

A moment of silence was observed in memory of A.J. Decker.

The 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: Bob Bennie, George Bieber, Caryn Emiliani, Barbara Fedor, Linda Joyce, Charles Maurer, and Mary Antoniaci McHugh. Absent, Michael Duda.

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

Audience Questions/Comments on any Agenda Items – None.

Motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Bennie to approve minutes of 8 February 2016 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh to approve payrolls of 12 February 2016 of \$379,051.72 and 26 February 2016 of \$340,175.60. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bennie, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve estimated payrolls of 11 March 2016 of \$325,000 and 25 March 2016 of \$355,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve Treasurer's Report for January 2016 and the un-reconciled ending balances for February 29, 2016. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Bieber to post for the following positions for the 2015-2016 school year: Assistant Girls Track Coach – Stipend \$2,562.26 and Spring Weightlifting Instructors (2) - Stipend \$800.00 each. Stipends approved with any adjustments, if needed, to be made as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Riverside School District and the Riverside Education Association. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh to post for the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year: Athletic Director – Stipend \$7,538.37; Girls' Basketball Head Coach – Stipend \$7,538.37; Boys' Basketball Head Coach – Stipend \$7,538.37; and Football Assistant Coach – Stipend \$3,892.82. Stipends approved with any adjustments, if needed, to be made as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Riverside School District and the Riverside Education Association. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bennie, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Leave Request of Joy Talerico, Elementary Teacher, Riverside School District, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Said leave to be effective April 29, 2016 through the last school day of the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Bennie to authorize donations for facility use for the 2016 season to the following: Taylor Little League – field use \$1,200; Moosic Borough Recreation – field use \$1,500; Taylor Borough Recreation – field use \$1,500. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh to approve a four-year Dell lease contract for the number of devices designated in the 2016-2017 computer equipment budget. Yearly lease payment is \$13,186. Contract is contingent upon School Board Budget approval for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Bieber pursuant to Section 914A(6)(i) Act 102 of 1970 to approve the proposed operating budget for NEIU #19 for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Riverside School District's projected share is \$35,314.22. Contract is contingent upon School Board Budget approval for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bennie, seconded by Mr. Maurer to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT(S)**: Michael Slater – Riverside Elementary East & West – Basket Raffles to benefit Autism Awareness Month – April 4 through April 15, 2016.* REE Student Council Science Fair – REE Multi-Purpose Room – May 9, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.* REE Student Council Talent Show – REE Multi-Purpose Room – May 11, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.* PROSPER – Strengthening Families Program at REE (cafeteria, art room, and library) – March 17, 2016 to May 2, 2016 – Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.* 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 Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the 5-year contract to participate in the NEPA Regional Wide Area network at a cost not to exceed \$28,800 per year before E-Rate discounts are applied. Contract is contingent upon School Board Budget approval for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to approve a 5-year contract with Comcast Business for Telecommunication services between the Jr-Sr High School and East Elementary School as defined in the NEPA Regional Wide Area network as Category B Intra-District Wide Area Networks for Riverside School District. The cost is not to exceed \$22,000 per year before E-Rate discounts are applied. Contract is contingent upon School Board Budget approval for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bennie, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve the attached Resolution authorizing the District to sell its 2015 Delinquent Real Estate Tax Claims. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to approve the attached Athletic Cooperative Agreement between the Riverside School District and the Old Forge School District. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Maurer to accept the attached Offer to Purchase Real Estate from Viviana Amoro for property located at 16 Rockledge Terrace, Taylor, PA 18517 PIN 17609-LLO-092. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Bennie to approve financing agreement with Fidelity Deposit & Discount Bank subject to approval by the District Solicitor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh to post for a Crisis and Compliance Counselor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Bennie to post for an English as Second Language Teacher. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan thanked the District for their support in attending the funeral services and honor guard for A.J. Decker. Mr. Brennan stated that letters went home to all parents regarding re-districting. The faculty was also polled about re-districting.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Surridge reported on a presentation by the State Auditor General's representative stated that federal and state revenues are declining. PASBO is holding a press conference on March 23, 2016 in Harrisburg regarding the current state budget situation.

Solicitor's Report – None.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

OPEN – Rick Notari, Lackawanna County Community Relations Coordinator, reported on upcoming events. Dan Kieper of Moosic had questions about re-districting. Mr. Brennan responded. Pam Insalaca of Moosic commended the Board for the decision to re-district. John Tabatabaie of Moosic had questions about advancing students. Mr. Brennan responded. Eugene Gallagher of Taylor also thanked the Board for re-districting. Tim Lavelle of Moosic had questions about the self-funded health care account balance and questions about PSERS. Mr. Surridge and Mr. Bieber responded.

County Commissioner Laureen Cummings had several questions about the election ballot referendum to raise taxes. Mr. Brennan, Mr. Surridge, Mr. Bieber, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh responded.

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