

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 6, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:14 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, S. Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace, M. Adams, and J. Conard

Absent were: B. Winerling

Dr. Parker led the flag salute.

Mr. Adams announced that adequate notice of the meeting had been given to the public by notifying the Courier Post and the Burlington County Times and posting notice at the Riverside Town Hall on January 13, 2021.

**CORRESPONDENCE-None**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Mr. Shumway, Ms. Follis and Mr. Pae introduced the following students of the month:  
Elementary- Natalia Burke, 3rd grade; Litzzy Nieves, 4th grade; Ivon Portillo Bello, 5th grade.  
Middle School- Marlee Legin, 6th grade, Brianne Bienkowski, 7th grade; Evelyn Quinllin Yunga, 8th grade.  
High School- Brandon Heintz, 9th grade; Morgan Dill, 10th grade; Alexandra Siravo, 11th grade; Taylor Dill, 12th grade.

**GOOD NEWS**

Mrs. Milch stated the portrait of Joseph T. “Rocky” Cancellieri, former student, teacher, coach, administrator, and superintendent is now on display in the auditorium. The portrait is a gift from the Cancellieri family. For anyone who knows Philadelphia sports history, the portrait was painted by former Eagles’ Hall of Famer Tommy McDonald upon Rocky’s retirement. The 2022 Teachers of the Year have been announced: Riverside Elementary School— Tiffany Ross, Riverside Middle School—Tara Porreca, Riverside High School—Scott Atkinson. Congratulations to these three teachers, who were greeted by the band, the administration, their families, and each school’s students. They will be honored again later in the year. On Saturday, December 4, the RMS and RHS Choirs performed in the town’s “Christmas in the Riverside” celebration. The Band and JROTC marched in the parade. The Interact Club and Police Explorers were also in attendance. Ron Gunkel and Sports Paradise contributed boxes of canned goods for the RHS Student Council’s annual drive on December 8. On Saturday, December 11 Amanda Jackamonis headed “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” festivities in front of the school. She was aided by Nancy Bivona, Jennifer Ryan, Cindy Harris, and Emily Young. Jenna Buffetta and Bill Jackamonis and the RES Student Government joined in, as well as Jennifer Hunter and the RHS Student Council, who dressed in costume. Lindsey Towey was a perfect Grinch, along with her helper Nina Mumford. Ciani Loveless was the make-up artist. On Saturday, December 18, Dana Ruggieri organized the Wreaths Across America commemoration at Beverly National Cemetery. JROTC Colonel Joel Martin was the featured speaker. RHS JROTC and National

Honor Society members laid wreaths on the graves of the military. The last school week of 2021 featured Ugly Sweater Day, Blue and White Day for the first day of winter, and Pajama Day. Senior basketball star Khalil Tucker started the week off by scoring his 1000<sup>th</sup> point against Maple Shade. He needed 35 and hit it on the mark. And on the last day of the school year, the Project Santa basketball game resumed after a year off with the faculty defeating the seniors.

### **PRESENTATION**

Curriculum Coordinator Heather Wawrzyniak did a presentation on the Start Strong Assessment Sub-Group.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Ms. Koka, 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 December 9, 2021.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Abstained: E. Mossop  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (November 30, 2021), the Treasurer's Report (November 30, 2021), the Cafeteria Financial Report (November 30, 2021), the student Activity Financial Report (November 30, 2021), Athletic Council (November 30, 2021) and the Budget Status Report (November 30, 2021), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Abstained: E. Mossop  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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 payment of January 2022 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

### **Transfers**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, 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>
11.213.100.101.0.03.00	11.230.100.101.0.02.00	\$37,218.00
11.213.100.101.0.02.00	11.230.100.101.0.02.00	49,038.00

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Statement of Assurance**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Statement of Assurance - Reporting of Paraprofessional Staff - 2021-2022 school year, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Fire Drill and Security Report**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the December Fire Drill Report, submitted by Marc Ballantyne, Fire Marshal, and the Security Drill Report, submitted by Robert O'Brien, School Safety Officer, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Eastern Armored Services, Inc.**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby affirms the attached Services Agreement, to provide secured depository shipments, for the 2022 calendar year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **NJ Family Leave**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid NJ 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>Deanna Nay</b>	Playground/Cafeteria Aide	January 8, 2022-April 5, 2022

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

#### **Federal Family Leave**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, 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>Maureen Cliggett</b>	ES Special Education Teacher	January 12, 2022-April 4, 2022

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

#### **Resignation**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation from **Salinas Santiago**, ES Instructional Ambulatory Aide, effective December 31, 2021.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

#### **After School Academy**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves **Elizabeth Walsh** as a teacher

in the Spring After School Academy, paid with ESSER-II funds, for the 2021-2022 school year, at the rate of \$48.35 per hour.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Leave Requests**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leave of absence requests from the employees listed below, for the periods indicated:

<b><u>Employee</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>
<b>Rosemarie Bosch</b>	HS Ambulatory Aide	January 5-7, 2022
<b>Charles Kasowski</b>	HS Ambulatory Aide	March 3-4 & March 7, 2022

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Co-Curricular Resignation/Appointment**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the resignation of **Lauren Downey** as Class of 2023 Advisor, effective January 1, 2022, and approves the appointment of **Amanda Jackamonis** as Class of 2023 Advisor, for the 2021-2022 School Year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

### **Co-Curricular Positions**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following co-curricular positions for the 2021-2022 school year, at the contract salaries listed.

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Drill Raider Challenge	<b>Col. Joel Martin</b>	\$1,598 (pro-rated 10/1/21-6/30/22)
JROTC Summer Camp	<b>Col. Joel Martin</b>	\$1,175

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**France Trip Chaperones**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the chaperones for the trip to France (July 7-14, 2022), as listed.

**Names**

**Tara Crane-McElroy**  
**Alaine DiLuzio**  
**Valerie Franz**  
**Deborah Gatti**  
**Cheryl Hansberry**  
**Robyn Westrich**

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Abstained: T. McElroy  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Spain Trip Chaperones**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the chaperones for the trip to Spain (between July 3-15, 2022), as listed.

**Names**

**Anthony Cicali**  
**Cherin Galdi**  
**Sgt. Janet Gibbs**  
**Carmen Plant**  
**Tara Stellwag**  
**Colleen Tete**  
**Robert Van Sciver**

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**REA Contract**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the contract negotiated with and ratified by the Riverside Education Association, for the contract years 2022-2023 through 2026-2027.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Abstained: T. McElroy  
Nay: 0  
Carried

Mrs. Graf thanked the REA and Committee on a job well done negotiating the contract.

**Fall Coach (Retroactive)**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fall coach (retroactive) for the 2021-2022 school year, at the contract salary listed:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Fall Weightlifting	<b>Carmine Cesare</b>	\$1,402

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Spring Coach**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following spring coach for the 2021-2022 school year, at the contract salary listed:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Track & Field Assistant Coach	Travis Perinho	\$5,975

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Co-Curricular Resignation**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation from **Melissa Aviles** as Drama Club Advisor, effective December 22, 2021.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Substitute Rate**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the \$125 rate of pay, per day, for teacher substitutes, for the remaining 2021-2022 school year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Student Teacher Field Observation**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves one hundred (100) hours of student teacher field observation for Mariela Sarceno, in a variety of Elementary School classrooms, through The University of Phoenix placement, during the 2021-2022 school year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Staff Development**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the staff development activities for the 2021-2022 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**STUDENTS**

**Field Trips to France and Spain**

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 World Language field trips to France from July 7-14, 2022, and Barcelona & Madrid, Spain from between July 3-15, 2022, postponed from 2021.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**Middle School Student Handbook**

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 revised Code of Conduct Handbook for the Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace  
Nay: 0  
Carried



**Out of District Placement**

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 following out of district student placement for the 2021-22 school year, as listed.

<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>Placement</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Tuition</u></b>
231045	Burlington County Alternative High School	\$26,702.00

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

**Home Instruction**

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 following home instruction, for the 2021-2022 school year:

<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
270219	December 14, 2021	To Be Determined

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

**Fundraisers**

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 following fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

**HIB**

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 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report for December 2021, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra, R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

## **PROGRAM**

### **Preschool Education Aid Program Plan**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Five-Year Preschool Program Plan for 2022-23 school year, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

### **HIB – ITP: Public Hearing**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby enters into a resolution for the purposes of reporting on HIB incidents, affirmed incidents of HIB and trainings and programs for the time period of July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 (Reporting Period #1).

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

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

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the School Self-Assessments for Determining HIB Grades Report for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

Nay: 0

Carried

### **Bilingual/ELL Three Year Program Plan**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Ms. Koka, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Bilingual/English Language Learner (ELL) Three-Year Program Plan for 2021-2024, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, W. Greiner, S. Koka, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, Parker, M. Pinho, J. Sierra,  
R. Wallace

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 – Mr. Mossop stated Delanco BOE held their reorganization meeting on January 5, 2022.

**Acknowledgement of Visitors** – Ms. Vesey thanked the Superintendent on keeping the parents updated on what is going on in the school district.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On the motion by Ms. Koka, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby go into Executive Session at 8:19 pm for the purpose of discussing a student incident.

Meeting reconvened at 9:21 pm

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion by Ms. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien  
Board Secretary