

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

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

Absent was: None

Mr. Jenkins 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.

The elected member Mrs. Maria Pinho was sworn into office.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJSBA-School Board Notes dated December 22, 2020 and January 26, 2021
Letter from William Kravitz dated January 26, 2021

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. Mongon 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, W. Greiner, 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 is in the middle of spirit week. All students are encouraged to participate and remote students can submit pictures to them. In January they focused their daily social media posts on social/emotional health of the students. They also submitted their applications for Top Ten projects and Community Smile through NJASC. Student council will be attending weekly meetings with NJASC to continue to develop their leadership skills and share ideas with other schools.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch stated The January Students of the Month include: Yaisuru Lopez Paz, Brodie Vocolos, Thiago Cristo, Kylee Ryan, Joseph Cooper, Nailah Da Silva, Hailey Minard, Maynor Martinez Guzman, Emily Bennett and Amanda Sweet. The RHS basketball seasons are in full swing. The girls' record is 2-2, while the boys have a 4-1 record. It is wonderful to see the teams in action. Though there are not any spectators this year, Alumna Sabra Wrice has been live streaming the home games so parents and interested fans can watch the games.

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. Recent sessions included the following: Maximizing Google Classroom Use, Accessing Google Calendar through the Google Waffle, Changing Views, Adding Events

Adding new Calendars and keeping Google calendar on. Flip Grid and Ed Puzzle.

In monthly curriculum meetings the following topics have been shared, reviewed and supported; getting Apps and organizing them, text to speech, creating interactive pdf documents, making any webpage interactive and recording screen demonstrations, screen sharing videos and in the high school Kami and Red Ink.

A monthly Curriculum Connections newsletter is published and sent to all teachers. 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.

We are getting ready to launch our Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) training. Each staff member will complete the 15-hour training course through the Stockton College created program. We are scheduling PD hours in order to have everyone complete the training by the end of June. This training will allow our staff members to better serve our ELL population.

We have updated the I&RS manual and are slowly incorporating the changes into our practice through our weekly team meetings.

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

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.

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 non-fire emergency evacuation drill for our February exercise which we have completed.

The Maintenance Department is doing a very good job of maintaining a rigorous cleaning schedule and is keeping our schools disinfected and clean.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 minutes of a Board Workshop Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on January 14, 2021 and Workshop meeting held on January 14, 2021.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, 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 Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (December 31, 2020), the Treasurer's Report (December 31, 2020), the Cafeteria Financial Report (December 31, 2020), the student Activity Financial Report (December 31, 2020), Athletic Council (December 31, 2020) and the Budget Status Report (December 31, 2020), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, 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 Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of February 2021 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

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

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfer

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

Tuition Agreement

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 request from Lauren Downey for her son to attend the Pre-K program in the Riverside Township School District for the 2021-2022 academic year, at pupil rate of \$5,261.

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

Lindenwold Twp. School District Tuition

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 a Tuition Contract Agreement with Lindenwold Township School District for the 2020-2021 academic year at a per pupil cost of \$13,765 for one (1) Middle School foster student, plus resource costs in the amount of \$11,668.33 (prorated for 27 weeks).

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

Cancelled Checks

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 voiding the attached list of checks from their respective accounts as a result of the Annual Audit.

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

PERSONNEL

Staff Development

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 following staff development activities for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

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

Resignation-Senior Class Advisor

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 resignation of Senior Class Advisor from **Lauren Veneziani**, effective February 1, 2021.

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

Resignation

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, 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 **Ronaele Strain**, Preschool Teacher, effective June 1, 2021.

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

Substitutes

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the nurse, custodial/maintenance, secretaries, athletic trainer, and crossing guard/playground aide substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, 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 Mr. Holak, seconded by Mr. Mongon, 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>
Jacie Fabro	Thomas Jefferson University	Jennifer Van Hee-Athletic Trainer	March 8, 2021-May 1, 2021

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

STUDENTS

Field Trip

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the change of dates for the Senior Class Disney World trip to June 1-June 6, 2021, as well as the following chaperones: Emily Ewan, Kimberly Kirkpatrick, H. Victor Micucci, and Lynn Starke.

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

Home/Bedside Instruction

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following home/bedside instructions for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
212120	February 1, 2021	Undetermined
231020	November 20, 2020	December 2, 2020

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

Out of District Placement

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, 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 placement for the 2020-2021 school year, as listed.

<u>ID#</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>
271002	Yale School	\$39,600 (Aide in addition to already approved tuition)

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho,
R. Wallace, 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, 2020 - December 31, 2020. Ms. Ehrich reported that there were four investigations done with zero confirmed incident occurring in the schools. The district offered a total of 15 trainings and 27 programs were provided.

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby enters into a Public Hearing for the purposes of reporting on HIB incidents, affirmed incidents of HIB, and trainings and programs for the time period of July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020.

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

PROGRAM

Program of Studies

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 Riverside High School Program of Studies for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, 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 there will be a finance meeting on March 11, 2021.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – No report

ATHLETICS – No report

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 – Mr. Jenkins reported that Delanco is in the midst of negotiations and the budget season will be intense.

Acknowledgement of Visitors – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby go into Executive Session at 7:14 pm 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, W. Greiner, M. Holak, C. Jenkins, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho,
R. Wallace, B. Winerling
Nay: 0
Carried

Board members Mr. Greiner, Mr. McElroy, and Mr. Mongon were excused.

The board met with Jesse Adams from New Jersey School Boards Association to discuss Superintendent search.

Meeting reconvened at 8:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary