

**RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 11, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, R. Russell, J. Lennon, and R. Goldschmidt

Absent were: D. Graf, J. Mongon and D. Potts

Mr. Martin 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 May 12, 2010 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

New Jersey School Boards Association – School Board Notes – October 29, 2010
Letter from Elizabeth Dridi dated October 26, 2010

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Martin, 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, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Mitchell Knight, Student Government representative reported that the sophomores took first place and the juniors took second place in the Homecoming floats on October 16, 2010. Student Government sponsored a Halloween costume contest on October 29, 2010 and Secret Work Force placed jack-o-lanterns on October 29, 2010. The annual Food Drive started on November 8, 2010, and all food collected before Thanksgiving will be donated to Fishes and Loaves. In addition to food, a coat drive and a turkey drive have started.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch reported that High School Field Hockey team, Varsity Boys' Soccer team and Varsity Girls' Soccer team all made it to the second round of playoffs.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Shumway, Ms. Ehrich and Mr. LoSasso introduced the following students of the month:

Elementary- Amberlee Jack, 3rd grade; Jenson Arias, 4th grade; Katie Wallace, 5th grade.

Middle School- Kelli Johnson, 6th grade; John Riley, 7th grade; Lyndsay Micucci, (not present) 8th grade.

High School- Christina Chang, (not present) 9th grade; Mason Hopkins(not present), 10th grade; Kaili Matthews, 11th grade; Nicholas S. Wallace, 12th grade.

The meeting was opened to the public for agenda items only. No one spoke at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Reale, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Workshop Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on October 14, 2010 and a Special Meeting held on October 27, 2010.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (September 30, 2010), the Treasurer's Report (September 30, 2010), the Cafeteria Financial Report (September 30, 2010), the Student Activity Financial Report (September 30, 2010), the Athletic Council Report (September 30, 2010), and the Budget Status Report (September 30, 2010), as presented.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mrs. Reale, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of November, 2010 bills as presented.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**Substitutes**

On the motion by Mrs. Knaub, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following substitutes from Source4Teachers as per attached for the 2010-2011 school year.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Fire Drill Report

On the motion by Mrs. Knaub, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the October Fire Drill Report, submitted by Kurt Andress, Fire Marshal, as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Bus Evacuation Drills

On the motion by Mrs. Knaub, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Bus Evacuation Drill Report, submitted by Fran Winkelspecht, Transportation Coordinator, as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Voided Checks

On the motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Reale, 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: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Lease Purchase Agreement

Mr. Goldschmidt reported that this public hearing was advertised on October 27, 2010. The hearing is to inform the public that the Riverside Township Board of Education intends to approve a lease purchase agreement to finance a capital improvement project including the replacement of exterior doors, replacement of windows, masonry repairs and gym locker room upgrades at Riverside High School. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$781,250. The project will be funded as follows:

State aid to be received in the form of a grant:	\$521,227
Capital reserve: (Approximately)	\$150,000
Lease purchase agreement: (Not to exceed)	\$110,000

The Board entertained any public comment or questions regarding the matter. No one spoke at this time.

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that after the required public hearing, the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the attached resolution endorsing the approval of the concept of a lease purchase financing of exterior doors and window replacement, masonry repairs and gym locker room upgrades; ratifying publication of the notices of public hearing and request for proposals for selecting of a lessor and investor in connection with the transaction; delegating the award of the lease to the Business Administrator contingent upon receiving approval of the Commissioner of Education of the lease purchase agreement; authorizing certain officials to execute such agreement and related documents and authorizing other actions necessary to accomplish the transaction.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Sale of Equipment

On the motion by Mrs. Knaub, seconded by Mrs. Reale, and carried unanimously, Whereas the Riverside Township Board of Education has obsolete equipment/supplies which are no longer useful to the district, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the advertisement for the sale of these items, awarded to the highest bidder. And Be It Further Resolved, that the Riverside Township Board of Education approves the disposal of any items not sold as a result.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

PERSONNEL

Staff Development

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff development activities for the 2010-2011 school year as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Senior Trip Chaperones

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Knaub, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the chaperones for the senior trip to Florida (April 12 - 16, 2011) as follows:

Andrew Jacobs
Todd Pae
Kimberly Kirkpatrick
Lauren Smith
Amanda Vernacchio

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Salary Adjustment

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the salary adjustment for **William Jackamonis**, Elementary Teacher, for the 2010-2011 school year to reflect Step 2 (BA+30) at the conclusion of negotiations .

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Volunteer

On the motion by Mrs. Knaub, seconded by Mrs. Reale, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Courtney Green	Winter Color Guard	Volunteer

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Resignation

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Reale, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of **Nicole Karmade**, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective November 30, 2010.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

After School Academy

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mrs. Reale, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members as teachers in the After School Academy for the 2010-11 school year at a rate of \$40 per hour:

NAME
William Jackamonis (Fall-1/2)
Amanda Stewart (Fall-1/2)

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Practicum Teachers

On the motion by Mrs. Knaub, seconded by Mr. DiMiero, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the placement of the following college students in practicum assignments for the time and dates indicated with the teachers listed during the 2010-11 school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Time and Dates</u>
Alyssa Reale	Fairleigh-Dickinson	Math 6 Mrs. Guzdek	10 days Jan. 3-14
Christopher Focarile	Rutgers	Elementary TBD	45 hrs.- Jan. 24- May 6
Sharon Wariner	Rutgers	Elementary TBD	45 hrs.- Jan. 24- May 6
Ryan Wright	Rutgers	Elementary TBD	45 hrs.- Jan. 24- May 6
Brittany Melchiore	Rutgers	HS Soc Studies	45 hrs. -Jan.3- Jan. 13
William Haas	Rutgers	HS Soc Studies	45 hrs. -Jan.3- Jan. 13
Matthew Becker	Rutgers	MS English	45 hrs. -Jan.3- Jan. 13

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, and R. Russell
 Abstain: D. Reale
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Student Teacher

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. DiMiero, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following student teacher placement during the 2010-11 school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Date</u>
Catherine Anderson	Holy Family	Elem Spec Ed	Jan. 11- April 29, 2011

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Student Occupational Therapist

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. DiMiero, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a five day Occupational Therapist school observation placement for Michelle Wilden, student from Philadelphia University, during the month of December 2010.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

POLICY

Second Reading

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the second reading of the following revised policy as presented:

<u>Policy</u>	
5330	Administration of Medication

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

STUDENTS

Home Instruction

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mrs. Knaub, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following home instruction for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
161025	11/1/10	Undetermined

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Out of District Placements

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following out of district student placements for the 2010-2011 school year as listed:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>ANNUAL TUITION</u>
131156	Hampton Academy	\$42,217.20

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Field Trips

On the motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Knaub, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following field trips for the 2010-2011 school year as attached:

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Winter Sports Schedules

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the 2010-2011 Winter Sports schedules as presented.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

FACILITIES

Band Boosters Club

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the request from the Band Boosters Club for the use of the Band Room for the purpose of general meetings from 6:45-8:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month from November 2010 through May 2011.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Girl Scouts

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the request from the Girl Scouts Daisy Troop 25821 for the use of the All Purpose Room or Elementary Cafeteria and Lavatories every other Tuesday for the purpose of troop meetings from 6-8 pm beginning 11/16/2010. (In case of conflict, Riverside athletic programs will have priority for use as needed.)

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Little Green Cheerleading

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the requests from Little Green Cheerleading for the 2010-2011 school year as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Riverside Elementary School & Family

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the request from the Elementary School & Family for the use of the Elementary Cafeteria for the purpose of lunch with Santa on December 4, 2010 from 8 am – 1:30 pm.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Riverside Middle School & Family

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the request from the Middle School & Family for the use of the All Purpose Room for the purpose of a fundraiser pick up on November 17, 2010 from 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

PROGRAM**Violence & Vandalism Report**

Mr. Goldschmidt reported that the state law requires districts to report on the previous year's incidents. Mr. Goldschmidt briefly explained the process of compiling the Violence and Vandalism Report, including criteria from such incidents. Mr. Goldschmidt reported that in our Violence and Vandalism Report, according to criteria established by the State Department of Education, we reported three incidents of violence, most of which were what we might refer to as fights, one incident of vandalism and ten incidents of substance abuse during the 2009-2010 school year. There were no questions from either the board members or from members of the audience.

On the motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. DiMiero, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the Violence and Vandalism Report for the 2009-2010 school year after such Public Hearing.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Guidance Program

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Guidance Program for the 2010-2011 school year as presented.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

NJQSAC

Mr. Goldschmidt reported on NJQSAC, which stands for the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum. It requires that the District complete a self-assessment of its program and operations every three years. Committees have now completed that work, which resulted in scores as follows: Fiscal: 95%; Instruction and Program 84%; Operations 87.5%; Governance 100%; and Personnel 90%. Passing scores on these District Performance Reviews is 80% in each area. The Board entertained comments or questions from the public. There were no comments.

On the motion by Mrs. Knaub, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education, hereby approves the District Performance Reviews as verified by the NJQSAC Self-Assessment Committee and authorizes their submission along with the Superintendent's Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, M. DiMiero, B. Knaub, D. Martin, T. McElroy, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Mr. DiMiero reported that the district QSAC performance committee met on November 11 to review the QSAC report presented tonight. The Riverside Township Board conducted its annual self-evaluation as mandated and the compiled results are on file in the board office. The Board is arranging a meeting with the NJSBA to discuss the results of the survey. Mediation with the REA is scheduled for November 18, 2010.

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Mrs. Reale reported that last night the annual BCIP-JIF Annual State of the Fund dinner was held. In attendance were board members Mr. Russell, Mr. D'Agostino and Mrs. Reale, Mr. Goldschmidt, Mrs. Lennon, and Safety Committee members Mrs. Gatti, Mrs. Boehmer, Mr. DeCamp and Ms. Vilecco. Riverside was awarded \$1,500 for use in safety programs in the Elite 2, highest level award available. Riverside was also in the 50% loss ratio group.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –No Report

ATHLETICS – Mr. DiMiero will be scheduling a meeting the first week of December.

POLICY – No Report

CURRICULUM – No Report

SAFETY & SECURITY – No Report

STUDENT ACTIVITIES – No Report

DELEGATE TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS – No Report

DELEGATE TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – Mr. Russell reported that he will be attending the delegate assembly on November 20, 2010.

CONSOLIDATION/SCHOOL SERVICES – No Report

DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE – No Report

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Leann Howell, Filmore Street, Riverside, brought copies of the Positive Press for everyone and came to represent the Band. She reminded the Board that last year she had come to the board meeting asking the Board not to cut the band program during the budget process and wanted to update the Board on the Band. So far this year the Marching Band has three first place trophies, two second place trophies and three third place trophies. Last week in Allentown they scored the highest points in Riverside's Band history: 86.075. The band has only one senior, so next year should be great. The Positive Press has an article on page 25 about the Riverside Marching Band.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary