

President Armstrong announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting. Personnel and legal issues were discussed. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the September 11, 2001 attack.

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, 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 Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve payrolls of 9 August 2019 of \$365,340.47 and 23 August 2019 of \$362,674.73. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve estimated payrolls of 6 September 2019 of \$385,000 and 20 September 2019 of \$386,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve Treasurer's Reports for July 2019 and the unreconciled balances as of August 31, 2019. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Erin Dempsey as Paraeducator.

This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch, at \$11 per hour.

Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Candice Murphy as Paraeducator.

This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch, at \$11 per hour.

Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Janet Grace as Special Education

Elementary Teacher mentor effective the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend to be established

per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh,

Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Elizabeth Dempsey as Special Education Elementary Teacher mentor effective the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend to be established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for the following coaching positions for the 2019-2020 school year at stipends to be established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Baseball – Head Coach, Softball – Head Coach, Spring Tennis – Head Coach, Boys’ Track – Head Coach, Girls’ Track – Head Coach, and Jr. High Track – Head Coach. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the Public and Non-Public Bus Stops for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the list of STA bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year. Proper clearances, insurance, and paperwork will be processed through STA. This information will be verified by the District. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the following people to provide transportation for the 2019-2020 school year: Ken Bednash, Jeff Davies, Merle Ebersole, Brian Fallon, Grace Killino, Alex Lebiak, Michelle Lebiak, Antonio Lima, and Linda Petrunich, at rates outlined in the District’s transportation salary schedule. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the Act 80 request (Section 1504) for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the D.A.R.E. Program at Riverside School District for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside School District and the Riverside Education Association for the 2019-2020 Salary Schedule. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Joyce by to approve an Agreement for Title I services with Pittston Area School District. Total cost is \$794 for the year unless other non-public Title I funds become available. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the Letter of Intent to Resign from Mary Jo Rachko, Cleaning Person, effective August 21, 2019. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Harchar to accept the updates recommended by the Administration for the following School Board Policies: 113 Special Education, 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities, 113.2 Positive Behavior Support, 114 Gifted Education, 117 Homebound Instruction, 216 Student Records, 216.2 Confidentiality of Educational Records of Exceptional Students, 236 Student Assistant Program, and 907 School Visitors. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Emily Baileys as Long-Term Secondary Science Substitute Teacher effective the 2019-2020 school year at Step 1, Bachelor's Column of the 2019-2020 salary schedule to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Rebecca Belles as Cleaning Person. This position is for 3 ½ hours per day at \$11.00 per hour. Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Robin Pliss as Cleaning Person. This position is for 3 ½ hours per day at \$11.00 per hour. Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve the following Use of Facilities request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Riverside High School Marching Units – Unit Show – High School Auditorium – February 15, 2020 (Dress Rehearsal) and February 16, 2020 (Unit Show)*; Riverside Vikings PTA/Taylor Public Library/Taylor Police – Trunk or Treat Event – High School Parking Lot – October 26, 2019 – 5 pm – 9 pm*; **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Riverside Youth Basketball – Registration – High School Commons – September 23, October 7, 14, 21, and 24, 2019 – 7 pm – 8 pm. Use is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities. *The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve Christine Palonis as a substitute secretary, paraeducator, and lunch monitor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Bieber to appoint Harry Armstrong III as Fall Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, and Fedor. ABSTAIN, Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Brian Jones as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: YES, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Emiliani, Bieber, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Harchar to award the Riverside School District High School Cafeteria General Construction to Bognet, Inc. for the sum of \$93,660. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to award the Riverside School District High School Cafeteria Mechanical Construction to Bognet, Inc. for the sum of \$31,650. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to award the Riverside School District High School Cafeteria Electrical Construction to Apollo Group, Inc. for the sum of \$9,980. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Jessica Plisko as Teacher Mentor for Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher and Michael Kolessar as Teacher Mentor for Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher pending the MOU with REA. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Office – Mr. Brennan mentioned that the crossing guard, Robin Pliss, was hit by a car last week, and she is doing OK. Mr. Brennan thanked Lynda Thomas, R.N. for subbing at Riverside Elementary East.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski reported that results in lowering our cyber school enrollment are encouraging so far.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Good start to the school year. Elementary students enjoying free breakfast and lunch this year.

Facilities Committee - None

Finance Committee – None

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee – None

Athletic Committee - None

NEIU 19 – Ms. Emiliani reported that the next meeting is on September 24, 2019. Executive Director Bob McTiernan has asked for input from the NEIU Board on needs and improvements. Ms. Emiliani and Mr. Brennan discussed having a Google doc to use as a communication warehouse for all districts.

OLD BUSINESS – None

OPEN – The September 16, 2019 Committee Meetings will start at 6 pm. Gerard Hetman, Community Relations Coordinator, reported on upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

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