

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 12, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, B. Winerling, R. Ehrich, and J. Lennon

Absent was: M. Pinho

Mr. D'Agostino 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 October 19, 2020.

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 acceptance and filing of the above correspondence.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **GOOD NEWS**

Mrs. Milch stated the field hockey, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, and cross country teams are headed to the playoffs this weekend. The football team is playing right now at Cancellieri Stadium. Student Council has sponsored yellow and pink days in support of childhood and breast cancer. This week students were wearing red and maroon for Red Ribbon Day and for school spirit. The National Honor Society continues to provide service projects. The most recent was creating a pumpkin patch on the practice field for the pre-schoolers. Student Council will hold a drive-by food drive on Tuesday, November 24.

### **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.**

Teachers were invited to attend summer professional development workshops on the following topics; Getting Google Ready, designing a Remote Learning Program (K-5), (6-8), (9-12), Assessment tools in Remote Learning, Engaging Students through Google Apps, using a Blended Learning Model (PK-12), Planning/ Scheduling in a Hybrid Model (K-5), (6-8), (9-12), SEL in Online Learning (PK-12) and The Flipped Classroom (possible when modified for K-3, all 4-12).

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.

A monthly Curriculum Connections newsletter is published and sent to all teachers. The first three newsletters contained some of the following information for teachers; a components of remote learning document, an organized listing of all paid district technology resources, information on personal wellness, other online resources through CK12.org, pacing reminders for Tolerance, Diversity and Prejudice integration, SEL Competencies and additional professional resource 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 school district approved LGBTQ Curriculum in August.

The school district has contracted with ERNJ's Network for Educational Excellence through Equity (E3) to build equity practice and programming in our schools. The curriculum coordinator and I participated in initial training in September. Members of the Equity committee participated in October training. Each member of the committee will participate in four sessions throughout the school year. We will turn key lessons learned and information to schools through scheduled grade level and department 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.**

This evening we are approving submittal of the School Development Authority – Alyssa's Law Compliance and School Security Grants. Our anticipated project will include an elementary school vestibule and accompanying surveillance package to further enhance the safety and security of our elementary school main entrance.

We are completing our safety drills under the guidance of the NJDOE Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning.

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 Mr. Greiner, 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 October 8, 2020.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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 Board Secretary's Report (September 30, 2020), the Treasurer's Report (September 30, 2020), the Cafeteria Financial Report (September 30, 2020), the student Activity Financial Report (September 30, 2020), Athletic Council (September 30, 2020) and the Budget Status Report (September 30, 2020), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
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 November 2020 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

#### **Fire Drill and Security Reports**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the October Fire Drill Reports, 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, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

#### **Riverside Township Board of Education Goals 2020-2021**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the District Goals as presented.

#### **Riverside Township Board of Education Goals 2020-2021**

1. Each member of the Board of Education will attend at least two (2) school sponsored co-curricular or athletic events in the 2020-21 school year.
2. Each Board of Education member will complete all required online evaluations by established due dates in the 2020-21 school year.
3. Each Board of Education member will attend nine (9) or more of the monthly meetings held in the 2020-2021 school year.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Capital Projects**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education authorizes Garrison Architects (GA) to prepare and submit an Other Capital Project Application for the Elementary Vestibule, funded in part by the School Development Authority (SDA) Alyssa’s Law Compliance and School Security grant program (\$73,830) and the district will fund the difference with local funds.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Donation**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the anonymous donation, through Silent Donor, LLC, in the amount of \$690.45 to be used for Riverside High School Athletics.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**PERSONNEL**

**New Jersey Family Leave**

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 unpaid New Jersey Family leave request from the employee listed below, for the period indicated:

<b><u>Employee</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>
Emily Ewan	HS English Teacher	January 29, 2021-February 25, 2021

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Staff Development**

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

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Winter Coaches**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following winter coaches for the 2020-2021 school year at the contract salaries listed, with the agreed upon sidebar:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Boys Basketball Head Coach	<b>Carmine Cesare</b>	\$8,001
Boys Basketball Asst. Coach	<b>William Jackamonis</b>	5,867
Cheerleading Coach	<b>Cheryl Hansberry</b>	4,373
Girls Basketball Head Coach	<b>Scott Atkinson</b>	8,001
Girls Basketball Asst. Coach	<b>Brittany Ashton</b>	5,867
Wrestling Head Coach	<b>Matthew Abrams</b>	8,001
Wrestling Asst. Coach	<b>Robert Van Sciver</b>	5,867

Mr. Mongon asked if a coach is quarantined will they get paid in full?

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, T. McElroy, S. Parker, B. Winerling  
Nay: J. Mongon, M. Holak  
Carried

**Volunteer**

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 following volunteer for the 2020-2021 school year.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
Kevin Landolt	Wrestling

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Curriculum Writing**

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 following staff members for curriculum writing hours listed at the 2020-2021 contract rate of \$29.43 per hour.

<b><u>Employee</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Curriculum</u></b>
<b>Emily Meyer</b>	12 (not to exceed)	Elementary School (K-Grade 1) Science
<b>Georgia Monschein</b>	12 (not to exceed)	Elementary School (Grades 2 & 3) Science
<b>William Jackamonis</b>	12 (not to exceed)	Elementary School (Grades 4 & 5) Science
<b>Jill Murray</b>	12 (not to exceed)	Middle School (Grades 6-8) Science
<b>Teresa Croneberger</b>	5 (not to exceed)	Careers
<b>Gail Glaberman</b>	5 (not to exceed)	Personal Finance
<b>Gail Glaberman</b>	5 (not to exceed)	Media Design
<b>Scott Atkinson</b>	3 (not to exceed)	High School Calculus

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

## **STUDENTS**

### **Field Trip**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Senior Class trip to Disney World from April 25-30, 2021.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Fundraisers**

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

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Out of District Placement**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Mongon, 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.

<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>Placement</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Tuition</u></b>
211172	Burlington County Alternative High School	\$25,704

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
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 January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020. Ms. Ehrich reported that there were two investigations done with one confirmed incident occurring in the schools. The district offered a total of 14 trainings and 16 programs were provided.

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, 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 January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 (Reporting period #2).

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

## **PROGRAM**

### **Curriculum**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) crosswalk documents to be included in all Riverside School District Curriculum.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, B. Winerling  
Nay: T. McElroy  
Carried

## **POLICY**

### **First Reading**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, 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: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
B. Winerling  
Nay:  
Carried

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Dr. Parker reported the committee met to resolve to get a side bar agreement.

FINANCE & INSURANCE – No report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – No report

ATHLETICS – Mr. Holak commended fall coaches on an excellent job they have done in these difficult times.

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 – Mrs. Gonteski reported Delanco started hybrid this week, there were a couple small glitches but hoping to get through the marking period.

**Acknowledgement of Visitors** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon  
Board Secretary