

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

December 4, 2023
Riverside High School

The Reorganization Meeting of the Riverside School Board was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Riverside Jr-Sr High School SKOLastic Commons with the following members present: Carol Armstrong, Barbara Fedor, Tara Meredick, and Dan Nenish.

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

Motion to adjourn sine die. YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Meredick, and Nenish.

Motion by Mrs. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Nenish pursuant to Section 402 of the PA School Code of 1949 to appoint Tara Meredick, a hold-over Board Member, as President Pro-Tempore of the 4 December 2023 organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the Riverside School District. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Meredick, and Nenish.

Tara Meredick assumed the chair as President Pro-Tempore.

President Pro-Tempore, Tara Meredick, as pursuant to Section 402 of the School Code, called for the presentation of certificates of election by all persons claiming to have been duly elected at the 2023 General Election held on November 7, 2023 namely Linda Joyce, Laura Kobeski, Brandi Luckasavage, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, and Anthony Mattioli.

Pursuant to and as required by Section 402 of the President Pro-Tempore, Tara Meredick, Secretary read aloud each certificate of election as per the attached. The Oath of Office required

by Section 321 of the School Code was administered by Magisterial District Judge George E. Seig.

Motion by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Nenish pursuant to Section 402 and Section 433 of the School Code of 1949 to approve and accept the attached “Certified list of legally elected and duly qualified school directors of the Riverside School District” as presently constituted and to instruct the Secretary to attach a certified copy thereof to the official minutes. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Luckasavage, seconded by Ms. Kobeski pursuant to Section 404 of the School Code of 1949 to nominate and elect Anthony Mattioli as President of the Board of Directors of the Riverside School District for a one (1) year term. Roll call vote: YES, Nenish, Kobeski, Luckasavage, and Mattioli. NO, Armstrong, Fedor, Meredick, Joyce, and Antoniaci McHugh. MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Fedor pursuant to Section 404 of the School Code of 1949 to nominate and elect Carol Armstrong as President of the Board of Director of the Riverside School District for a one (1) year term. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Meredick, Joyce, Antoniaci McHugh, and Nenish. NO, Kobeski, Luckasavage, and Mattioli. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Fedor pursuant to Section 404 of the PA School Code of 1949 to nominate and elect Linda Joyce as Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Riverside School District for a one (1) year term. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor,

Meredick, Nenish, Joyce, Antoniaci McHugh, and Mattioli. NO, Kobeski and Luckasavage.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh pursuant to Section 406 of the PA School Code of 1949 to appoint Raymond C. Rinaldi, II as District Solicitor for a period of one (1) year and to authorize the officers of the Board to execute a contract of employment with the duly appointed Solicitor at a retainer of \$9,000. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Meredith, Nenish, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, and Mattioli.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith pursuant to Section 421 of the PA School Code of 1949 to establish the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as the regular date and time for the regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Riverside School District. The Public Work Sessions will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with any closed executive meeting required to take place prior to regularly scheduled meeting/work session or the call of the chair; provided that the Superintendent of Schools for the Riverside School District gives public and advertised notice thereof as required by law. Committee Meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Riverside Administration Office, 601 S. Main Street, Taylor, PA 18517. ON THE QUESTION: Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, questioned the legality of the Regular December Board Meeting taking place after the Reorganization Meeting. Mrs. Armstrong and Attorney Rinaldi responded. Roll call vote: YES, Armstrong, Fedor, Meredith, Nenish, Joyce, Kobeski, Luckasavage, Antoniaci McHugh, and Mattioli.

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

CERTIFIED LIST OF LEGALLY ELECTED AND DULY
QUALIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE
SCHOOL DISTRICT, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

1. Mrs. Carol Armstrong of Taylor, PA for a term of four years (2021-2025)
2. Mrs. Barbara Fedor of Moosic, PA for a term of four years (2021-2025)
3. Mrs. Linda Joyce of Moosic, PA for a term of four years (2023-2027)
4. Ms. Laura Kobeski of Moosic, PA for a term of four years (2023-2027)
5. Mrs. Brandi Luckasavage of Taylor, PA for a term of four years (2023-2027)
6. Ms. Mary Antoniacchi McHugh of Moosic, PA for a term of four years (2023-2027)
7. Mr. Anthony Mattioli of Moosic, PA for a term of four years (2023-2027)
8. Mrs. Tara Meredick of Taylor, PA for a term of four years (2021-2025)
9. Mr. Dan Nenish of Taylor, PA for a term of four years (2021-2025)

Dated: December 4, 2023

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Directors
Riverside School District