

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho, D. Potts, R. Ehrich, and J. Lennon

Absent were: T. McElroy, S. Parker

Mrs. Graf 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 16, 2018 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJSBA School Board Notes dated January 26, 2018

Letter from Karen Carver dated January 9, 2018

Letter from Vivian Barnett dated January 24, 2018

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, 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: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho, D. Potts

Nay: 0

Carried

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Jada Karp reported on January 26, 2018 the Student Council hosted the last Spirit Theme day of the year. Student Council color this month was white and the Seniors took home the Victory. All points earned each month will be carried into Spirit Week totals. Spirit Week will run February 20, 2018 through February 23, 2018 and the winner will be announced at their Black Light Dance on Friday night.

This month Student Council is focusing on reaching their \$1000 goal for State Charity. They are selling Yankee Candles to help reach their goal as they make great Easter and Mother's Day gifts. If anyone would like to make a purchase please contact Mrs. Hunter or a Student Council member.

Saturday, February 17, 2018 Patrick Tillinghast will be hosting his NHS service project. He has partnered with the local Masonic Home and they will be running a Spaghetti dinner. The dinner will be held at the Masonic Lodge on Chester Ave. The dinner is from 4pm-8pm and the tickets are \$10. The lodge has supported us in a recent project and we would like to get the word out about their generosity. Please consider joining them. You can contact Mrs. Hunter with any questions.

Jada Karp will be hosting a donation drive for the Cat's Meow Rescue Group. Jada is collecting paper towels, trash bags, Lysol wipes, cat food, cat toys, litter, water bowls, etc. Donations can be made to Jada in room 222.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch reported the following students have been named to the Western Burlington County Honors Band: Seniors: Lee-Anne Chapman, Raymound LaCour, Isiah Saxon, Matheus Teixeira. Juniors: Elijah Abad, Leslie Lewis, Paige Lewis. Sophomore: Jeanel Zoll. Freshmen: Holly McColgan, Sareyna Rossi, Matheus Silveira-Souza. Senior Jeanquai Morton scored his 1000th point during the basketball game on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Congratulations to the musicians and to Quai on his momentous accomplishment.

Special Presentation – Travis Lance (Conner Strong & Buckelew)

Mr. Lance presented the Riverside School District with a \$1,500.00 reward for the Ramblers who finished in first place in the Wellness Program. The team was given the privilege of choosing a charity to donate an additional \$1,000 and chose Project Santa, which Mr. Lance also presented to the group.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Shumway, Mr. Mongon and Mr. Pae introduced the following students of the month: Elementary-Samuel Ribeiro, 3rd grade; Vincenzo Tracey (not present), 4th grade; Edward Grinnan, 5th grade Middle School- Madison Tallmadge, 6th grade, Rylie Bienkowski, 7th grade; Heydi Yunga, 8th grade. High School-Mellany G. Bustos, 9th grade; Erica Adofo-Boamah, 10th grade; Jenson Arias, 11th grade; Hailey Jones, 12th grade.

Superintendent's Report - Progress Toward Goals

Goal #1: During the 2017-2018 school year, the curriculum coordinator will facilitate curriculum writing and application. By working in concert with the leadership team, meaningful, sustained and job-embedded professional learning will be crafted to assist teachers in applying and implementing the Common Core State Standards and the NJ Student Learning Standards in their daily practice.

The Physics curriculum has been updated and Board of Education approved. The Chemistry curriculum is almost completed. We will seek BOE approval in March. All three schools are running professional learning communities within the course of the school day. Our most recent focus is on improving literacy practices within the disciplines. This includes making sure students have opportunities to engage in the challenging reading and writing (of the disciplines) in ways that are appropriate to the content areas being studied.

Goal #2: During the 2017-2018 school year, the district will support and promote teacher and administrator participation in both in-district and out-of-district professional learning opportunities designed to enhance professional practice and improve student achievement.

Twenty-six outside professional development opportunities for teaching staff members have been BOE approved. They included focus in some of the following areas: next generation science standards, math mindset, environmental health, creating learning environments for all students, engineering, computer literacy and Reader's workshop. In addition, the BOE approved 13 more professional learning experiences for the; Technology Specialist (1), Curriculum Coordinator (1), Administration (6), Nurse (1), secretary (1) and guidance staff members (3). The total cost to the district for the 39 workshops was \$2,163.00. Which is an average of \$55.00 per event.

Goal #3: Through the elementary school Attendance committee we will seek to improve elementary school attendance and lateness to school numbers. We will reduce both absences and lateness to school by 3% over 2016-17 final numbers (7,677/3,436).

The attendance committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. Mr. Huber has sent home 394 letters to parents of students with three or more absences and has made over 300 follow up phone calls to parents of

those students accruing five absences. Mr. Shumway and Mr. Huber have celebrated 57 separate occasions where classes have had 10 days of perfect attendance. Total absences are down by 391 and lateness is down by 39 occasions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of a Reorganization Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on January 11, 2018.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (December 31, 2017), the Treasurer's Report (December 31, 2017), the Cafeteria Financial Report (December 31, 2017), the Student Activity Financial Report (December 31, 2017), Athletic Council (December 31, 2017) and the Budget Status Report (December 31, 2017), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 payment of February 2018 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfers

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, 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>
11-000-230-334-00	11-000-230-331-00	\$5,000.00
11-219-100-320-08	11-219-100-580-08	68.00

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Fire Drill and Security Report

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the January Fire Drill Report, submitted by Marc Ballantyne, Fire Marshal, and the Security Drill Report, submitted by Robin A. Ehrich, Superintendent, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Mt. Holly Township Public School District Tuition

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves Tuition Contract Agreements with Mt. Holly Township Public School District for the 2017-2018 academic year at a per pupil cost of \$14,534 for one Middle School homeless student, and \$19,500 for one Special Education Middle School homeless student.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

IDEA Fiscal Year 2018

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the amended Fiscal Year 2018 IDEA grant application, as submitted.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

ESSA Fiscal Year 2018

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the amended Fiscal Year 2018 ESSA grant application, as submitted, to reflect an increase in Title I – SIA of \$73,432.

VOTE- Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

PERSONNEL

Resignation

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, with regrets, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, from **Patricia Rafter**, 5th Grade Teacher, effective July 1, 2018.

Mr. D'Agostino thanked Mrs. Rafter for years of service and Mr. Mongon seconded his sentiments and wished her well.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
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 following staff development activities for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Substitute Rate

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 rate of \$100 per day for Ronald King, the substitute serving on a daily basis as 2nd Grade Teacher, replacing Michelle Simensen, beginning, January 22, 2018 – March 1, 2018.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Substitute Rate

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 rate of \$100 per day for Nick Anagnostos, the substitute serving on a daily basis as MS Math Teacher, replacing Mary Steinhauer, beginning, February 5, 2018 – March 29, 2018.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Leave Requests

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leaves of absence requests for the employees listed below for the periods indicated.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Karen Carver	ES Basic Skills Instructional Aide	January 8-9, 2018
Vivian Barnett	CST Social Worker	March 8-9, 2018
Vanessa Conneaney	ES Guidance Counselor	March 12-13, 2018

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Substitute

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves **Sandra Lynch Massi** as a substitute Athletic Trainer, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour for the 2017-2018 school year.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

STUDENTS

Home Instruction

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following home instruction for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
191028	01/02/18	04/12/18
211004	20 hours	

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Out of District Placement

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following out of district student placement for the 2017-2018 school year as listed.

<u>ID#</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>
320016	B.C.S.S.S.D. (Elementary Campus)	\$38,474.00

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Field Trips

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following field trips for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Fundraisers

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Spring Sports Schedules

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the 2017-2018 Spring Sports schedules, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Volunteers

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Brian Solomon	Baseball
Casey Donahue	Baseball
William Terzes	Softball
Anthony Reale	Softball
Scott Atkinson	Track and Field
Nicholas Zoll	Track and Field

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

PROGRAM

School Calendar

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the school calendar for the 2018-19 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Preschool Education Aid Program Plan

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Three-Year Preschool Program Plan for 2018-19, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

FACILITIES

Facility Use

On the motion by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the facility/building use requests for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – No Report

FINANCE & INSURANCE – No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – No report

ATHLETICS – No Report

CURRICULUM – Mr. Mongon reported that the committee met to discuss the curriculum needs for budget on January 11, 2018.

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 –No report

Acknowledgement of Visitors-Gavin Martinez, 230 Cleveland Ave, asked what the boards definition of a jacket was and asked why he was thrown out of class for wearing his jacket even though he doesn't think it would hinder his education. Mrs. Martinez expressed her concern about Gavin being thrown out of class for wearing something similar to what warm-up suits that other students wear. She also felt that the other students were not thrown out of class for wearing their jackets.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary