

**AGENDA ITEMS**

May 20, 2026

1. Riverside School Board Meeting Minutes – 03/18/26 & 04/18/26  
(Motion #2)
2. List of Extra-Curricular Positions 2026-2027 (Motion #30)

Riverside Minutes  
Regular Meeting

March 18, 2026  
Riverside Administration Office

A Regular Meeting of the Riverside School Board was held on the above date in the Riverside Administration Office with Vice President Kobeski presiding and the following members present: Carol Armstrong, Mary Burke, Barbara Fedor, Linda Joyce, Laura Kobeski, Brandi Luckasavage, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Anthony Mattioli and Marion Maurer.

Also present was Paul M. Brennan and Attorney Moran.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to remove motion #12 from the amended board agenda, said motion pertaining to the hiring of a Junior High Assistant Coach. Roll call vote: All in favor. The agenda was amended and posted on March 19, 2026 to reflect this.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Maurer by to approve minutes of 18 February 2026 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve payrolls of 13 February 2026 of \$469,710.45 and 27 February 2026 of \$442,103.50. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Luckasavage to approve estimated payrolls of 13 March 2026 of \$455,000 and 27 March 2026 of \$460,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve Treasurer's Report for January 2026 and the un-reconciled ending balances for February 28, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Bryan Besecker as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Burke, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Brian Jones as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Burke, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Christopher Stecik as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Burke, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Corey Talerico as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Burke, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Ron Pavalonis as Football Junior High Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Burke, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Jessica McCauley as Junior High Cross Country Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Burke, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Amanda Talipski-Perechinsky as Unit Advisor effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Burke, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, and Fedor. ABSTAIN, Mattioli. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Maurer to post for two Spring Weightlifting Instructors effective the 2025-2026 school year at stipends established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 832 – Educational Equity – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading; 823 - Opioid Antagonist – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; and 246 – Wellness – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Ron Geise, Secondary Teacher, effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to post and advertise for the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year: Music Teacher, Chemistry Teacher, Elementary Teacher, and Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the Leave Request of Melissa DiStasi, Secondary Teacher, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Burke to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Paul Stefani, United Way – Community Resource Event – REW Multi-Purpose Room - April 11, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.\*; National Honor Society – Walk for Warriors – High School Track – April 26, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.\*; Lake Vikes Softball Booster Club – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – High School Cafeteria & Commons – April 1, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.\*; Spikes for Vikes – Volleyball Tournament –

High School Gym, Commons & Cafeteria – May 9, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 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. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the Leave Request of Meghan Borzell, Special Education Teacher, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Burke to enter into a contingent trading of facilities agreement with Riverfront Sports. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Dana Bozym as Aide. This position is 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch, at \$15.00 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Mina Ardestani as Principal at \$125,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside School District and the Riverside Education Association with mutual approval of District Solicitor and the UniServ Representative. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Luckasavage, Maurer, Armstrong, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Fedor, and Mattioli. ABSTAIN, Burke. MOTION CARRIED.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Moran reported that Plan Con is not being funded and that PDE is not reinforcing building code regulations. Mrs. Armstrong asked about any potential changes to the rule for posting the board meeting agenda to our website. Attorney Moran responds that it currently stands it does not apply singularly to school boards. That law was changed significantly around Thanksgiving of 2025 and it was eliminated.

Education Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that there will be a new reading series at Riverside Elementary West. She also reported that cursive writing will be added to the curriculum. She talked about Success by Six.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce reported on a 3-day school training, Improvement Practices (needs assessment) that was presented through NEIU 19.

Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Luckasavage reported that policies are up-to-date.

Maintenance Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on completed and on-going work orders.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh stating that work is being done on the budget. She talked about county assessment and new assessments.

Sports Committee – Mrs. Armstrong spoke about new coaches. She congratulated the basketball teams on a winning season.

Student Affairs Committee - None

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan thanked Ron Geise for his service to the District and wished him a happy retirement. He recognized student Tommy Schechterly on his silver state medal win in wrestling and student Landon Yarem on his participation in the regional spelling bee competition. He reported that a few 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Physical Science students participated in the PA Junior Academy of Science at Wilkes University. He also reported that the Read Across America activities were very successful this year. Mr. Brennan introduced newly-appointed

Superintendent Dan Gilroy to the audience. Mr. Gilroy stated he was excited to be back at Riverside.

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Labrosky, Taylor, asked about the Chief Advisor position and salary moving forward, including how the District will ensure accountability. The Board President mentioned that the position was approved by board action and is governed by a written agreement on file with the District. Mr. Labrosky questioned about having two positions. Mr. Brennan mentioned that grant writing is only one small part of his job description. Sarah Bowman, Moosic, encouraged others to rally around a current House and Senate Bill. Liza Balcerzak, Taylor, asked about a grant firm that was previously approved as a vendor with the District. She questioned the flexibility of the new Chief Advisor position. Ms. Antoniaci McHugh added that the work would be in tandem, as the vendor will help us to utilize and provide access to lobbyist firms. Although the Chief Advisor position is flexible, Mr. Brennan explained that his plan is to be in the office as much as possible as he was there today setting up his new office. Mimi Tilberry, Scranton, made public comments regarding the hiring process and selection for the Unit Advisor. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, questioned Mrs. Armstrong about having a relative working for the grant vendor and another relative working under contract at the District.

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

Riverside Minutes  
Regular Meeting

April 15, 2026  
Riverside Administration Office

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Teacher Louis Migal and secretary Michele Cantarella.

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Also present was Paul M. Brennan and Attorney Callejas.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – Morgan Chabala, Taylor, and Stephanie McGee, Taylor asked about posting for Principal and Vice Principal. Mr. Brennan responded. Stephanie Tilberry, Scranton, ask why her comment was not in the March 18 board meeting minutes. Mr. Brennan asked that Motion #2 be tabled until the May board meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve payrolls of 13 March 2026 of \$449,011.52 and 27 March 2026 of \$454,833.79. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve estimated payrolls of 10 April 2026 of \$451,000 and 24 April 2026 of \$452,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve Treasurer's Report for February 2026 and the un-reconciled ending balances for March 31, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Gerry Rose as Football Junior High Assistant Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Mohamed Ganim as Spring Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend to established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, and Mattioli. NO, Burke, Luckasavage, and Maurer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to appoint Ron Pavalonis as Spring Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend to established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Lucksavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to post for the following positions effective the 2026-2027 school year at stipends established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Athletic Director, Boys' Head Basketball Coach, Girls' Head Basketball Coach, and Equipment Manager. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar giving the Superintendent of Schools the authority to make adjustments. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Burke, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) High School and Elementary Programs to be held from June 23, 2026 through July 16, 2026. The programs will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ESY in-service day will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to post for the following Extended School Year (ESY) positions: 3 Elementary Autistic Support Teachers and 6 Aides; 1 Elementary Life Skills Teacher and 2 Aides; 1 High School/Middle School Life Skills/Learning Support Teacher and 2 Aides; and 1 Speech Therapist. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 823 – Opioid Antagonist – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading; 823 – Wellness – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; 808 – Food Services – 1<sup>st</sup> reading; and 237 – Electronic Devices – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED:** Key Club – Mini-THON Bingo Fundraiser – High School Cafeteria – May 3, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.\*; Lady Vikes Basketball Booster Club – Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser – High School Gyms – May 29, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.\*; Drama Club – Talent Show – High School Auditorium – May 30, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.\*; Vikings Helping Vikings – High School Auditorium, Gyms, Cafeteria, Commons, and Parking Lot – Annual VHV Summer Festival – May 30, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Set Up – May 29, 2026\*; CSBBH Summer Work Schedule & Summer Program – Riverside Elementary East – Multi-Purpose Room/Library/Playground – June 22, 2026 – August 14, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.\*;

Jen Haggerty/Prima Elite Academy of Dance – Dance Recital - High School Auditorium – June 15, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.\*. Use is contingent upon adherence to the Use of Facilities Policy.

\*The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Maurer to enter into a contingent co-op wrestling agreement with West Scranton High School. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to enter into a contingent co-op girls' soccer agreement with Old Forge High School. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to allow the Riverside Band and Marching Units to participate in the Taylor Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to allow the Riverside Band to participate in the Scranton Armed Forces Day Parade on May 17, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Anita Davis, Aide, effective June 10, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to post for Aide effective 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to appoint Kayla Mickavicz as Assistant Unit Advisor effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage,

Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Antoniacci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Burke to approve the Extended Leave Request for Natalie Winters as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Burke to approve the Revised Leave Request for Josh Aniska as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Vito Quaglia, Principal, as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Maurer to post for Principal and Vice Principal. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to approve the Leave Request of Elaine Orzel, Secretary, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Kristin Samsell, Director of Special Education, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the SentinelOne 3-year Statewide Agreement offered through NEIU 19 and Capital Area Intermediate Unit. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Maurer to enter into an agreement with Miller Flooring (COSTARS vendor) for replacement of the high school gym floor. Roll call vote:  
All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to appoint Abigail Blaine as Elementary Teacher effective the 2026-2027 school year at Step 1, Bachelor's Column at a salary of \$48,270. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside School District and RESPA regarding summer hours. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Solicitor's Report - None

Education Committee – Mrs. Joyce stated that she attended the recent alumni event at the high school with Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Fedor. She congratulated Mrs. Morgan Chabala on a successful event.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce reported on the Early Intervention programs.

Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Luckasavage reported that policy guides are up-to-date.

Maintenance Committee – Mrs. Fedor reporting on completed and on-going projects. Joseph Gnall is the Metz employee of the month.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that the 2026-2027 budget is almost completed. The proposed 2026-2027 budget will be on the May agenda.

Sports Committee – Mrs. Armstrong congratulated the new spring weightlifting instructors. She congratulated the Power Lifting team on their success. She stated that we are looking for a Varsity Soccer coach.

Student Affairs Committee – Ms. Kobeski reported on a successful Casual Day Fundraiser.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported that the District will be closed on Friday, April 17, 2026, to allow employees to attend funeral services for Michele Cantarella. A make-up day will be added on to the end of the 2025-2026 school calendar. He also reported on the passing of a 40-year former teacher, Louis Migal. He reported on plans to replace the current high school gym floor. He reported on Nico Antoniaci and Brayden Rose being named to All Regions, Brayden n Rose has received 15 D-1 football offers to date, and Tommy Schechterly was named wrestler of the year and All Regional. He congratulated Mrs. Morgan Chabala on the success of the recent alumni event at the high school. He thanked both Kristin Samsell and Vito Quaglia for their work at the District and wishes them well on their retirement.

OLD BUSINESS - Mrs. Fedor reported that she received a thank you card from Old Forge student Ryan DeMarco.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Student Mady Owens, Taylor, discussed her project as the new Miss Viking. Mr. Brennan asked Mady about working on a second project as Miss Viking. Kristen Samsell thanked everyone for her time at Riverside. Michael McKeffery, Moosic, talked about the VHV Summer Festival.

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

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS 2026-2027**

ART CLUB ADVISOR  
AV CLUB ADVISOR  
BOOK CLUB ADVISOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE/KEY CLUB ADVISOR  
DRAMA CLUB ADVISOR  
e-SPORTS CLUB ADVISOR  
ELEMENTARY AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION MONITOR  
FRESHMAN CLASS ADVISOR  
FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA  
HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR  
JUNIOR CLASS ADVISOR  
JUNIOR CLASS ADVISOR  
MASS MEDIA ADVISOR  
POWER LIFTING CLUB ADVISOR  
PUBLIC RELATIONS - ELEMENTARY  
7th & 8th GRADE ADVISOR  
SCHOLASTIC COMPETITION ADVISOR  
STEM CLUB ADVISOR  
SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR  
SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR  
SKI CLUB ADVISOR  
SOPHOMORE CLASS ADVISOR  
SPRING PLAY ADVISOR  
SPRING PLAY ADVISOR  
SPRING PLAY ADVISOR  
STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR - EAST  
STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR - HS  
STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR - WEST  
VIKING NATION CLUB ADVISOR  
WORLD LANGUAGES CLUB  
YEARBOOK ADVISOR  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR - GUIDANCE  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR - HEALTH & FINE ARTS  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR - LANGUAGE ARTS  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR - MATHEMATICS  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR - SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR - SOCIAL STUDIES