

Riverside Minutes  
Regular Meeting

October 14, 2025  
Riverside Administration Office

A Regular Meeting of the Riverside School Board was held on the above date in the Riverside Administration Office with President Armstrong presiding and the following members present: Linda Joyce, Laura Kobeski, Brandi Luckasavage, Mary Antoniaci McHugh (via telephone), Anthony Mattioli, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Barbara Fedor and Tara Meredick.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve minutes of 8 September 2025 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve payrolls of 12 September 2025 of \$438,289.79 and 26 September 2025 of \$489,055.73. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve estimated payrolls of 10 October 2025 of \$437,000 and 24 October 2025 of \$438,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve Treasurer's Report for August 2025 and the unreconciled balances as of September 30, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to post for the following positions effective the 2025-2026 school year at stipends outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Baseball Head Coach, Softball Head Coach, Spring Tennis Head Coach, Boys' Track Head Coach, Girls' Track Head Coach, and Junior High Track Head Coach. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Rosa Guerrero as Part-Time Translator. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading; 209.2 – Diabetes Management – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; 103.1 – Non Discrimination Qualified Students with Disabilities – 1<sup>st</sup> reading; 113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the Leave Request of Natalie Winters, Secondary Teacher, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve the Leave Request of Josh Aniska, Elementary Teacher, as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between the Riverside School District and the University of Scranton. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve Tertus to provide transportation for the 2025-2026 school year at rates outlined in the District's transportation salary schedule. Tertus must alert Scott Pentasuglio if there is a change in the status of their clearances, car insurance, and car registration. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Riverside Vikings PTA – Fundraiser** Distribution - East Multi-Purpose Room – November 16, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.\*; **REE Student Help Fund** – Breakfast with Santa - High School Cafeteria, Commons & Front of Building – November 29, 2025 – 6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.\*; **National Honor Society** – Veterans' Breakfast – Riverside High School Cafeteria – November 11, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.\*; **National Honor Society** – Induction – Riverside High School Auditorium – November 19, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.\*; **Taylor American Legion Auxiliary** – Children's Christmas Party – Riverside High School Cafeteria – December 13, 2025 – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.\*; **RYBA** – Youth League Basketball Games – High School gyms – November 8, 2025 – March 28, 2026 (Saturdays

only) – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.\*; **Johanna Reed, Band Director** – Band Festival/Practice – High School Auditorium and Gym – May 14, 2026 (Auditorium all day for set up & Gym 3:00 p.m. for set-up) and May 15, 2026 - 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.\*; **Paul Brennan/Anthony Mattioli** – District Gyms – Basketball Instruction & Games\*. **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Gina Aldrich – MYC School of Dance** – Dance Recital/Practice - High School Auditorium - May 2, 2026 – 10:30 a.m. & May 3, 2026 – 4:30 p.m. \*The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Use is contingent upon adherence to the District Policy on Use of Facilities. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Ashley LaRue as Aide. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid and ½ hour unpaid lunch at \$15.00 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Danielle Lewis as Aide. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid and ½ hour unpaid lunch at \$15.00 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that Riverside has students participating in other schools, work assignments, and co-ops, including Johnson Technology, Geisinger nursing, Lackawanna College, and University of Scranton, and Sportswire.

NEIU Report – Mrs. Joyce reported on various trainings being held at the NEIU 19.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish acknowledged the 100<sup>th</sup> win by cross-country coach Jared Godlewski, the 100<sup>th</sup> win by coach Harry Armstrong, and the boys’ and girls’ soccer championships.

Board Policy Committee - None

Facilities Committee - None

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh stated that budget update will be discussed in November. The business manager will be coming in.

Student Activities & Communications - None

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Brennan acknowledged Mrs. Samsell and her class attendance at the meeting. He talked about Motion #9 and the work that is done with our Policy Guides. He talked about getting more students involved and connected with programs such as Sportswire. He will be attending three days of superintendent leadership training at the Naval Academy in Maryland this week. Mr. Brennan, Mrs. Wydeen, and Mr. Yarem will be presenting at the state leadership conference on Sunday at Kalahari. Mr. Brennan announced that the circle around Riverside Elementary East will be named “George Bieber Way” as a tribute to George Bieber.

OLD BUSINESS – None

OPEN – Mary Burke, Taylor, stated that Riverside is the only school in Lackawanna County that allows coaches’ children to attend school without living in the District. Ms. Burke stated that monies allowing coaches’ children to attend Riverside could be used for giving para-educators health insurance. Mr. Nenish and Mr. Mattioli responded. Ms. Burke questioned who Tertus transportation was. Mr. Brennan responded. Ms. Burke asked if we have libraries in all three schools. Mr. Brennan responded. Ron Gallagher, Taylor, predicted that Riverside will win the football game on Friday. Marion Maurer, Moosic, questioned why we have two principals instead of a vice-principal and a principal. Mr. Brennan responded.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to adjourn. Roll call vote: All in favor.