

**RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 15, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker  
D. Potts, R. Ehrich, and J. Lennon

Absent were: T. McElroy, M. Pinho

Dr. Parker led the flag salute.

Mrs. Lennon announced that adequate notice of the meeting had been given to the public by notifying the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on January 16, 2018 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NJSBA School Board Notes dated February 16, 2018

Letter from Alison Varga dated February 14, 2018

Letter from Robert Carucci dated February 6, 2018

Letter from Lori Wareham dated March 5, 2018

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the acceptance and filing of the above correspondence.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Jada Karp reported Student Council successfully reached their \$1000.00 mark for their NJASC State Charity. With their Yankee Candle sale, they are now a little under \$1400.00 for the Grow-A-Row organization. On February 9, they had the honor of inducting 6 new National Honor Society members into their chapter. Congratulations to Hannah Russell, Elijah Abad, Digna Patel, Jose Matera, Joanna DiMiero and Justin Schulin. They applaud you on your commitment to academics, service, leadership and character. On February 17, Patrick Tillinghast completed his NHS service project with the Masonic Lodge spaghetti dinner. Patrick and friends raised almost \$300 for their chapter. February 20-23, was the Student Council annual Spirit week. They hosted daily dress-up days for students and staff to participate in and raise points for their classes. On Friday, February 23, they hosted the annual pep-rally where students and staff participated in games, Friday evening they hosted their annual Black Light dance and had about 130 kids in attendance. At the dance they announced that the senior class won Spirit Week. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the Drama Club presented two very successful performances of Seussical Jr.

**GOOD NEWS**

Burlington County Scholastic League All Stars: Boys' Basketball, First Team, Emmanuel Harris, Second Team, Jeanquai Morton finished with 1082 points, Alex Stockton. Quai, Manny, Jody Johnson, and Jordan Williams represented Riverside in the Senior Showcase game. Girls' Basketball, First Team, Hailey Russell, Briana Fritz, Second Team, Hannah Russell. Cassidy Dospoy represented Riverside in the Senior Showcase game. Hailey, a junior, scored her 1000th point at the Wells Fargo Center, an event that was

covered by the Burlington County Times and Fox 29. The next morning the TV crew came to RHS to record the students' reaction to both Hailey's and Quai's remarkable accomplishments. Wrestling, First Team, Ariel Carreno, Tim D'Amico and Alex Tolbert, Second Team, John Miles and Chuck Bluhm. Ariel finished third in District 22 competition while Chuck Bluhm and Johnnie DeLima were fourth.

### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Mr. Shumway, Mr. Mongon and Mr. Pae introduced the following students of the month:  
Elementary-Kaylee Ryan, 3rd grade; Christina Mazza, 4th grade; Madison Lynch, 5th grade  
Middle School- Morgan Dill, 6th grade, Isaiah Pleva, 7th grade; Justice Harmon, 8th grade.  
High School-Amanda Sweet, 9th grade; Jeanel Zoll, 10th grade; Paige Lewis, 11th grade; Jeanquai Morton (not present), 12th grade.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of a Board Workshop Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on February 8, 2018.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (January 31, 2018), the Treasurer's Report (January 31, 2018), the Cafeteria Financial Report (January 31, 2018), the student Activity Financial Report (January 31, 2018), Athletic Council (January 31, 2018) and the Budget Status Report (January 31, 2018), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of March 2018 bills (2 sets) for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Amend July 13, 2017 Minutes**

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby amends the minutes of its July 13, 2017 board meeting to approve Laura Eveland's unpaid leave of absence from November 21, 2017 - November 22, 2017 to November 16, 2017 - November 20, 2017.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

### **Transfers**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Bienkowski, and carried unanimously, **Whereas**, the State Department of Education permits transfers among the school district's budgetary line item accounts, **And Whereas**, it is the desire of the Riverside Township Board of Education to make such transfers, **Therefore, Be It Resolved**, by the Riverside Township Board of Education that the Board Secretary is hereby authorized to make the following budgetary account line item transfers:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11-000-100-562-04	11-000-100-566-04	\$6,310.00
11-000-213-610-00	11-000-213-1041-00	2,250.00
11-219-100-320-08	11-219-100-580-08	1.00
11-000-266-340-00	11-000-266-610-00	500.00

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Fire Drill and Security Report**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the February Fire Drill Report, submitted by Marc Ballantyne, Fire Marshal, and the Security Drill Report, submitted by Robin A. Ehrich, Superintendent, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Transportation Agreement**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a transportation agreement with Youth Consultation Service to transport one student at a cost of \$520.00 for 26 days (\$20.00 per day) in the 2017-18 school year.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **HIB**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report for March 2018, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Corrective Action Plan**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Corrective Action Plan for the 2017-2018 school year, as submitted.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**PERSONNEL**

**Graduation Appeals Process Administration**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members as teachers to administer and score the CRT graduation appeals process program at the rate of \$45.57 per hour for the 2017-18 school year, as listed.

<b><u>Employee</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>
<b>Jennifer Hunter</b>	10 (not to exceed)
<b>Eileen Williamson</b>	10 (not to exceed)

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Graduate Internship**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves an internship for Emily Nicola in the Middle School Guidance Department, as part of her Wilmington University Master’s program requirement of 900 hours of middle school counseling practicum between the dates of August 21, 2018-June 20, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Leave Requests**

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leaves of absence for the employees listed below for the periods indicated.

<b><u>Employee</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>Jessica Bruton</b>	ES Basic Skills Instructional Aide	February 26, 2018 – March 19, 2018
<b>Lori Wareham</b>	MS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher	June 6, 2018 – June 8, 2018

VOTE- Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Practicum Teachers**

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the placements of the following college students in the practicum assignments during the 2017-2018 school year, as listed.

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Sean Reres	Rutgers	Jill Gilardi - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	May 10, 2018-May 23, 2018
Jazmain Wright Brown	Rutgers	Melissa Scassero - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	May 10, 2018-May 23, 2018
Terance Mitchell	Rutgers	Marc Ballantyne – S.S./US History	May 10, 2018-May 23, 2018

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Resignation**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, from **Caesar Robert Carucci**, effective September 1, 2018.

Mr. D’Agostino thanked Mr. Carucci for his years of service and wished him well.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Rescission**

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Potts, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the contract for **Sharon Damiano** as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Rescission**

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Potts, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the contract for **Alison Varga** as Assistant Boys Track Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Rescission & Appointment**

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Potts, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the contract of **Kimberly Kirkpatrick** as Spring Weightlifting Coach and approves her appointment as MS Softball Coach (2<sup>nd</sup> Team) at a salary of \$4,260, for the 2017-2018 school year.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Salary Adjustment**

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Potts, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the salary adjustment for **Jeffrey Bilinsky**, High School Special Education Teacher, from \$65,650 (Step 8 BA+30) to \$66,650 (Step 8 MA), for the 2017-18 school year.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Spring Coaches**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following Spring coaches for the 2017-18 school year, at the contract salaries listed.

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Assistant Baseball Coach (Frosh)	<b>Robert Van Sciver</b>	\$5,633
Assistant Softball Coach	<b>Timothy Costello</b>	5,633
Assistant Boys Track Coach	<b>Katie Morton</b>	5,633
Weightlifting Coach	<b>Gregory Mongon</b>	1,333

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, S. Parker  
Abstain: J. Mongon, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Staff Development**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff development activities for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Student Athletic Trainer Internship**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the placement of the following college student athletic trainer intern during the 2017-2018 school year, as listed.

<b><u>Student</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Placement</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>
Taylor Dresser	Thomas Jefferson University	Jennifer Van Hee-Athletic Trainer	March 16, 2018-May 15, 2018

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**2018 - Sports Night Worker List**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the 2018 Sports Night Worker list, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, S. Parker  
Abstain: J. Mongon, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

## **POLICY**

### **First Reading**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Potts, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the attached list of new and revised policies and regulations, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

## **STUDENTS**

### **Home Instruction**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following home instruction for the 2017-2018 school year:

<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
181052	02/21/18	03/08/18
201279	02/21/18	TBD
221004	02/02/18	TBD

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Out of District Placement**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following out of district student placement for the 2017-2018 school year, as listed.

<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>Placement</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Tuition</u></b>
212175	Yale School-Cherry Hill	\$60,301.50

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Field Trips**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following field trips for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Fundraisers**

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Curriculum**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Chemistry Curriculum and the Biology Curriculum, aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

#### **NJQSAC**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the NJQSAC interim review placement scores, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **FACILITIES**

#### **Facility Use**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the facility/building use requests for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, D. Potts  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – No Report

FINANCE & INSURANCE – No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – No report

ATHLETICS – No Report

CURRICULUM –No Report

SAFETY & SECURITY – Mr. Potts reported that the committee met prior to the meeting and will have an official report next month.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT – No Report

DELEGATE TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS – No Report



**DELEGATE TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – No Report**

DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE –Mrs. Gonteski reported that Delanco will hold a special meeting to approve the submittal of the 18-19 Budget. Currently Delanco has 45 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and only 17 are planning to attend RHS.

**Acknowledgement of Visitors**-Mr. Dave Dunkerson, 621 Bridgeboro Street, asked if the Marching Band and Colorguard could be invited to Riverside Day and then also asked if the board could create a student athlete program with the use of library to view film.

Mrs. Michelle Weaver, 87 Filmore Street, thanked the board and administrators for their response to the activities on March 14<sup>th</sup>, for respecting the students, supporting them and thanked everyone for keeping our children safe.

Dr. Parker expressed his thanks for the district having a plan in place for the activities.

Mrs. Gonteski commented that Mr. Pae's email was very well received.

The board discussed the release of State Aid and the 18-19 Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon  
Board Secretary