

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, Linda Joyce, Brandi Luckasavage, Anthony Mattioli, Tara Meredick. Absent: Laura Kobeski, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, and Dan Nenish.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – Erin Todd, PSBA, presented Honor Roll School Board Service Awards to Carol Armstrong (25 years), Barbara Fedor (20 years), Linda Joyce (15 years), and Mary Antoniaci McHugh (10 years) for their service and long-term contributions.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve minutes of August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve payrolls of 1 August 2025 of \$410,063.68, 15 August 2025 of \$407,769.77, and 29 August 2025 of \$404,406.93. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve estimated payrolls of 12 September 2025 of \$440,000 and 26 September 2025 of \$441,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve Treasurer's Reports for July 2025 and the unreconciled balances as of September 30, 2025. Roll call vote: All in favor.

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

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Ron Petrunich as Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Joyce, Meredith, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Harry Armstrong III as Fall Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Joyce, Meredith, Mattioli, and Fedor. ABSTAIN, Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to appoint Mohamed Ganim as Fall Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Joyce, Meredith, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong. NO, Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint as Elementary Teacher Mentor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Joyce, Meredith, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Melissa DiStasi as Special Education Teacher Mentor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Joyce, Meredick, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Heather Mahon as Spanish Teacher Mentor effective the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Luckasavage, Joyce, Meredick, Mattioli, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the attached list of extra-curricular positions effective the 2025-2026 school year at stipends established per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve the Public and Non-Public Bus Routes for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the attached list of Krise bus drivers for the 2025-2026 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 Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the attached list of contracted drivers to provide transportation for the 2025-2026 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.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve an Agreement for Title I services with NEIU 19 to serve a student at St. Mary's Mt. Carmel. Total cost is \$1,893 for the year unless other non-public Title I funds become available. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve the updated Riverside School District Safety Plan. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Luckasavage to approve the readings of the following Policy Guides: 113.4 – Confidential of Special Education Information – 3rd reading; 216.2 – Special Education Student Records – 3rd reading; 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children – 2nd reading; and 209.2 – Diabetes Management – 1st reading. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to approve the following Use of Facilities Event(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S): Taylor Borough** – Riverside Elementary West – Parking Lot/Grassy Area – Land the State Police Helicopter and parking for National Night Out event – October 4, 2025 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*; **REE Student Help Fund** - REE

Student Council/Taylor Public Library - Bonfire/Trunk or Treat Event – Riverside Jr-Sr High

Parking Lot, Upper Practice Field, and Commons - October 25, 2025 – 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*;

REE Student Help Fund – Bingo Fundraiser – Riverside East Multi-Purpose Room – November

9, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.* *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 Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the contract for the

Executive/Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of the Riverside School District. Roll

call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to authorize Atty. Raymond C. Rinaldi, II to

sign the attached stipulation for settlement filed to Lackawanna County Case number 6163 CV

2018. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve the Confidential Settlement

Agreement and Release between the Riverside School District and the parent of Student ID

#266794. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to approve tenure contracts for Meghan

Borzell, Katie Carlin, Bianca Gifford, Trisha Haffner, Mimi Tilberry, and Travis Toth having

completed three satisfactory years of teaching at Riverside School District. Roll call vote:

All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to post for a Part-Time Translator. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Mattioli to authorize the opening of a new account with the Pennsylvania Government Investment Trust for the investment of excess operating funds throughout the school year. The Board of Directors authorize the opening of an account with the Pennsylvania Government Investment Trust (PLIGIT) for purposes of investing excess operating funds, in accordance with Policy 609 and Section 440.1 of the Public School Codes of 1949 as amended and supplemented by Act 10 of 2016. In opening the account the Board authorizes Carol Armstrong to sign the Account Application and designates Paul Brennan and Richard Rainey to be authorized persons with online access to the account. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that PSSA scores show signs of growth for our students.

NEIU Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that trainings are always available at the NEIU. She discussed enrollment for the Learning Campus. The IU has a new auto shop where students can learn various types of jobs. The partial hospitalized program is now fully staffed. Mrs. Joyce reported that the IU honored Andrew Tewksbury for his 64 years of service as a school board member at Elk Lake School District.

Athletic Committee - None

Board Policy Committee – Mr. Mattioli recognized Scott Pentasuglio for doing a great job with the policy guides.

Facilities Committee - None

Finance Committee - None

Student Activities & Communications - None

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan reported that back to school went very smoothly. He reported that Janet Coombs has retired after 52 years of service (Riverside, Aramark, and Metz).

OLD BUSINESS – Mrs. Armstrong reported that our mental health program will be presenting at the PSBA annual conference. A proposal has also been submitted for the NSBA 2026 annual conference.

OPEN – Kelly Butler, Moosic, spoke about her son being accused of bullying. Mr. Brennan offered to meet with the parent and high school principals tomorrow morning. Ron Gallagher, Taylor, had questions about hiring and clearances. Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Brennan responded. Mary Burke, Taylor, had questions about the coaches for the junior high football team and hiring. Mrs. Armstrong responded. Marion Maurer, Moosic, questioned if someone could be hired and then fired if found guilty of a crime. Attorney Rinaldi responded. Daniel Roback had questions on this same topic. Attorney Rinaldi responded. Michael McKeefery, Moosic, talked about Vikings Helping Vikings. He thanked Mrs. Getts and Mr. Brennan for their help. He also talked about the RYBA season will be starting soon. He thanked Mr. Brennan, Mr. Digwood, Mr. Aniska, and Mr. Armillay for their work. He talked about the Viking Elves program. He publicly recognized Dan Nenish and Tara Meredick for their work. He thanked the school board and teachers for the Level Up Program. He congratulated the board members for their PSBA awards and for their work in the District. Mary Burke, Taylor, questioned Vikings Elves program and other programs in the District helping the same families. She suggested they all work together. Mr. McKeefery responded. Ms. Burke had questions about the cost of students attending Riverside. Mr. Brennan responded. She questioned the number of coaches' children who attend Riverside who do not live in the District. Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Brennan responded. Ms. Burke asked if a long-term substitute

teacher gets health benefits. Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Brennan responded. Ron Gallagher, Taylor, had questions on our bidding process. Mr. Brennan responded. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, talked about employment at Riverside and clearances. He wanted the August 11, 2025 board meeting minutes changed. Attorney Rinaldi responded that the minutes were already approved. Marion Maurer, Moosic, asked about speech teachers. Mr. Brennan responded.

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