

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

November 10, 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: Barbara Fedor, Linda Joyce, Laura Kobeski, Brandi Luckasavage, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Tara Meredith, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Anthony Mattioli.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of 14 October 2025 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve payrolls of 10 October 2025 of \$450,523.94 and 24 October 2025 of \$486,515.61. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve estimated payrolls of 7 November 2025 of \$451,000 and 21 November 2025 of \$452,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve Treasurer's Report for September 2025 and the unreconciled balances as of October 31, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, 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. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Sean Hughes as Baseball Head Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Armstrong. NO, Luckasavage and Meredick. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Katie Fox as Softball Head Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Jared Godlewski as Boys' Track Head Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Joshua Godlewski as Girls' Track Head Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Avery Meredick as Junior High Track Head Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN: Meredick. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for the following positions effective the 2025-2026 school year at stipends outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Baseball Assistant Coach, Baseball Junior Varsity Coach, Baseball Junior High Coach, Softball Assistant Coach, Softball Junior Varsity Coach, Softball Junior High Coach, Boys' Track Assistant Coach, Girls' Track Assistant Coach, Junior High Track Assistant Coach, and Winter Weightlifting Instructors (2). Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve the attached list of student activity accounts for the 2025-2026 school year: High School Student Activity Fund, Elementary East Student Council Account, and Elementary West Student Council Account. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve an agreement, subject to Administrative review, with Government Software Services, Inc. for preparation and distribution of Homestead/Farmstead Notices as required by Act 1. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 209.2 – Diabetes Management – 3rd reading; 103.1 – Non Discrimination Qualified Students with Disabilities – 2nd reading; 113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities – 2nd reading; 217 – Graduation – 1st reading; 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the following Use of Facilities

Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Riverside Cheerleaders** – High School Auditorium - Unit Show/Dress Rehearsal – February 14, 2026 (dress rehearsal) 8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. and February 15, 2026 (unit show) 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*; **Drama Club** – Spring Musical – High School Auditorium – March 20, 21 & 22, 2026*; **Riverside Chorus** – Spring Concert – High School Auditorium – May 28, 2026*; **Riverside Marching Band Booster Club** – Band Football Stand – November 28, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.*; **Taylor Lions Club** – Holiday Tournament – High School Gym - December 26-29, 2025*. 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. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to retain Christine Wydeen through the Ready to Learn Grant. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredick, and Fedor. ABSTAIN: Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign as Teacher Mentor from Elizabeth Dempsey. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to appoint Elizabeth Dessoie as Elementary Teacher Mentor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a pro-rated stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to allow the Riverside Band and Cheerleaders to participate in the Taylor Miracle on Main Street Parade on November 28, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to allow the Riverside Band and Cheerleaders to participate in the Scranton Santa Parade on November 22, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the attached Consulting Agreement between Edu Consult LLC and the Riverside School District. Roll call vote: YES, YES, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Nenish, Antoniaci McHugh, Meredith, and Fedor.

ABSTAIN: Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that Riverside’s scores continue to increase, and the high school has excelled in all state averages.

NEIU 19 Report – Mrs. Joyce reported on a Student Well-Being Symposium.

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish reported on all fall sports. The Cross Country team went to States for the first time in school history and took home the silver medal. Both boys and girls soccer teams won their divisions. Football and Girls Tennis both had successful seasons. The girls basketball booster club is sponsoring an alumni weekend, and the boys basketball booster club will be having a bingo fundraiser.

Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Luckasavage reported that everything is on schedule.

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on completed and on-gong projects. Danielle Paff was Metz’s employee of the month.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that we are looking forward to our next budget process. Health care costs, transportation, and NEIU costs are three top items.

Student Activities & Communications – Mrs. Meredick reported that our new website is up and running.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Brennan reported there is a veterans’ breakfast tomorrow at the high school sponsored by the National Honor Society. His student advisory group has started meeting this year. He reported that we will continue to find new ways to be more efficient and look for funding opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS – Mrs. Armstrong thanked the veterans in the audience. She congratulated Mary Burke and Marion Maurer on becoming new board members. She thanked Mrs. Meredick and Mr. Nenish for their service on the School Board. Ms. Antoniaci McHugh congratulated Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Fedor for being retained on the School Board. She thanked them for their service on the School Board. She also thanked Mrs. Meredick and Mr. Nenish for their service. Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported on our aides’ salaries compared to other districts.

OPEN – Lisa Balcerzak, Taylor, questioned the aides’ salaries. Board members responded. Michael McKeefery reported on the RYBA and the Vikings Elves. He congratulated the new board members and thanked Mrs. Meredick and Mr. Nenish for their service. He also stated that the co-op program is a good thing for the students.

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