

Riverside Minutes
Regular Meeting

December 4, 2023
Riverside Jr-Sr High School

A Regular Meeting of the Riverside School Board was held on the above date in the Riverside Jr-Sr High School SKOLastic Commons with President Armstrong presiding and the following members present: Laura Kobeski, Mary Antoniaci McHugh, Anthony Mattioli, Brandi Luckasavage, Dan Nenish, Linda Joyce, Tara Meredick, and Barbara Fedor.

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

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS – Eugene Gallagher questioned the legality of the meeting. Attorney Rinaldi responded. Anthony Mattioli questioned not having information in advance for him to vote on motions. Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Joyce responded.

Motion by Mrs. Antoniaci McHugh, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve minutes of 13 November 2023 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading and accept as delivered. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Luckasavage, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mr. Nenish to approve payrolls of 10 November 2023 of \$414,651.52 and 24 November 2023 of \$418,153.93. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Luckasavage, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Mattioli. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve estimated payrolls of 8 December 2023 of \$419,000 and 22 December 2023 of \$420,000. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Luckasavage, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Mattioli. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve Treasurer's Report for October 2023 and the unreconciled balances of November 30, 2023. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Mattioli and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to approve and pay bills when found correct and funds are available. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski, Mattioli, and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint Marilyn Hoskins as Long-Term Substitute Secondary Science Teacher, at Step 1, Bachelor's Column, at a pro-rated salary of \$45,970. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski, Mattioli, and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Tyler Buckley as Baseball Assistant Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Nenish, Joyce, Fedor, and Armstrong. NO, Luckasavage and Meredith. ABSTAIN, Kobeski. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint Donnie Borowski as Baseball Junior Varsity Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Luckasavage, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Don Cannon as Baseball Junior High Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint Robert Seguin as Softball Assistant Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Fedor to appoint Monica Burda as Softball Junior Varsity Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredith, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski, Mattioli, and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredith to appoint Jamie Trescavage as Softball Junior High Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective

Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Luckasavage, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to appoint Jessica McCauley as Boys' Track Assistant Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski, Mattioli, and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint King-Shakim Rose as Girls' Track Assistant Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski, Mattioli, and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Carl Walsh as Junior High Track Assistant Coach effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski, Mattioli, and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Marty Gramigna as Winter Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, and Armstrong. NO, Mattioli and Fedor. ABSTAIN, Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to appoint Mohamed Ganim as Winter Weightlifting Instructor effective the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski, Mattioli, and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Mrs. Meredick to appoint Hayley Brower 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: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Nenish, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the ACT 1 Resolution for the Riverside School District for the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the “Taxpayer Relief Act” (known as Act 1) passed on June 27, 2006, by the Pennsylvania legislature ACT 1 of Special Session 2006. ON THE QUESTION: Ms. Antoniaci McHugh asked if Mr. Drazdowski could explain the motion for the benefit of the new board members. Mr. Drazdowski explained the motion. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong. NO, Luckasavage. ABSTAIN, Kobeski. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mrs. Meredick, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to approve the following Use of Facilities

Request(s): **SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT(S):** Drama Club – High School Auditorium –

Spring Play – March 22, 23 & 24, 2024*. Use is contingent upon adherence to the District

Policy on Use of Facilities. *The School Board recognizes that this is a school-sponsored event.

Roll call vote: YES, Kobeski, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Luckasavage, Nenish, Joyce,

Meredick, Fedor, and Armstrong.

Motion by Mrs. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Antoniaci McHugh to approve the attached

Addendums to the Riverside Administrator Compensation Plan and Policy 328 - Compensation

Plan and Evaluation. ON THE QUESTION: Mr. Mattioli questioned what employees are part

of Act 93. Mrs. Armstrong responded. Attorney Rinaldi explained what was included in

the Addendums. Roll call vote: YES, Antoniaci McHugh, Mattioli, Nenish, Joyce, Meredick,

Fedor, and Armstrong. ABSTAIN, Kobeski and Luckasavage. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Drazdowski congratulated the new board members. He further explained Motion #20 (Act 1 Resolution).

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Rinaldi congratulated all the new and returning board members.

He informed the Board that Riverside was part of a multi-tort litigation regarding vaping in school. Riverside's share of the settlement was \$26,000 gross. Proceeds can be used for vaping education and security.

Academic Affairs Committee – Mrs. Joyce reported on PVAAS scores and Math programs.

NEIU 19 Report – Mrs. Joyce reported on a program that is used at the NEIU Learning Center called "I've got your back."

Athletic Committee – Mr. Nenish stated that our fall sports season was successful and that winter basketball should be a good season for both the Vikes and Lady Vikes.

Finance Committee – Ms. Antoniaci McHugh reported that preliminary budget work has begun. She also explained Motion #20 (Act 1). She reported that graduation will be on June 10, 2024 at PNC Field in Moosic.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brennan congratulated all new board members, Attorney Rinaldi, and Act 93 members. The Vikings Elves distribution will be held on December 14, 2023 at West. The Viking Elves are helping 300 students this year.

OLD BUSINESS - None

OPEN – Mrs. Armstrong congratulated all the new board members and wished everyone a happy holiday season. Eugene Gallagher, Taylor, stated that there are now three new board members who will bring new ideas to the Board. He felt that the new board members should have been brought up-to-date before tonight's board meeting. Attorney Rinaldi stated that newly-elected board members are not included in Executive Sessions until after they have been sworn in as a board member. Bill Englehart, Taylor, had concerns with a bullying issue with his son. Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Brennan responded.

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