

AGENDA ITEMS

September 24, 2026

1. Riverside School Board Meeting Minutes – 08/20/26 (Motion #2)

A Regular Meeting of the Riverside School Board was held on the above date in the SKOLastic Commons at the Riverside Jr-Sr High School with President Mattioli presiding and the following members present: Carol Armstrong, Mary Burke, Barbara Fedor, Linda Joyce, Laura Kobeski, Brandi Luckasavage, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, and Marion Maurer.

Also present was Daniel L. Gilroy and Attorney Larry Moran.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – Rich Rainey addressed the recent tax bills. Attorney Moran also spoke on taxes. Frank Bergamino, George Brown, Lois Graham, Judy Hurley and Kim Owens, all of Taylor, and Joanne Nunzio, Marietta Urban, and Donna Worth, all of Moosic, had questions about taxes. Dr. Gilroy gave his monthly Superintendent report (see attached).

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve minutes of June 25, 2026 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 5 June 2026 of \$469,293.35, 19 June 2026 of \$464,159.64, 3 July 2026 of \$448,714.24, 17 July 2026 of \$432,202.80, and 31 July 2026 of \$432,037.15. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve estimated payrolls of 14 August 2026 of \$422,000 and 28 August 2026 of \$428,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve Treasurer's Reports for May 2026 and June 2026 and the un-reconciled ending balances for July 31, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, 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. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Jessica Connor as Long-Term Substitute Special Education 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. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint the list of mentors for newly appointed teachers effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$1,254.50 each.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint James R. Tucker as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year 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 Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Burke to appoint Stephen Kulikowski as Soccer Head Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year 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 Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Chase Whetstone as Assistant Soccer Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year 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 Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the list of extra-curricular positions effective the 2026-2027 school year at stipends established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to post for two (2) Fall Weightlifting Instructors effective the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$800 each. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to comply with Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 as mandated by the USDA Food and Nutrition Department and set lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year at follows: High School Lunch – Free; High School Breakfast – Free; Elementary Lunch – Free; and Elementary Breakfast – Free. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the 2026-2027 membership with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the 2026-2027 Student Assistant Program (SAP) Letter of Agreement between NEIU and the Riverside School District. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 252 – Dating Violence – 3rd reading; 903 – Public Comment in Board Meetings – 3rd reading; 214 – Class Rank – 2nd reading; 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying – 2nd reading; and 916 – School Volunteers – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the posting for District-Wide Telecommunications, Internet Services, and Internal Connection for the 2027-2028 school year on the USAC School and Libraries website as per E-Rate grant guidelines. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by L. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Title III Consortium Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside School District and the NEIU 19. ON THE QUESTION: Ms. Burke had questions on this motion. Dr. Gilroy responded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Riverside Cheer Booster Club** – Community Yard Sale – High School Parking Lot – August 9, 2026 – 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*; **Taylor Borough** – 250 Year Celebration – High School Parking Lot (parking only) – August 30, 2026 – 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.*; **Mina Ardestani** – Substitute Open House – High School – August 29, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*; **Mina Ardestani** – Back to School BBQ – High School Grounds/Parking Lot – September 3, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.*; **Riverside Vikings PTA** – Monthly Meetings - REE Multi-Purpose Room – Dates/times listed on the Application for Use of School Facility* 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 Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the Leave Request of Terry Fitzmaurice, Aide, 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. Maurer to approve the Leave Request of Sophie Fretz, Aide, as outlined in her letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Armstrong to approve the Letter of Intent to Resign from Nicole Brush, LPC, effective August 31, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve contracts for three Licensed Professional Counselors Samantha Carlin, Shannon Wells, and to be determined. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the revised 2026 School Board Meeting Schedule. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Megan Kielar as Long-Term Substitute 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 Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Public and Non-Public Bus Routes for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve Krise bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year. Proper clearances, insurance, and paperwork will be processed through Krise. Krise should notify Scott Pentasuglio if any clearances are in question or if a potential change occurs. Krise will also provide Riverside School District access to the clearances of their drivers. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Burke to approve contracted drivers to provide transportation for the 2026-2027 school year at rates outlined in the District's transportation salary schedule. Drivers 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.

Education Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that we are getting ready for the new school year. We have new administration, new faculty, and a curriculum enhancement.

NEIU 19 – Mrs. Joyce reported that every one is getting in place. There was a second strategic plan discussion and new training modules are being offered.

Board Policy Committee – None

Maintenance Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on new, completed, and on-going projects. She thanked the seasonal maintenance summer help workers.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported on the budget.

Sports Committee – Dr. Gilroy referred to his Superintendent's report where he discussed the fall sports teams.

Student Affairs Committee – None

Solicitor's Report - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lois Graham, Taylor, asked about students' schedules. Kim Owens, Taylor, had questions about the pep rally.

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

I attended a state seminar addressing updates to the Pennsylvania School Code and their potential impact on school districts during the 2026–2027 school year. The session provided important information related to district compliance, safety, student services, and operational responsibilities. [penncapital-star](https://penncapital-star.com/education/pa-public-school-code-puts-a-priority-on-student-safety-mental-health/)

I met with staff responsible for business operations, food service, compliance, child accounting, office responsibilities, mental-health supports, and special education. These meetings provided an opportunity to review departmental work, discuss current needs, identify priorities, and ensure continuity during leadership transitions.

I also had the opportunity to meet with Kristin Lee from *The Scranton Times*. I appreciate the time she took to learn about Riverside School District and the very positive and kind words included in the published article. The article was well done, reflected positively on the district, and provided a meaningful introduction to the Riverside community.

I am especially pleased that both the boys' and girls' golf teams have started their seasons and are off to a strong start. Our soccer, cross-country, and football programs have also begun practicing and will soon begin their respective seasons. I appreciate the work of our coaches, student-athletes, families, athletic staff, and school personnel as they prepare for another successful fall season.

Finally, I met with a representative from State Representative Marty Flynn's office regarding the Student Ambassador Program to help ensure Riverside School District will again be represented in the program for a third consecutive year. This is an important opportunity for our students to develop leadership skills, represent the district, and engage in civic learning.

I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Board, our employees, students, families, and community partners throughout the school year.

Monthly Activity Agenda

July 2

Met with the Technology Department and received an update on district technology, systems, and operational needs.

July 6

Visited Dave Walsh at his building to discuss building-level needs and operations.

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Visited Nicole Vanluvender at her building to discuss building-level needs and operations.

July 7

Met with Barb, Director of IT, to review technology operations and priorities.

July 8

Met with Scott Pentasuglio, Director of Compliance, to review compliance-related responsibilities and needs.

July 8

Met with IT staff to review districtwide camera systems, including coverage, functionality, and future needs.

July 9

Was formally sworn in as Superintendent.

July 9

Met with the presidents and representatives of both employee unions.

July 13

Met with Brianne West to discuss office-related work and operational responsibilities throughout the district.

July 13

Met with Rainy to discuss the Business Manager role and district financial matters.

July 14

Met with Ariel and the Food Service Department to review operations and departmental needs.

July 20

Met with the outgoing and incoming Special Education Directors to support a smooth leadership transition and continuity of services.

July 20

Met with all building principals and assistant principals to discuss district priorities and school-year readiness.

July 20

Met with Kristin Lee from *The Scranton Times*.

July 20

Met with Secretary Gilda to review district roles, responsibilities, and child-accounting processes.

July 21

Met with Kelly Kundula to review her district role, responsibilities, and expectations.

August 5

Met with Chief Janesko of the Moosic Police Department to discuss school safety, security, emergency coordination, and the department's partnership with Riverside School District.

August 6

Met with the district's outside grant-management lead to discuss upcoming grant opportunities and potential facilities-related support.

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Met with Chief Holland of the Taylor Police Department to discuss school safety, security, emergency coordination, and the department's partnership with Riverside School District.

August 12

Attended a state seminar addressing Pennsylvania School Code updates and their effect on school districts during the 2026–2027 school year. [penncapital-star](<https://penncapital-star.com/education/pa-public-school-code-puts-a-priority-on-student-safety-mental-health/>)

August 13

Met with Tina to discuss the district's mental-health program, its direction, current needs, and value to students and the district.

August 19

Met with a representative from State Representative Marty Flynn's office regarding the Student Ambassador Program and Riverside School District's participation for a third consecutive year.

August

Recognized the start of the boys' and girls' golf seasons. Both teams are off to a strong start.

August

Recognized the beginning of soccer, cross-country, and football practices as those teams prepare for their fall seasons.

Board Highlights

- Met with district and building leadership to support school-year readiness and align districtwide priorities.
- Reviewed district technology systems and camera coverage as part of operations and school-safety planning.
- Established and strengthened communication with Chief Janesko of the Moosic Police Department and Chief Holland of the Taylor Police Department.
- Met with employee-union representatives to begin a productive working relationship.
- Reviewed Business Office, Food Service, Child Accounting, Compliance, Special Education, Mental Health, and office operational needs.
- Discussed upcoming grant opportunities and potential facilities-related support with the district's outside grant-management lead.
- Attended a state seminar concerning Pennsylvania School Code updates and district compliance responsibilities. [penncapital-star](<https://penncapital-star.com/education/pa-public-school-code-puts-a-priority-on-student-safety-mental-health/>)

- Appreciated the positive *Scranton Times* article and the thoughtful coverage of Riverside School District.
- Met with a representative from State Representative Marty Flynn's office to support Riverside's continued participation in the Student Ambassador Program for a third consecutive year.
- Celebrated the strong start of boys' and girls' golf, as well as the upcoming soccer, cross-country, and football seasons.