

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling, R. Ehrich, and J. Lennon

Absent were: D. Graf, T. McElroy, and J. Mongon

Mrs. Winerling 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 15, 2020 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJSBA-School Board Notes dated January 28, 2020

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, 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: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Cole Cerchiaro reported that the RHS Student council is in the process of applying for Standards of Excellence, the top award in the state. The council will be evaluated by Ocean City High School on March 3, 2020 and they will be evaluated by Holy Cross Academy on March 24, 2020. They are excited to be a part of the process and look forward to a successful outcome. The student council is working to reach the \$2000 club for their State Charity this year which is the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and they are selling Rams headbands and tech gloves. Please contact Mrs. Hunter or an officer to purchase. On February 6, 2020 the National Honor Society went to the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden to serve dinner as Cole Cerchiaro's service project. This was a very humbling experience and they encourage those seeking to serve others to look into this facility. The National Honor Society is hosting their annual scrapbooking day on March 21, 2020. This even helps raise funds for scholarships. If you are interested in attending please contact Mrs. Hunter.

GOOD NEWS

The school play, Guys and Dolls, will be presented in the auditorium on February 27, 28, 29, 2020. Sabra Wrice, a 2004 graduate, was inducted into the South Jersey Basketball Club Hall of Fame on Sunday. She became the 10th RHS athlete inducted and the first female. She also joins three RHS coaches.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Shumway, Mr. Mongon and Mr. Pae introduced the following students of the month:

Elementary- Jacob Carr, 3rd grade; Aviyana Andrus (not present), 4th grade; Maria Araujo Miranda, 5th grade.

Middle School- Amy Montalvan, 6th grade, Maria Eduarda Rodrigues Ruiz, 7th grade; Samantha Pywell (not present), 8th grade.

High School- Riley Grinnan, 9th grade; Eric Jones, 10th grade; Zulma Molina, 11th grade; Madison Batavick, 12th grade.

SUPERINTENEDENT'S REPORT

DISTRICT GOAL #1: Safety and Security. We will continue to expand on our preparation, training, programming and facilities to ensure a safe and secure environment for all students, staff and visitors. Our primary focus will be on facilities and completing our School Safety Grant projects in the 2019-20 school year.

Update on the School Safety Grant Project: 3M film on windows across the front of the MS/HS and courtyard entrances has been completed. Classroom window shades, interior room numbering, columbine locks on all doors, additional strobe lights and new fencing has been installed along Grant Street. Exterior signage has been purchased and is in the process of being installed. Additional fencing, new exterior lighting, the school mapping project and the new public address system are still in the works.

DISTRICT GOAL #2: Professional Growth and Instructional Practices: The administrative team will work collectively to build the capacity of all PK-12 teachers by supporting and fostering sustained professional growth in instructional practices.

The Curriculum Coordinator creates a monthly Curriculum Connections Newsletter for the instructional staff. The most recent edition highlights the NJDOE SEL standards. They will be embedded into curriculum to support daily instructional practices. All teachers have access to SEL information and resources in a shared Google folder.

Our middle and high school teachers will be provided with 6-12 departmental articulation meetings four times this year. In a recent meeting the areas of focus included 1. Benchmark assessment development and review, 2. Review of benchmark assessment student data to identify areas of strength/weakness and discussion/brainstorm ways to address the needs 3. Rater Reliability Activity (teams bring samples of student work and examine the increase in rigor/expectations by level/grade. Teachers then examine different work samples collaboratively and score the assignment, then compare grading/scoring practices). 4. Department specific needs/discussions 5. Review and discussion of the NJDOE SEL information.

The elementary administration, curriculum coordinator and teaching staff are working collaboratively to select the new mathematics series in the elementary school.

Our RTI program and process is being revamped by the Curriculum Coordinator.

DISTRICT GOAL: #3. Parent Involvement and Communication: Seeking to strengthen communication, school partnership and positive connections with parents through meaningful school engagement activities.

The Riverside Family Focus on Learning Team met for the second time this year on January 13th. Participants discussed current trends in education, expectations for learning in Riverside and ways we can include parents in our school community.

RMS/RHS parent conference were held on February 5th. Elementary Conferences were held on February 6 and 7.

Elementary School – Science/Literacy Night will be held on Thursday, March 5th.

Middle School parent/student book club: Next meeting is planned for March 24th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of a Reorganization Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on January 9, 2020.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (December 31, 2019), the Treasurer's Report (December 31, 2019), the Cafeteria Financial Report (December 31, 2019), the student Activity Financial Report (December 31, 2019), Athletic Council (December 31, 2019) and the Budget Status Report (December 31, 2019), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of December 2019 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfers

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino, 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:

January 31, 2020

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11.000.291.241.0.00.00	11.000.270.390.0.00.00	\$23,000.00
11.000.230.334.0.00.00	11.000.230.331.0.00.00	3,190.00

February 1, 2020

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11.000.100.565.0.04.00	11.000.100.566.0.04.00	\$58,680.00
11.000.100.565.0.04.00	10.000.100.56X.0.00.00	8,768.00
11.000.230.610.0.00.00	11.000.266.340.0.00.00	2,409.00

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Fire Drill and Security Report

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

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Riverton Tuition

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Riverton School District for the 2019-2020 academic year at a per pupil cost of \$14,416 for one (1) High School homeless student and \$12,105 each for two (2) Elementary School homeless students, plus Resource Room costs, effective January 2, 2020.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Reimbursement

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves an expense reimbursement made payable to **Maj. Sean Combs** in the amount of \$3,000, payable on June 30, 2020.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

PERSONNEL

Co-Curricular Position

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following Co-Curricular position for the 2019-2020 school year at the contract salary listed:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Drill Raider Challenge	Maj. Sean Combs	\$1,514

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Curriculum Writing

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members for curriculum writing hours listed at the 2019-20 contract rate of \$ 28.57 per hour.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>
Margaret Garvin	20 (not to exceed)	High School Environmental Science
Richard Gilmore	25 (not to exceed)	High School Health & Physical Education

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Graduation Appeals Process Administration

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, 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 2019-20 school year, as listed.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Valerie Franz	5 (not to exceed)
Cherin Galdi	5 (not to exceed)
Jennifer Hunter	10 (not to exceed)

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Leave Request

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leave of absence request for the employee listed below for the period indicated.

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Erika Johnson	HS Clerk	February 13-14, 2020

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Staff Development

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff development activities for the 2019-2020 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Senior Trip Chaperone

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the appointment of **Lauren Veneziani**, and approves **Daniel Stellwag** as chaperone for the senior trip to Florida (April 26, 2020 – May 1, 2020).

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Substitute

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves Soraia Queiroz as a Substitute Custodian, pending criminal history review, for the 2019-2020 school year.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Student Athletic Trainer Internship

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, 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 2019-2020 school year, as listed.

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Jacie Fabro	Thomas Jefferson University	Jennifer Van Hee-Athletic Trainer	March 9, 2020-May 2, 2020

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Volunteers

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers for the 2019-20 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Scott Atkinson	Track and Field
Alison Varga	Track and Field
Nicholas Zoll	Track and Field

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

STUDENTS

Field Trips

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following field trips for the 2019-20 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Fundraisers

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2019-20 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Home Instruction

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following home instruction for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
201050	January 23, 2020	February 28, 2020
201354	February 3, 2020	April 30, 2020
212143	January 15, 2020	February 28, 2020

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Out of District Placements

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following out of district student placements for the 2019-2020 school year, as listed.

<u>ID#</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>
240179	Walnut Street School-Delanco	\$28,281.57 homeless
291007	Pearson School-Delanco	\$17,213.18 homeless
340027	Kingsway Learning Center	\$62,061.30 + 1:1 Aide - \$36,750

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

HIB – ITP: Public Hearing

The Riverside Township Board of Education hereby entered into a Public Hearing for the purpose of reporting on HIB incidents, affirmed incidents of HIB and trainings and programs for the time period of July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019. Ms. Ehrich reported that there were seven investigations done with three confirmed incidents occurring in the schools. The district offered a total of 20 trainings and 31 programs were provided. On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the report on HIB incidents, affirmed incidents of HIB and trainings and programs for the time period of July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019 (Reporting period #1).

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Spring Sports Schedules

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the 2019-20 Spring Sports Schedules, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

PROGRAM

School Calendar

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the school calendar for the 2020-21 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Program of Studies

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Riverside High School Program of Studies for the 2020-21 school year, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Preschool Education Aid Program Plan

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Three-Year Preschool Program Plan for 2020-21, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

FACILITIES

Facility Use

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the facility/building use requests for the 2019-20 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS –Mr. Holak reported that the Board of Education Committee has signed the Memorandum of Agreement and is waiting for ratification by the REA.

FINANCE & INSURANCE – No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –No Report

ATHLETICS –Mr. Holak reported the committee met with the fall coaches and congratulated them on a job well done.

CURRICULUM – No Report

SAFETY & SECURITY – No Report

STUDENT GOVERNMENT – No Report

DELEGATE TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS –No Report

DELEGATE TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – No report

DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE – No Report

Acknowledgement of Visitors – None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary