

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace, B. Winerling, R. Ehrich, and J. Lennon

Absent was: W. Greiner

Ms. Wallace 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 13, 2021 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJSBA-School Board Notes dated March 29, 2021

Letter from Janet Pellegrin dated March 24, 2021

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, 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: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace, B. Winerling

Nay: 0

Carried

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Ms. Ehrich reported that the student council taught a virtual class on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to the other officers and advisors in the NJASC. They finished up their March Madness on their social media account and had a blast learning the likes and dislikes of RHS students. They were awarded the Community Smile and Honor School award from NJASC. Their Gammy awards from last year were selected as a Top Ten Project in the state. They are prepping for teacher appreciation week and awaiting word from the state about Standards of Excellence.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch stated the March Students of the Month have been announced: Victoria Frey, Rachael Wallace, Olivia Richardson, Amelia Weiss, Mike De Holanda, Nicolly Domingos, Robert Borges, Isabella Booth, Alexandra Mudrinic, Louis Vazquez. The 77th Sports Night will be held on Friday night and Saturday night this week. The theme for 2021 is "The Comeback is Always Stronger than the Setback." The socially distant event will be something to watch on live-stream. The Riverside Education Association has not had the opportunity to publically recognize the 2020 Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Michael P. Rosenthal. But the 2021 recipients have been named: All RHS graduates who are first responders and health care providers who have responded will be honored and featured in a composite photo.

SUPERINTENEDENT'S REPORT

DISTRICT GOAL #1: Technology: to support teachers in best practices that utilize available digital tools by becoming google ready (incorporating a variety of google apps), enhancing instruction through the use of interactive tools, home-to-school connections through enhanced teacher learning sites, and curriculum integration of computer science, design thinking, career readiness, life literacies and key skills standards.

Technology Tuesday PD sessions are scheduled and made available for all staff members. These optional mini (½ hour) PD sessions provide additional support with remote/hybrid learning and technology. Kami training (digital classroom) was conducted on 3.31.21.

The school administration continues to support teachers in the use of educational and learning platforms. The technology department continues to support and troubleshoot an and all related technology issues.

A monthly Curriculum Connections newsletter continues to be published and shared with all staff. A professional resources link is provided to support instruction through the Hybrid and All Remote learning models.

DISTRICT GOAL #2: Professional Growth and Instructional Practices: to build the capacity of all PK-12 instructional staff by supporting and fostering sustained professional growth in equitable practices in education to include culturally responsive teaching practices, LGBTQ curriculum, social-emotional learning (SEL)/ trauma Informed practices, Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) and response to intervention (RTI) to ensure engagement of the students and the community.

The Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) training has been launched. Staff members have begun to complete the 15-hour training course. Completion certificates will be submitted and filed with the curriculum office. This training will allow our staff members to better serve our ELL population.

Monthly curriculum meetings are being held in each of the three schools which focus on equitable practices and include culturally responsive teaching practices.

We have completed the ERNJ's Network for Educational Excellence through Equity (E3) training program for Equity team members. Each member completed 3-4 trainings throughout the year. The final district leader training will take place on April 22nd. Turnkey lesson learned will be shared and strategies applied beginning in September.

DISTRICT GOAL #3: Health, 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. Given the current health related crisis (COVID-19) we will increase our focus on establishing and maintaining a clean and safe environment for students, staff members and visitors to the school district.

As the School Safety Specialist I completed a refresher *Stop the Bleed* training in March and received 10 free Stop the Bleed kits for our school district. As a follow up I met with our SRO to determine where these kits would be strategically placed throughout the district. This information has been share with Administration, with a follow up to school staff. We are planning to have all administration and coaching staff members receive a refresher training on *Stop the Bleed* in September. All other staff will have training in follow up (small group) faculty meetings.

We continue to complete our safety drills as recommended by the NJDOE. I attend monthly drill webinars presented by the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning. The most recent training recommended a Shelter in Place to a Level II lockdown (verbal only). The April drill is to be determined.

The Maintenance Department continues to do a very good job of keeping our facilities, classroom and offices clean and disinfected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Mongon, 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 March 11, 2021 and Special meeting held on March 25, 2021, March 30, 2021 and April 6, 2021.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (February 28, 2021), the Treasurer's Report (February 28, 2021), the Cafeteria Financial Report (February 28, 2021), the student Activity Financial Report (February 28, 2021), Athletic Council (February 28, 2021) and the Budget Status Report (February 28, 2021), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of April 2021 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfers

On the motion by Mr. Mongon , seconded by Mr. Holak, 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 a transfer, **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 transfer:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
20.477.200.200.0.00.00	20.477.200.300.0.00.00	\$570.00
11.000.230.610.0.00.00	11.000.230.590.0.00.00	1,000.00
11.401.100.890.0.00.00	11.401.100.340.0.00.00	215.00

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Fire Drill and Security Report

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

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

School Health Insurance Fund Renewal

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the attached Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to renew membership in the School Health Insurance Fund for the three-year membership term commencing July 1, 2021.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

PERSONNEL

Rescission

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the contract of **Brittany Ashton** for Softball Assistant Coach, for the 2020-2021 school year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Spring Coaches

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following spring coaches for the 2020-21 school year, at the contract salaries listed:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Boys Track & Field Assistant Coach	Travis Perinho	\$5,787
Softball Assistant Coach	Nancy Fritz	5,787

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Student Athletic Trainer Internship

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, 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 2020-2021 school year, as listed.

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Kourtney Snigar	Thomas Jefferson University	Jennifer Van Hee-Athletic Trainer	May 17, 2021-June 26, 2021

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Staff Development

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff development activities, for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Resignation

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation for the purposes of retirement, from **Janet Pellegrin**, Crossing Guard/Playground Aide/Café Aide, effective July 1, 2021.

Mr. Mongon wished Mrs. Pellegrin a happy retirement.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Resignation

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation for the purposes of retirement, from **Richard Bowles**, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective July 1, 2021.

Mr. Mongon thanked Mr. Bowles for his years of service.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Curriculum Writing

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff member for curriculum writing hours listed, at the 2020-2021 contract rate of \$29.43 per hour.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>
Jaclyn Leone	6 (not to exceed)	Music Theory

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

POLICY

First Reading

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, 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: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Abolished Policies

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the abolishment of the attached list of policies and regulations, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

STUDENTS

HIB

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report for April 2021, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Fundraiser

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraiser for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

PROGRAM

NJQSAC

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Riverside Township School District NJQSAC performance continuum report as received from the New Jersey Department of Education, as submitted.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – No report

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Mr. McElroy stated that the Budget hearing will be on April 29, 2021.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – No report

ATHLETICS – No report

CURRICULUM – No Report

SAFETY & SECURITY – No Report

STUDENT GOVERNMENT – Mrs. Pinho congratulated all students participating in Sports Night and wished them luck.

DELEGATE TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS – No Report

DELEGATE TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – No report

DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Jenkins stated they caught the Cyber attacker at Delanco.

Acknowledgement of Visitors – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby go into Executive Session for the purpose of any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective

public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, R. Wallace,
B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Board members Mr. McElroy and Mr. Mongon were excused at 7:20 pm.

The board met to review the CSA Evaluation.

Meeting reconvened at 7:44 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary