AGENDA ITEMS November 19, 2026

1. Riverside School Board Meeting Minutes – 10/22/26 (Motion #2)

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

October 22, 2026
Administration Office

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

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS - None

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve minutes of 24 September 2026 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli. ABSTAIN, Burke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve payrolls of 11 September 2026 of $438,033.14 and 25 September 2026 of $517,231.44. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli. NO, Burke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve estimated payrolls of 9 October 2026 of $440,000 and 23 October 2026 of $445,000. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli. NO, Burke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve Treasurer's Report for August 2026 and the unreconciled balances as of September 30, 2026. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli. NO, Burke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve and pay bills when found correct and funds are available. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli. NO, Burke. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to post for the following positions effective the 2026-2027 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 Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 916 – School Volunteers – 3rd reading; 208.1 – Drop Out Prevention – 2nd reading; 008 – Organizational Chart Policy – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): High School Student Council/Key Club – Homecoming Dance – Riverside High School Cafeteria and Commons – October 24, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.*; RYBA – Youth League Basketball Games & Trainings – High School Gyms & East Gym – Year-Round (as available)*; Scott Pentasuglio, Federal Programs – Annual Federal Programs Parent Meeting/Family Math & Reading – Riverside Elementary West Multi-Purpose

Room – November 17, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.*; Taylor American Legion Auxiliary – Children's Christmas Party – Riverside High School Cafeteria – December 12, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.*; Taylor Lions Club – Holiday Tournament – Riverside High School Gym - December 26-29, 2026*; NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Moosic Youth Center School of Dance – Annual Dance Recital – Riverside High School Auditorium – May 8, 2027 – 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Dress Rehearsal) and May 9, 2027 – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Dance Recital). *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 Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the Leave Request of Lisa Micciche Tucker 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 accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Dana Bozym, Aide, effective October 13, 2026. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Jessica Piasecki as Aide. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid and ½ hour unpaid lunch, at $15.50 per hour. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to appoint Sandra Brady as Aide. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid and ½ hour unpaid lunch, at $15.50 per hour. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to appoint Meghan Borzell as Temporary IEP Writer. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Maurer to approve the Leave Request of William Pabst, Secondary Teacher, as outlined in his letter on file in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Ms. Burke to approve the Leave Request of Samantha Carlin, LPC, 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, with gratitude, to accept a charitable donation from The Kevin Harchar Family Foundation for the donation and renovation of a new boys' basketball locker room. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the engagement letter of Barbetti McHale, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, to perform Riverside School District's financial statement audits and Single Audits, and provide related financial reporting services, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, at a fee of $28,000 per year, in accordance with the engagement letter dated September 24, 2026, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the engagement letter. Roll call vote: All in favor

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to approve an increase of $15 per day in the daily pay rate for substitute teachers, effective November 2, 2026. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli.

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Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Kobeski to appoint the list of teacher mentors. ON THE QUESTION: Mrs. Armstrong asked that the mentors be identified. Dr. Gilroy responded that the mentors are Heather DeNinno, Jennifer Schuback, and Judy Watkins. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong to approve the submission of Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application No. 10821954 for a pedestrian safety improvement project at Riverside Elementary East. The proposed project will address pedestrian safety and accessibility at locations where borough streets intersect with District entrances and exits. If awarded, the Riverside School District will be responsible for the required 30% local match. ON THE QUESTION: Mrs. Armstrong asked what the cost and match numbers are. Dr. Gilroy responded that the estimated cost is $709,980 with a 30% match of $212,994. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Burke, Fedor, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the submission of Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application No. 10822098 for a connectivity and pedestrian safety improvement project at Riverside Jr./Sr. High School. The proposed project includes sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, roadway improvements, and traffic signal and signage enhancements designed to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity in and around the school campus and connecting neighborhood. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Kobeski, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Leave Request of Dana Martin, Speech-Language Pathologist, 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 Resolution between the Riverside School District and Motley Rice, LLC. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Maurer to appoint William Pabst as FBLA Club 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, Maurer, and Mattioli.

Education Committee & NEIU Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that Riverside School District participated in the Act 80 training on October 12th at the NEIU. Several local school districts participated.

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

Maintenance Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on the Board Retreat that was held on October 21st. Mr. Mattioli stated that the retreat was a very nice event.

Finance Committee - None

Sports Committee – Dr. Gilroy reported on our fall sports teams.

Student Affairs Committee – None

Solicitor's Report – None

Superintendent's Report – See attached

Principal David Walsh reported on all the events at East that have happened since the start of the 2026-2027 school year. He also reported on upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Mattioli reported that the Viking Elves program will not be available this year. An alternative program is being planned.

OPEN - Mr. Mattioli asked Attorney Moran to discuss the recent county tax reassessment. Attorney Moran responded that Riverside's school taxes increased due to the recent county tax reassessment. Ken Mickavicz, Taylor, questioned whether or not Riverside raised taxes. A lengthy discussion took place between Mr. Mickavicz and Attorney Moran. Becky Buffton, Taylor, had several questions about different motions. Dr. Gilroy, Attorney Moran, and Mr. Mattioli responded.

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

Riverside School District

Superintendent's Report — October 2026

District Operations

As part of my ongoing review of daily district operations, I visited West Elementary and East Elementary to observe morning arrival, including student drop-off and bus procedures. I plan to continue observing morning operations at the high school and will visit all three schools in the coming weeks to review lunch and dismissal procedures. These visits provide an opportunity to see our routines firsthand and identify areas that may benefit from additional attention or support.

Municipal and Community Partnerships

I had the opportunity to meet with the mayor of Moosic to discuss the strong partnership between the school district and the borough and how we can continue working together. I also plan to meet with both the Taylor and Moosic borough councils, as well as the mayor of Taylor, hopefully during November. These meetings will allow me to introduce myself, put a face with the name, and continue strengthening relationships between the district and our municipal partners.

I attended the Scranton Chamber of Commerce's new-member welcome breakfast. The Chamber and the school district continue to be strong partners, and I look forward to building on that relationship in ways that benefit both organizations and the community we serve.

School Safety

The high school conducted its state-required lockdown safety drill during the past month. The drill went well.

Professional Development

Riverside School District was one of several districts from IU 19 that participated in a joint in-service day hosted at North Pocono High School. It was a successful day for those who attended and provided an opportunity for staff to participate in professional learning alongside colleagues from other districts.

Board and Administrative Collaboration

Board members and the administrative team participated in a Board retreat. Administrators had an opportunity to discuss current topics within their buildings, and Board members were able to ask questions and share concerns directly with the administrative team.

It was a productive evening of **collaboration** that reflected our shared commitment to moving the district forward and making Riverside a strong learning environment for every student.

Powerlifting Recognition

The Scranton Times featured a wonderful article highlighting our powerlifting team and the accomplishments associated with the program's success. It was an opportunity to recognize our students and bring positive attention to the district.

Fall Athletics

Our fall athletic teams are wrapping up their seasons or preparing for district playoff competition. The boys' cross-country team completed a perfect 22–0 season and will look to continue that success at the district level, with the goal of advancing to the state meet and competing for a state championship.

Scholastic Scrimmage

Our high school scholastic team has been competing in WVIA's Scholastic Scrimmage. The students are doing a fine job representing Riverside and showcasing the academic talent within our district.