

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

April 8, 2019
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, Barbara Fedor, Kevin Harchar, Linda Joyce, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Tara Meredick, Dan Nenish. Absent, Caryn Emiliani.

Also present were Paul M. Brennan, William Drazdowski, and Raymond C. Rinaldi II.

Certificate was given to student Julia Antoniaci, Division III Basketball All Star.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve minutes of 11 March 2019 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve payrolls of 8 March 2019 of \$387,317.42 and 22 March 2019 of \$389,003.94. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve estimated payrolls of 5 April 2019 of \$387,500 and 19 April 2019 of \$388,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve Treasurer's Report for February 2019 and the un-reconciled ending balances for March 31, 2019. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Daniel Digwood as Athletic Director effective the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Nenish, Meredith, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to appoint Josh Aniska as Varsity Head Boys' Basketball Coach effective the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Nenish, Meredith, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint Jack Mekilo as Varsity Head Girls' Basketball Coach effective the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Nenish, Meredith, Harchar, Antoniaci McHugh, Joyce, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar giving the Superintendent of Schools the authority to make adjustments. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to allow the Riverside Marching Band to participate in the Scranton Armed Forces Day Parade on May 18, 2019, and Riverside Marching Band and Units to participate in the Taylor Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2019. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the following Use of Facilities Requests: **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Softball Dance Fundraiser – High School Cafeteria – 4th to 6th Grades - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. – April 26, 2019*; CSBBH Summer Program – REE Multi-Purpose Room & Playground – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – July 2, 2019 – August 22, 2019 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays) – Staff will work Mondays through Fridays*; Vikings Helping Vikings – Football Stadium (including field house, stand, lavatories) – Annual Summer Festival – May 31, 2019 (set-up) and June 1, 2019 (festival)*. 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 Mrs. Fedor, with regret, seconded by Mr. Bieber to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Susan Roche, Secondary Teacher, effective the last day of the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post and advertise for a Secondary Science Teacher effective the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Harchar to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign as Secondary Public Relations Coordinator and Junior Class Advisor from Susan Roche effective the last day of the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for Junior Class Advisor effective the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to post for a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached Resolution Supporting Statewide Cyber Charter School Funding Reform. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the attached Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 34 and House Bill 526 for School Districts Providing Their Own Cyber Learning Programs. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to post for four (4) maintenance seasonal help assignments. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the renewal contract with VISION Student Information System. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Harchar to approve the Leave Request of Justine Vishnesky, Secretary, as stated in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the Waiver in Lieu of Expulsion for Student Number 262092. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Harchar to authorize Attorney Raymond C. Rinaldi, II to execute the attached Stipulation Fixing Assessment for Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas civil case number NO. 2018 CV 6369, K & J REAL ESTATE, LLC, vs. Lackawanna County Board of Assessment. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the attached Resolution for the sale of unused and unnecessary land being 118,121 sq ft or 2.71 acres of land, more or less, and is all of Lot No. 1 as shown on a map entitled "Final Minor Subdivision Plan – Lands of the Riverside School District", prepared by Nicholas A. Piccini, P.L.S., dated 07/18, revised 15 Jan 2019. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve filing of the PDE Plan Con K Project Refinancing for the 2013 and 2014 General Obligation Bond Series for submittal to PDE to secure updated reimbursement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Harchar, seconded by Mr. Bieber to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Joseph Surridge, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, effective June 30, 2019. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to post for an eSports Club Advisor at a stipend to be established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to open a Capital Improvements Reserve Account with Fidelity Bank. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve D&M Construction as the General Contractor for the High School Sidewalk Replacement as described in our RACP Grant Application, pending review of District Solicitor and Architect. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the Addendum to the Riverside Administrator Compensation Plan subject to review of the Superintendent and District Solicitor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Bieber to post and advertise for the positions of Principal and Compliance Officer. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan spoke about the eSports Club Advisor position. He also commented on the new sidewalks at the high school.

Business Manager's Report – None

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that PSSA testing will begin next week.

Facilities Committee Report - None

Finance Committee Report – Mr. Bieber stated that the 2019-2020 budget is a work-in-progress.

He thanked Ms. Antoniaci McHugh for her work with our insurances.

Alternative Funding Options & Resources Committee Report – None.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish reported that grass seed has been put on both the football and practice fields. Our soccer program is using the old Moosic Raiders field. We will be looking to obtain bids for our track.

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OLD BUSINESS – Mrs. Armstrong stated that several board members recently attended the NSBA conference in Philadelphia. A full report will be given at the May board meeting.

OPEN - Gerard Hetman, Community Relations Coordinator, reported on upcoming events in Lackawanna County. Certificate was given to student Michael Rickert, Division III Basketball All Star.

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