

**RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

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

Absent were: B. Knaub 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 – February 18, 2011

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 acceptance and filing of the above correspondence.

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

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch reported that senior Abdul Bangura was honored for Boys' Basketball, Second Team Freedom Division, senior Christine Caruso was honored for Girls' Basketball, First Team Freedom Division and senior Shannon Rossi was honored for Second Team Freedom Girls' Basketball. Members of the Wrestling team Kevin Keller, senior and Christian Stackhouse, freshman, were both honored First Team Freedom Division and Eric Nevadunsky, senior and Jared Margiotta, senior, were both honored Second Team Freedom Division.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Elementary- Anthony Rudzinski, 3rd grade; Jessica Forssell, 4th grade; Bruna Pereira, 5th grade.

Middle School- Zachary Brownback, 6th grade; Chelsea Jo Horta, 7th grade; Julia Tursi, 8th grade.

High School- Christian Stackhouse (not present), 9th grade; Jakob A. Gorbe, 10th grade; Evangeline Miller, 11th grade; Caitlin Thomas, 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 Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 10, 2011, Full Board Workshop held on February 7, 2011, a Special Meeting held on February 22, 2011 and a Special Meeting held on March 3, 2011.

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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 Board Secretary's Report (January 31, 2011), the Treasurer's Report (January 31, 2011), the Cafeteria Financial Report (January 31, 2011), the Student Activity Financial Report (January 31, 2011), the Athletic Council Report (January 31, 2011), and the Budget Status Report (January 31, 2011), as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On the motion by Mrs. Reale, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of March, 2011 bills as presented.

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

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**Substitutes**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Mongon, 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, D. Graf, D. Martin, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, D. Reale, and R. Russell
Nay: 0
Carried

Fire Drill Report

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

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

Security Drill Report

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the February Security Drill Report, submitted by Robert Goldschmidt, Superintendent, as attached.

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

Bond Referendum

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves and adopts a proposed referendum for the

acquisition and installation of bleachers and any related work at the Riverside High School, to appropriate \$750,000 and to issue bond of the school district in the amount of \$750,000 as per the attached resolution.

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

Budget Election Resolution

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the attached resolution in support of the concept of removing the budget election for New Jersey school district budgets that do not exceed the allowed two per cent cap on tax levy increases.

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

ROD Grant

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rejects all bids received on March 8, 2011 as exceeding pre-bid construction cost estimate provided by the architect for exterior doors and window replacement, masonry repairs and gym locker room upgrades, and authorizes Garrison Architects to revise and prepare bid specifications to be bid at a later date.

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

Transfers

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, 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 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:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11-000-291-270-00	11-000-291-249-00	\$1,600.00
11-000-240-103-01	11-000-240-1051-00	1,225.00

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

Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside Township

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside Township, subject to review and approval of the Superintendent on their behalf, for appropriately shared responsibility for the operation of the NJEA-donated scoreboard on Bob Kenney Field.

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

PERSONNEL

Mr. Russell read the following: Members of the public are invited to submit public comments regarding the renegotiation of the Superintendent employment agreement. The board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Open Public Meeting Act, shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public; however, the board will give all comments appropriate consideration.

Please be aware that the subject of the hearing retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public.

No comments were made.

Superintendent Contract

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 attached renegotiated agreement for **Robert H. Goldschmidt** as Superintendent of Schools following the required public hearing. The public notice of hearing was posted on February 4, 2011.

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

Spring Coach

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following spring coach for the 2010-2011 school year at the contract salary listed:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Spring Weightlifting Coach	Daniel Harris	\$1,192

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

Staff Development

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, 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, D. Graf, D. Martin, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Nay: 0
 Carried

Leave of Absence

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the request from Wendell Steinhauer for a two-year leave of absence from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013.

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

Substitute

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute for the 2010-2011 school year pending criminal history review:

Custodian
Marc Mount

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

Salary Adjustments

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the salary adjustments for the Teachers listed, for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Regina Villecco – MS Special Ed	\$60,108 (Step 7 BA+15)	\$61,108 (Step 7 BA+30)
James Winton – HS English	\$60,381 (Step 6 BA +30)	\$61,381 (Step 6 MA)

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

Practicum Teachers

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, 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>
Lindsay Shemeley	Rutgers	Elementary – ART	45 hrs.- May 16 – 24, 2011
Julia Kirchner	Rutgers	MS - ART	45 hrs.- May 16 – 24, 2011
Joann Higgins	Rutgers	HS - MATH	45 hrs.- May 16 – 24, 2011

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

POLICY**Second Reading**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the second reading of the following new and revised polices and regulations as presented:

Policies & Regulations

1140	Affirmative Action Program (New)
1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan (Revised)
1530	Equal Employment Opportunities (Revised)
1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices (Revised)
2260	Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practice (Revised)
2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability (Revised)
2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (Revised)
6360	Political Contributions (Revised)
6362	Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards (Revised)
8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations (Revised)
8420	Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan (Revised)
8420.2	Bomb Threat (Revised)
8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (Revised)
8420.10	Active Shooter (New)
R 1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices (Revised)
R 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (Revised)
R 8420	Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan (Revised)
R 8420.2	Bomb Threat (Revised)
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (Revised)
R 8420.10	Active Shooter (New)

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

STUDENTS**Home Instruction**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, 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>
131218	08/30/10	08/30/10
RS418	01/05/11	01/10/11
131247	01/06/11	02/16/11
201004	02/28/11	03/16/11
171085	03/10/11	03/10/11

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

Out of District Placements

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

<u>ID#</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>ANNUAL TUITION</u>
131247	Yale School	\$42,309.00

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

Field Trips

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, 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, D. Graf, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, D. Reale, and R. Russell
 Abstained: D. Martin
 Nay: 0
 Carried

FACILITIES**Riverside Middle School & Family**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the request from Riverside Middle School & Family for the use of the High School Cafeteria from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of an Academic Awards Ceremony on May 25, 2011. Also, the use of the High School Cafeteria from 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm for the purpose of an 8th grade Ice Cream Party on May 9, 2011.

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

Moorestown Volleyball Club

A motion was made by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Reale, but did not carry to approve the request from the Moorestown Volleyball Club for use of one half of the Gym, and Gym restrooms, for volleyball skills and training sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April and May when school is in session, from 6:30- 8:30 PM (Contingent upon receipt of certificate of insurance and required paperwork. In case of conflict, Riverside athletic programs will have priority for use as needed.)

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

Elementary School & Family

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, 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 from 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm., for the purpose of a Dare Graduation Ceremony on April 13, 2011.

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

PROGRAM

School Calendar Adjustment

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the adjustment to the 2010-2011 school calendar for an early dismissal schedule on May 13, 2011. (This is the date of the Jr/Sr Prom.)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – No Report

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Mr. McElroy reported that the committee met several times in the last couple weeks going over the budget. Mr. McElroy thinks this is a great budget and hopes the tax payers think the same. Mr. McElroy thanked the RAA and REA for the sacrifices they have made to help the students of Riverside School District. He also thanked Mr. Goldschmidt and especially Mrs. Lennon for a fine job on the budget and the entire board for their commitment to Riverside School District.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –No Report

ATHLETICS – Mr. DiMiero reported that he would like to set up a meeting for the end of March with the winter coaches to review the winter sports season and to meet with the new football coaches.

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 – No Report

DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE – No Report

Acknowledgement of Visitors

No one spoke at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary