filed to Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas Term No. 2019-CV-6525. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to adopt the district's proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year showing estimated expenditures in the amount of \$25,853,895, requiring a milage rate of 128.74. The proposed budget will be available for public inspection on the Riverside School District website or by emailing the Business Manager. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for Early Retirement with the Riverside Education Association pending review by the Superintendent and District Solicitor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported that the District is preparing for all aspects of school operations for the next school year and closing out this school year. He is waiting for direction from PA Department of Education.

Business Manager's Report – None

Solicitor's Report – None

Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that our virtual learning continues.

Facilities Committee Report – None

Finance Committee Report – None

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee Report – None

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish thanked 570 Sports Show and other local organizations for the recognition of student athletes.

NEIU – The next IU Meeting will be on May 19, 2020. The October conference has been cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS – None

OPEN – Mrs. Armstrong reports that School Board Presidents in Lackawanna County had a Zoom meeting. Funding reform of charter and cyber schools was discussed.

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

Mrs. Armstrong stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session after the Board Meeting adjourned.