

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:06 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

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

Absent were: D. Graf and M. Holak

Mr. McElroy 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 11, 2019 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJSBA-School Board Notes dated November 19, 2019

Letter from Mary-Jo Horton dated December 1, 2019

On the motion by Dr. Parker, 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, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho

Nay: 0

Carried

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Follis reported that the student council collected 20 turkeys and 35 cases of food for families in need this holiday. Thank you to all who donated. Next week they are hosting their door decorating contest to get everyone in the holiday spirit. They are selecting three teacher doors to win \$10 gift cards for their decorating skills. Next Thursday is their annual ugly sweater/tacky holiday apparel contest. They are celebrating by awarding 10 students and 3 staff members with gift cards for the holidays. The national honor society members are going to the Beverly National Cemetery this Saturday to help with wreath placing. If you would like to join them the event will begin at noon and run a few hours. The student council officers are headed to TCNJ on January 8, 2020 for their NJASC Winter Conference. Taylor Fritz will be running for State Officer position at this conference. They wish her luck and hope to come home with an NJASC officer for the first time. The National Honor Society would like to wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch shared good news that the Burlington County Scholastic League Freedom Division All Stars are: Football, First Team- Dominic Kidd-DEF-Senior, Johnnie DeLima-OFF-Senior, Khy'Jaron Moore-OFF-Junior. Second Team- Dominic Kidd-OFF-Senior, Johnnie DeLima-DEF-Senior, Terrell Spruell-DEF-Junior, Louis Vasquez-DEF-Junior. Eli Goldstein-Senior, First Team All-County-All-AcademicTeam. RHS Senior, Morgan Blake was chosen among the best in NJ at the Algonquin Rising Stars competition. On November 13 she performed at the Algonquin Arts Theater in northern NJ, as one of 12 performers throughout the state to have been chosen to participate in this event. Congratulations to Morgan and her teacher Ms. Jackie Leone and the athletes and their coaches.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Shumway, Mr. Mongon and Mr. Pae introduced the following students of the month:

Elementary- Abbey Eiler, 3rd grade; Wyatt Steffen, 4th grade; Daniel Donegan, 5th grade.

Middle School- Siani Rivera (not present), 6th grade, Mahek Bhatt, 7th grade; Madison Tallmadge, 8th grade.

High School- Elysia Espinal, 9th grade; Riley Adams, 10th grade; Nicholas Gahm, 11th grade; Alexis Davis, 12th grade.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Dr. Parker, 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 November 14, 2019.

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (October 31, 2019), the Treasurer's Report (October 31, 2019), the Cafeteria Financial Report (October 31, 2019), the student Activity Financial Report (October 31, 2019), Athletic Council (October 31, 2019) and the Budget Status Report (October 31, 2019), as attached.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 payment of December 2019 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

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

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfers

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, 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:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11.000.100.565.0.04.00	11.000.100.562.0.04.00	\$20,923.00
11.000.261.610.0.05.00	11.000.261.420.0.05.00	5,000.00
11.219.100.320.0.08.00	11.150.100.320.0.03.00	650.00
11.213.100.610.0.01.00	11.000.216.610.0.08.00	629.00

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

Audit

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 accepts and approves the 2018-2019 Audit, as presented with no audit findings and therefore no corrective action plan.

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

Fire Drill and Security Report

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 the November 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, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho
Nay: 0
Carried

New Substitute Rate

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 the substitute rate for Substitute Secretaries, Crossing Guards/Café Aides, and Custodians to \$11.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2020, to align with NJ Minimum Wage.

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

PERSONNEL

Resignation

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 accepts the resignation from **Lauren DiFrancesco**, ES Preschool Part Time Aide, effective December 4, 2019.

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

New Employee

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 the following staff member for the 2019-2020 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Lindsey Eigenbrood, Part-time Preschool Aide, at the hourly rate of \$22.97, start date of January 2, 2020, pending criminal history review and sexual misconduct/child abuse review.

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

Leave Request

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 leave of absence request from the employee listed below for the period indicated:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Kelly Opalka	ES Instructional Ambulatory Aide	December 19-20, 2019

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

Senior Trip Chaperone

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 rescinds the appointment of **Brittany Bellan**, and approves **Tara Crane-McElroy** as chaperone for the senior trip to Florida (April 26, 2020 – May 1, 2020).

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

Sophomore Trip Chaperone

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 rescinds the appointment of **Tara Crane-McElroy**, and approves **Andrew Jacobs** as chaperone for the sophomore trip to New York City (May 1, 2020).

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

Staff Development

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 staff development activities for the 2019-2020 school year, as attached.

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

Student Athletic Trainer Internship

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 placement of the following college student athletic trainer intern during the 2019-2020 school year, as listed.

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Elizabeth Brozek	Thomas Jefferson University	Jennifer Van Hee-Athletic Trainer	January 13-March 7, 2020

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

Volunteers

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 following volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Amanda Shinn	Winter Color Guard
June Sorrentino	Winter Color Guard

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

Co-Curricular Position

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 following co-curricular position for the 2019-2020 school year at the contract salary listed.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Science Night-ES	Tara Crane-McElroy	\$868.00

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, W. Greiner, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho

Abstained: T. McElroy

Nay: 0

Carried

STUDENTS

Field Trips

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 field trips for the 2019-2020 school year, as attached.

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

Nay: 0

Carried

Field Trips to France & Spain

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 World Language field trips to France from July 7-14, 2021, and Barcelona & Madrid, Spain from between July 3-15, 2021.

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

Nay: 0

Carried

Fundraisers

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 fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year, as attached.

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

Nay: 0

Carried

HIB

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 the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report for December 2019, as attached.

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

Nay: 0

Carried

Home Instruction

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 the following home instruction for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>ID #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
201047	November 26, 2019	Undetermined
211054	December 4, 2019	Undetermined

221037	October 11, 2019	October 28, 2019
221104	September 27, 2019	October 2, 2019
300152	December 10, 2019	February 28, 2020
320020	November 26, 2019	February 28, 2020

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

POLICY

Second Reading

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the second reading of the attached list of new and revised policies and regulations, as presented.

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

FACILITIES

Facility Use

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 facility/building use requests for the 2019-2020 school year, as attached.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Mr. Mongon reported that the Fact Finding Hearing with the REA has been rescheduled for January 6, 2020.

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Mr. McElroy reported that he, along with members of the safety committee, our claims coordinator and another BOE member attended the JIF State of the Fund dinner on December 4, 2019 and reported that the Riverside Township School District was awarded a total of \$7,000 for managing our risk (which usually results in lower premiums). This is a direct reflection of providing a safe and healthful environment for our schools. To top the evening off Riverside was named the Safety District of the Year (Large school division) along with NBC. He thanked everyone involved for making this happen.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –ATHLETICS –No Report

CURRICULUM – No Report

SAFETY & SECURITY – No Report

STUDENT GOVERNMENT –DELEGATE TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS – Mrs. Pinho reported that the committee met on November 21, 2019 with student council, Mrs. Hunter and Ms. Ehrich, where each member of the student council shared different projects that the council have participated in or are planning to complete.

DELEGATE TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – No Report

DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE – No Report

Acknowledgement of Visitors – Mr. Salkowski addressed the board regarding the communication process for registration for sports. He was upset that there were no handouts and had an issue with his son not being able to play a whole season because he missed the tryout practices.

Mr. Robinson addressed Mr. Salkowski’s issue stating that nowhere does the handbook say that a coach can make an arbitrary decision to cut a player and feels that Mr. Salkowski’s son was singled out.

Mr. Cesare addressed the tryout process and explained that prior to the two day tryouts, there were meetings with the students to explain the process and defended his decision to allow or not allow students to tryout.

Mr. Starke spoke on Mr. Salkowski's behalf explaining that he knew his children would not have been able to play sports if it hadn't been for his wife working in the district because she made sure all the paperwork was completed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary