

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

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

Absent was: D. Graf and B. Winerling

Mr. Holak 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 September 29, 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, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Thais Peroto reported that student council would like to welcome everyone back to campus. This year looks much different for them and they are finding new ways to keep the spirit alive in their student body. On September 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> they wore gold on campus to support Childhood Cancer Awareness. On October 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> they are wearing pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Since they are currently postponing Homecoming they will be hosting a Spirit week, October 19<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Student Council started a weekly contest on their Masked Teacher on their Instagram account. Each week they will post a picture of a teacher with their face covered and give facts about that teacher. When a student guesses the teacher right before Friday they will get a free ice cream card to The Meadows. Student Council will host Wellness Wednesdays to remind the student body to take a little mental break mid-week. Each week student council will post a fun activity for the students to do a brain break or they will check in with officers or teachers to see what their ideas are for brain breaks. Student Council will be celebrating birthdays by announcing each morning on the bulletin for hybrid students and by posting on their social media for remote students. Student Council advisor and officers are attending weekly Zoom meetings with the NJASC to stay informed and active at the State level. They wish everyone continued health and want to remind you all to take a break once in a while and remind yourself that you are amazing.

### **GOOD NEWS**

Mrs. Milch stated that Riverside High School fall sports seasons have taken off, and senior athletes have been recognized in football, field hockey, boys' soccer, band, color guard, and cheerleaders. Stay tuned for more news. A group of Riverside High School students joined in a clean-up of Amico Island on Saturday.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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 minutes of a Board Workshop Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on September 10, 2020.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho  
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 (August 31, 2020), the Treasurer's Report (August 31, 2020), the Cafeteria Financial Report (August 31, 2020), the student Activity Financial Report (August 31, 2020), Athletic Council (August 31, 2020) and the Budget Status Report (August 31, 2020), as attached.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of October 2020 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

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

**BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

**Transfers**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, 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:

<b><u>September 1, 2020</u></b>		
<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
11.000.213.104.0.00.00	11.000.213.320.0.00.00	\$560.00
11.190.100.610.0.00.10	11.000.240.610.0.02.10	36.00
20.477.200.200.0.00.00	20.477.200.300.0.00.00	1,450.00

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

**District Safety and Security Plan**

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 Riverside School District Safety and Security Plan 2020-2021, as presented.

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

**ESS Northeast**

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 addendum with ESS Northeast to provide Clerical substitute services for the 2020-21 school year, as attached.

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

**Burlington City BOE Tuition**

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 a Tuition Contract Agreement with Burlington City Board of Education for the 2020-2021 academic year at a per pupil cost of \$12,753 for two (2) Elementary School homeless students, and \$13,765 for one (1) Middle School homeless student.

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

**Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding**

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 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding-Live Streaming Video, between education and law enforcement officials signed by Superintendent Robin A. Ehrich and Police Chief Eliason on October 8, 2020.

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

**Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, **Whereas** the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and **Whereas** the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Riverside Township Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and **Whereas** all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid, **Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Riverside Township Board of Education in compliance with the Department of Education requirements.

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

**Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.**

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 Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide Registered Nurse services for the 2020-21 school year, for 20 hours per week at the rate of \$56 per hour.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**Family Leave**

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 unpaid Federal 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>
<b>Carla Mead</b>	<b>HS Clerk</b>	<b>November 23, 2020-February 19, 2021</b>

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

**Leave Request**

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 unpaid leave of absence 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>
<b>Erika Johnson</b>	<b>HS Clerk</b>	<b>November 12-13, 2020</b>

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

**Unpaid Leave of Absence**

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 places **Mary Albanese**, Elementary School Nurse, on unpaid leave of absence, effective October 1, 2020-October 7, 2020.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho  
Nay: 0  
Carried

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

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

**Volunteer Advisor/School Club**

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 volunteer Advisor and Club for the 2020-2021 school year.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<b>Donnamarie Eckhardt</b>	<b>MS Science Club</b>

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Expense Reimbursement**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It 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, 2021.

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

**Volunteer**

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 volunteer for the 2020-2021 school year.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<b>Felipe Viana</b>	<b>Cross Country</b>

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

**Student Athletic Trainer Internship**

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 placement of the following college student athletic trainer intern during the 2020-2021 school year, as listed.

<b><u>Student</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Placement</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>
Benjamin Cochran	Thomas Jefferson University	Jennifer Van Hee-Athletic Trainer	October 17-November 26, 2020

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

**POLICY**

**Second Reading**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Msr. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the second reading of policy #1648.03, as presented.

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

**STUDENTS**

**High School 2020 Graduation Results**

The Riverside Township Board of Education hereby enters into a public hearing for the purposes of reporting Riverside High School 2020 Graduation results.

Ms. Ehrich reported that Total number of students graduated in 2020 = **99**. The number of graduates who met the graduation assessment requirements by:

- a. Passing a substitute competency test - 73
- b. The portfolio appeals process- (0). There were 12 students that would have been required to complete the portfolio process. Due to the pandemic all requirements were waived by the state.
- c. Meeting alternate requirements specified in their IEPs- 14

The number of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who were denied graduation and how many of those students were denied solely due to failure to meet the graduation assessment requirements- (0) Please see above information.

Preliminary Graduation rate = **91.2%**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the High School 2020 Graduation Results.

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

**School Self-Assessment for Determining HIB Grades**

The Riverside Township Board of Education entered into a public hearing for the purposes of comment on the elementary, middle and high school self-assessments for determining HIB grades under ABR.

Ms. Ehrich reported that the Elementary school scored 72 of a possible 78; the Middle school scored 71 of a possible 78 and the High School scored 68 of a possible 78.

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 accepts the School Self-Assessment for Determining HIB Grades.

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

**Fundraisers**

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 fundraisers for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

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

**Home Instruction**

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 home instruction for the 2020-2021 school year:

<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
201271	September 8, 2020	September 11, 2020
240195	September 3, 2020	To Be Determined

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

**Out of District Placement**

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 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>
291007	Pearson School-Delanco	To be Determined (homeless)

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

## **PROGRAM**

### **Nursing Services Plans**

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 2020-21 Nursing Services Plans for Riverside Middle/High School and for Riverside Elementary School, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho

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 – 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 is on target for hybrid plan to start November 9, 2020.

**Acknowledgement of Visitors** – None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon  
Board Secretary