

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

April 11, 2023
Riverside Administration Office

President Armstrong announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting.

Personnel and legal issues were discussed.

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, Leigh Ann Gasper, Linda Joyce, Joseph Labrosky, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Caryn Emiliani and Tara Meredick.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to approve minutes of 13 March 2023 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve payrolls of 3 March 2023 of \$407,419.93, 17 March 2023 of \$403,550.23, and 31 March 2023 of \$404,008.81. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve estimated payrolls of 14 April 2023 of \$410,000 and 28 April 2023 of \$412,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve Treasurer's Report for February 2023 and the un-reconciled ending balances for March 31, 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve and pay bills when found correct and funds are available. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar giving the Superintendent of Schools the authority to make adjustments. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to appoint Amy Juba as Aide. This position is for 6 hours per day, 5 ½ hours paid, ½ hour unpaid lunch at \$13.25 per hour. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Karen Reyes as Part-Time Translator. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to appoint Marty Gramigna as Spring Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend to be established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Charles Grande as Spring Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend to be established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to appoint Jonathan Slocum as Junior High Soccer Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend to be established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to post for the following positions effective the 2023-2024 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. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Extended School Year (ESY)

High School and Elementary Programs to be held from June 20, 2023 through July 13, 2023.

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 19, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to post for the following Extended School Year

(ESY) positions: 2 Elementary Autistic Support/Learning Support Teachers and 4 Aides; 1

Elementary Life Skills Teacher and 2 Aides; 1 High School Life Skills/Learning Support

Teacher and 1 Aide; and 1 Speech Therapist. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Labrosky, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to allow the Riverside Band and

Marching Units to participate in the Taylor Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2023. Roll call

vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities

Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED: Riverside Vikings PTA** – Riverside Elementary East Multi-Purpose Room – PTA Meeting – April 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*; **National Honor Society:** Football Stadium - Veterans Walk for Warriors – April 15, 2023 – 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*; **Riverside Art Club:** High School Commons - Paint Night Fundraiser – April 28, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*; **Riverside Boys’ Basketball:** High School Gyms – Youth Basketball Camp – June 13 – 16, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*; **Riverside Lady Vikes Basketball:** High School Gyms – Youth Basketball Camps – June 19 – 22, 2023 & July 31 – August 2, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*; **Vikings Helping Vikings:** Football Stadium/Field House – Annual VHV Summer Festival – June 3, 2023 - Set Up – June 2, 2023*; **Lady Vikes Softball Booster Club:** High School Cafeteria – 4th – 6th Grade Dance – May 5, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*; **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED: Act Out Theatre:** High School Auditorium – May 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18 & 19, 2023 – Musical/Play; **Taylor Senior Citizens Group:** High School Auditorium – May 4, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. - Meet the Candidates. 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. Gasper to approve the Flexible Instructional Days (FIDS) Future Ready Comprehensive Planning procedure. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Policy Guides:

234 - Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students; 255 - Educational Stability for Students in Foster Care; 509 - Assignment & Transfers; 525 - Dress & Grooming; 806.1 - Megan’s Law; 814 - Copyright Material; 818 - Contracted Services Personnel; and 918 - Title I Parental Involvement.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the attached Waiver in Lieu of Expulsion for student #292117. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to enter into a trading of facilities agreement with Riverfront Sports. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to enter into a co-op for wrestling with West Scranton High School. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to enter into a co-op for girls' soccer with Old Forge High School. This motion is pending Superintendent and Solicitor review. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Assured Partners as the Broker of Record for Property, General, Crime, Auto, Excess, School Leaders, Worker's Compensation, Risk Management, Student Accident, Cyber and Active Shooter Policies. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the attached Transportation Service Agreement between the Riverside School District and Reliable, Inc. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the attached Student Transportation Services Contract between the Riverside School District and Red Top Transportation, Inc.

Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to approve the Settlement Agreement between the Riverside School District and the parents of Student #231147. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski thanked Ms. Antoniaci McHugh for her time and effort with the work involved in motion 24. He talked about motions 25 and 26 and the importance of having transportation available for the 100 students who need private transportation. The new copiers were installed today. The new copiers will result in a yearly \$42,000 savings to the District. The pole barn project is moving along quickly. The High School Library project should be completed by the end of April.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that the Elementary Data Team is in the process of reviewing curriculum. This process will take approximately one year to facilitate and investigate other curriculums.

Facilities Committee Report – Mrs. Fedor gave an updated on completed and on-going project. Metz employee of the month was Dave Arneil.

Finance Committee Report – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that the last two months has been spend working on reviewing our insurance coverages. Work will now start on the budgetary review.

Athletic Committee Report – Mr. Nenish highlighted his support of both the girls' soccer and wrestling co-op opportunities.

NEIU 19 Report –No report

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported that we have a 5th grade nationally recognized champion wrestling student as well as a new transfer student from West Scranton who is a wrestler. Mr. Brennan stated that we currently do not have any girls on our co-ed soccer team. A recent student survey showed interest for girls playing soccer. Mr. Brennan explained motion 18. He also explained that motions 14 and 15 were for Extended School Year for our students who have IEPs. He stated that he will be meeting with the Academic Committee and principals this week in order to determine staffing needs for next school year. He also discussed foreign exchange student opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

OPEN - None

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