Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

May 21, 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 Antoniacci McHugh, Anthony Mattioli and Marion Maurer.

Also present was Paul M. Brennan and Attorney Callejas.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve minutes of 18 March 2026 and April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Burke to approve payrolls of 10 April 2026 of $468,019.47 and 24 April 2026 of $446,501.99. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniacci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Burke to approve estimated payrolls of 8 May 2026 of $452,000 and 22 May 2026 of $452,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve Treasurer's Report for March 2026 and the un-reconciled ending balances for April 30, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Daniel Digwood as Athletic Director effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Josh Aniska as Boys' Basketball Head Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion to appoint Jamie Armillay as Girls' Basketball Head Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Jarad Bonda as Equipment Manager effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend established per 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. Maurer to post for the following positions effective the 2026-2027 school year at stipends established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach; Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach; Boys' Junior High Basketball Coach; Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach; Girls' Junior High Basketball Coach.

Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to post for Seasonal Maintenance Workers. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Marching Units/Cheer** – Cheer Camp - High School Gymnasium/Cafeteria – August 1 & 2, 2026 - 12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.***; Marching Units/Cheer** – Community Pep Rally – Football Field – August 27, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*; **Miss Viking 2027** – “My Awareness Game” Fundraiser Table – Football Field – Home Football Games*. 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: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 246 – Wellness – 3rd reading; 808 – Food Services – 2nd reading; 237 – Electronic Devices – 2nd reading; 252 – Dating Violence – 1st reading; and 903 – Public Comment in Board Meetings – 1st reading. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint William Carlin as ESY Teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Bianca Gifford as ESY Teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Heather DeNinno as ESY Teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Jessica Millan as ESY Teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Shelby Slaboda as ESY Teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniacci McHugh to appoint Lori Bradley as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Hayley Brower as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to appoint Sophie Fretz as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Emily Gilmartin as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Erica Hann as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to appoint Jordyn Kudzinowski as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Beverly Leasure as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Maureen Luther as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to appoint Paige Olanovich as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Antonella Telipski as ESY Aide effective the 2025-2026 school year. An aide rotation and assignments will be provided by the Special Education Director. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to post for the attached list of extra-curricular positions effective the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to appoint Jessica Cerra as Elementary Teacher effective the 2026-2027 school year at Step 1, Master’s Column at a salary of $50,366. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Antoniacci McHugh, seconded by Ms. Maurer to Authorize the (H/F 7-18) homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of ACT 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayers Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006). Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to authorize the District to apply for the COPS grant and the STOP grant through the BJA. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Burke to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Ian Davis, Aide, effective May 8, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to allow the Riverside Marching Band to participate in the 125th Year of Duryea parade on May 30, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to hire Toni Oustrich as Vice-Principal of the Riverside School District at a salary of $82,000 as of the release of their current contract. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to authorize the District to enter into an agreement with Subject.AI for the provision of additional cyber school services, subject to final review and approval by the District Solicitor and Superintendent. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Barbara Chisdock, Technology Coordinator, effective August 31, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the Leave Request of Nicole Cantarella, Speech Therapist, 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. Armstrong to approve the Elementary ELA Curriculum through Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint Emily Henning as Music 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, Antoniacci McHugh, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to enter into an Athletic Cooperative Agreement with Old Forge School District. This motion is pending review by the District Solicitor and Superintendent. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to post for the following teachers effective the 2026-2027 school year: Special Education Teacher, Speech Therapist, and Part-Time Speech Therapist. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to adopt the Board Resolution authorizing the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application on behalf of the Riverside School District with no matching funds. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to adopt the district's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year showing estimated expenditures in the amount of $33,553,826.27 requiring a milage rate of 9.23. The proposed budget will be available for public inspection on the Riverside School District website or by emailing the Business Manager. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Education Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported on the year of the school year and upcoming graduation.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce reported on various areas.

Board Policy Committee - None

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

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniacci McHugh reported on the upcoming budget. She also reported on our bond issue. We went from an A2 to an A1, which is a significant upgrade.

Sports Committee – None

Student Affairs Committee - None

Solicitor's Report - None

Superintendent's Report - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lisa Balcerzak, Taylor, asked about the grant money for Mr. Brennan's salary. She questioned spending monies for Mr. Brennan's salary and not having enough money for better salaries for our para-educators.

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