

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 Jr-Sr High School Library with President Armstrong presiding and the following members present: George Bieber, Caryn Emiliani, Barbara Fedor, Linda Joyce, Tara Meredick, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Mary Antoniaci McHugh.

Also present were Paul M. Brennan, Joseph Surrige, and Raymond C. Rinaldi II.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Bieber to confirm the appointment of Kevin E. Harchar as Riverside School District Director for the unexpired term of Charles Maurer ending December 2019. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Harchar by Judge George Seig.

Motion by to approve minutes of 6 December 2017 Reorganization Meeting and 6 December 2017 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion to approve payrolls of 1 December 2017 of \$375,818.37, 15 December 2017 of \$397,500.95, and 29 December 2017 of \$397,667.76. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion to approve estimated payrolls of 12 January 2018 of \$380,500.00 and 26 January 2018 of \$381,000.00. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for November, 2017 and the unreconciled balances of December 31, 2017. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to appoint Ben Thomas as Football Head Coach for the 2018-2019 school year, at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to appoint Ken Bednash as Cross Country Head Coach for the 2018-2019 school year, at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to appoint Robert Thomas as Girls Tennis Head Coach for the 2018-2019 school year, at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Robert Coyle as Golf Head Coach for the 2018-2019 school year, at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Bieber to appoint Jessica Fazzi as Junior High Girls Basketball Head Coach for the 2018-2019 school year, at a stipend to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to appoint John Evangelista as Assistant Junior High Track Coach for the 2017-2018 school year at a \$1,928.08. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to appoint Ben Thomas as Assistant Girls Track Coach for the 2017-2018 school year at a \$2,745.75. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Bieber to post for the following positions for the 2018-2019 school year: Football Assistant Coach (4), Freshman Football Coach, Junior High Cross Country Coach, Varsity Soccer Coach, Unit Advisor, and Band Director. Stipends to be established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Phillip Powell, Cleaning Person, effective December 1, 2017. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Bieber to appoint Wilfredo Medina as Cleaning Person. This position is for 3 ½ hours per day at \$11 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to post and advertise for two Para-Educators. These positions are for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch, at \$11.00 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to approve the Fee Agreement for Attorney Raymond C. Rinaldi II, District Solicitor, to include an hourly rate of \$95 for the period January 2018 through December 2018. This is in addition to the retainer fee of \$750.00 per month, or \$9,000.00 annually, approved at the 6 December 2017 Reorganization Meeting. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

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

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the following use of facilities request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** REE/REW Student Councils – Pride Night – January 31, 2018 - During High School Basketball Game (students in grades K – 6<sup>th</sup> admitted free if accompanied by an adult)\*; PROSPER – Craft Fair – REE Multi-Purpose Room – March 24, 2018 (Craft Fair) 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. and March 23, 2018 (Set-Up) – 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.\*; ROSPER – Strengthening Families Program at REE (cafeteria, art room, and library) – February 1, 2018 to March 8, 2018 – Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.\*; Riverside High School PTA – Craft Fair – March 17, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Set-Up) and March 18, 2018 – 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Craft Fair)\*; **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Moosic Youth Center School of Dance – Riverside High School Auditorium – Annual Recitals – May 11, 12 & 13, 2018; Dancing Dreams Studio of Dance – Riverside High School Auditorium – Annual Recital – May 22 & 23, 2018. 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 Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appeal the Decision of Arbitrator Walter Glowgoski in the matter of Riverside Educational Support Personnel Association vs. Riverside School District, Grievance #16-17-05. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredith, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to acknowledge submittal of Project Part K for the 2016 and 2017 General Obligation Bond Series. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to add Joette Conaboy and Stephanie Sluck to the substitute list. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to approve the attached Settlement Stipulation in the matter of Riverside School District vs. USPG Portfolio Five, LLC., et al, Case No. 2015-CV-6967. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to eliminate the Board Secretary stipend of \$1,700 for the 2018 calendar year. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Bieber to eliminate the Board Treasurer stipend of \$3,000 for the 2018 calendar year. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve the Settlement Agreement between Student #1206 and Riverside School District. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredick, Emiliani, Nenish, Harchar, Bieber, Fedor, Armstrong.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan recognized all school board members for their hard work and dedication in their role as school board members. He also welcomed new board members Tara Meredith, Dan Nenish, and Kevin Harchar.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Surridge stated that the amount of time and effort school board members devote usually goes unnoticed to the public. He thanked all school board members for their work and welcomed new board members.

Solicitor's Report – None.

Committee Reports – Mrs. Armstrong announced the following committee for 2018: Academic Affairs: Linda Joyce, Chair, and Tara Meredith; Facilities: Barbara Fedor, Chair, and Caryn Emiliani; Finance: George Bieber, Chair, and Dan Nenish; Alternative Funding Options & Resources: Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Chair, and Kevin Harchar.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

OPEN - Gerard Hetman, Community Relations Coordinator, reported on upcoming events in Lackawanna County. Andrew Gallagher thanked the Board for keeping the music program at Riverside.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Harry Armstrong, Jr.

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