

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 Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of 11 September 2023 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to approve payrolls of 1 September 2023 of \$382,608.31, 15 September 2023 of \$395,092.27, and 29 September 2023 of \$449,788.98. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve estimated payrolls of 13 October 2023 of \$405,000 and 27 October 2023 of \$406,000. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Labrosky, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve Treasurer's Report for August 2023 and the unreconciled balances as of September 30, 2023. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to approve and pay bills when found correct and funds are available. 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 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 Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to authorize Atty. Raymond C. Rinaldi, II to sign the attached stipulation for settlement filed to Lackawanna County Case number 2019 CV 4313. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the attached Health and Safety Plan. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the following Use of Facilities Request(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 7, 2023 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.\*; Taylor Borough – Civil Service Physical Agility



Exam – High School Track – October 28, 2023 – 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.\*; REE Student Help Fund – REE Multi-Purpose Room – Bingo Night Fundraiser – November 4, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.\*; National Honor Society – Veterans' Breakfast – Riverside High School Cafeteria – November 11, 2023 – 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.\*; National Honor Society – Induction – Riverside High School Auditorium – November 12, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.\*; VHV – Riverside Elementary West – Distribute food and gifts to Riverside Students – December 16, 2023 (alternate date December 17, 2023) – 8:00 a.m. – 10 p.m.\*; CSBBH Annual Christmas Party – Riverside High School Cafeteria – December 20, 2023 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.\*; Taylor Lions Club – Riverside High School Gym – Holiday Basketball Tournament – December 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2023\*; Riverside Youth Basketball Association – High School Main and Auxiliary Gyms – November 4, 2023 – March 16, 2024 (Saturdays) – 10 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. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Labrosky to appoint the positions listed in Attachment A (excluding Dram Club Advisor and 3 Spring Play Advisors). Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Nenish to post for the positions listed in Attachment B. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Gasper to approve a tenure contract for Caitlin Mattioli having completed three satisfactory years of teaching at Riverside School District. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to accept the bid from Scranton Electric for the installation of two boilers at the Riverside High School and one boiler at Elementary East. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to post for a Secondary Science Teacher. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Gasper, seconded by Mrs. Labrosky to approve the following substitute employees: Danielle Sosa, Taylor – substitute nurse and Diane Foley, Taylor – substitute secretary and aide. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mrs. Gasper to approve the attached Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Riverside School District and the Riverside Education Association. Roll call vote: YES, Gasper, Joyce, Antoniaci McHugh, Labrosky, Nenish, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski thanked Ms. Antoniaci McHugh and the REA Union President on the early bid REA contract.

Solicitor's Report - None

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported that PSSA scores are being evaluated. She congratulated teachers Cris Toraldo and Greg Davis on their participation in Friday's NEIU program at the Radisson.



NEIU 19 Report – Mrs. Joyce reported that some IU employees are being trained to be certified as Act 55 safety trainers. Early Intervention at the IU has completed steps for two para-Professionals to be emergency certified as substitute elementary teachers.

Athletic Committee - None

Facilities Committee – Mrs. Fedor reported on completed projects.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh thanked the administration and solicitor for their work on the teacher contract extension.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan was proud to take the faculty to the new collar economy training at the Radisson. He also thanked Greg Davis and Cris Toraldo for speaking at the training. Mr. Brennan thanked Mr. Drazdowski, Ms. Antoniaci McHugh, Mike Kolessar, Heather Mahon, and Bill Pabst for their work on the teacher contract extension. He was proud that we have a good working rapport with our teachers. He also talked about the Health and Safety Plan and that it is tied to ESSER funds. He stated that Motion 15 was needed as we moved Travis Toth to the Computer Science/STEM teacher position.

OLD BUSINESS – None

OPEN – Hillary Pope, Taylor had questions about ESSER funds. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Drazdowski replied. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor asked Mrs. Armstrong to repeat Motion 13. He wished everyone well in the upcoming election.

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