

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

August 14, 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, Tara Meredith, and Dan Nenish. Absent: Caryn Emiliani

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve minutes of June 19, 2023

Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve payrolls of 9 June 2023 of \$433,996.53, 23 June 2023 of \$425,083.50, 7 July 2023 of \$395,539.74, and 21 July 2023 of \$401,772.18. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to approve estimated payrolls of 4 August 2023 of \$405,000 and 18 August 2023 of \$410,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve Treasurer's Reports for May 2023 and June 2023 and the un-reconciled ending balances for July 31, 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredick 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. Gasper to appoint Elizabeth Tinney as Chemistry Teacher at Step 1, Master's Column, at a salary of \$48,066 effective the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Corie Clark as Special Education Teacher at Step 1, Bachelor's Column, at a salary of \$45,970 effective the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Olivia Lange as Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher at Step 1, Bachelor's Column at a pro-rated salary of \$45,970. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to post for two Teacher Mentors effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of \$1,214.50 each: Chemistry Teacher Mentor and Secondary Special Education Teacher Mentor. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint as Sadie Gutierrez as Aide effective the 2023-2024 school year. 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 Mrs. Gasper to appoint as Lisa Kozichuk as Aide effective the 2023-2024 school year. 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 Mrs. Meredick to appoint as Breelyn McCode as Aide effective the 2023-2024 school year. 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 Mr. Nenish to appoint as Mikayla Mendez as Aide effective the 2023-2024 school year. 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 Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to post for two (2) Fall Weightlifting Instructors effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of \$800 each. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Meredick 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 2023-2024 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 Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the Settlement Agreement between the Riverside School District and the parent of Student #231145. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the 2023-2024 Provider Agreement between the Riverside School District and Northeast PA Center for Independent Living (MyCIL). Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the posting for District-Wide Telecommunications, Internet Services, and Internal Connection for the 2024-2025 school year on the USAC School and Libraries website as per E-Rate grant guidelines. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign from Cecilia Paroby, Translator, effective July 27, 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(s): **SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT(S):** REE Student Council/Taylor Public Library - Bonfire/Trunk or Treat Event – Riverside Jr-Sr High Parking Lot, Upper Practice Field, and Commons - October 21, 2023 – 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm*; Terrance Insalaca (Riverside student) – High School Gymnasium & Commons – Blood Drive in memory of Nathan Smith (Eagle Scout Service Project) – September 16, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*; **NON-SCHOOL**

SPONSORED EVENT(S): Taylor Borough – Chiefs of Police Association – High School Cafeteria – Civic Service Written Examination – August 26, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 Mrs. Gasper to approve the MOU between REA and RESPA and the Riverside School District regarding tuition waiver students. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement with PSBA. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the 2023-2024 Student Assistant Program (SAP) Letter of Agreement between NEIU and the Riverside School District. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to accept the Letter of Intent to Resign as Football Assistant Coach from James Tucker. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint James Tucker as Freshman Football Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. This head coach will handle the Junior High football team duties. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to appoint Charles Grande as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Ted Jackson as Football Assistant Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year a stipend established as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the attached contract extension with Metz Culinary Management. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the attached Van Lease Agreement between the Riverside School District and Schlemmer Sales, Inc. Roll call vote: all in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the initiation of the application process for contracted school photographers with the objective of establishing a comprehensive list of eligible photographers for future school events and activities. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski commended the Board on passing Motion #29.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported on new Reading and Language Arts programs at East, new Math programs at East and West, scheduling at the High School, and the new High School SKOLastic Commons. She also reported on an increase in the number of students participating in the Band.

Athletic Committee - None

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported that preparations for back to school are ahead of schedule.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that the State has approved the District's budget. Work was finalized on the Metz Culinary Management contract. Work will continue on the food service contract, bus contract, and the REA contract.

NEIU 19 Report – Mrs. Joyce provided an informational handout from the NEIU. She reported on various projects at the NEIU.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported on the SKOLastic Open House this Sunday, August 20, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Audience member asked if the Board Minutes were on our website. Mr.

Drazdowski stated that the minutes will be available on our website within the next week.

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