

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 7:05 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, D. Potts, R. Ehrich, and J. Lennon

Absent were: None

Mr. Holak 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 January 18, 2019

Character Education Committee Report dated February 6, 2019

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Dr. Parker, 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, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, D. Potts

Nay: 0

Carried

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Matheus Silveira-Silva reported that on January 9, 2019 student council attended the NJASC Winter Leadership Conference. They were awarded the Honor School Award and a Top Ten Projects Award. They are so excited to have earned both awards this year. Student council is also working to reach the \$2,000.00 club for their State Charity this year, One Simple Wish that helps kids in the foster care system. They are hosting a Scentsy fundraiser this month so if you are interested in supporting them please contact a member of the student council or Mrs. Hunter. On February 8, 2019 the National Honor Society inducted five new members, Amberlee Jack, Cole Cerchiaro, Emily Schmitt, Larissa Combs and Paige Lewis. The National Honor Society is hosting their annual scrapbooking day on March 23, 2019. The event helps raise funds for their scholarships. If you are interested in attending please contact Mrs. Hunter.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch reported that the school play, Aladdin Jr., will be presented in the auditorium on March 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. Ian Farrell, senior basketball player, set the game and season 3-point school records that have held since 2007. Stay tuned next month for his final totals. Hailey Russell, senior basketball player, also set the game 3-point school record for the ladies. She is closing in on the season and career records, all set in 2002. She'll have the final results next month. Last evening, both the boys and girls teams celebrated Senior Night. NBC 10 was present to memorialize the moment, particularly because senior Jose Matera was featured on the news show as "Wednesday's Child," as a nine year-old after being interviewed by Vai Sikahema. That prompted his soon-to-be mother to adopt him, and we at Riverside High School have been lucky enough to have him in our school as a service-oriented contributor, an honor student, and an athlete. Good luck to our actors and musicians and congratulations to Ian, Hailey, and Jose.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Elementary Jack Capillo, 3rd grade; Jamison Morrill, 4th grade; Sarah Dill, 5th grade

Middle School- Lydia Loughry, 6th grade, Emma McGee, 7th grade; Ryah Fitzgerald, 8th grade.

High School- Gracie Iwanicki, 9th grade; Riley Starke, 10th grade; Ezra Harris, 11th grade; Emily Wojceichowski, (not present) 12th grade. Mr. Par recognized Joelle McElroy, 9th grade Student of the Month from last month.

SUPERINTENEDENT’S REPORT

Goal 1: Safety and Security. We will continue to expand on our preparation, training and programming to ensure a safe and secure environment for all district students, staff and visitors. Our primary goal and responsibility is to ensure the school district is fully prepared to effectively respond to all emergencies that may affect the safety of students and staff members.

All three schools conducted Emergency Medical Response Team drills during normal operating school hours. In my capacity as the District School Safety Specialist, I attended a “Using Schools as Shelters” presentation in January. The District safety committee met in January and have earmarked safety award funds to purchase and install additional panic buttons in the MS and Athletic offices and a new stairwell camera near the middle school. We are approving acceptance of the Burlington County Freeholders School Safety grant this evening. In total, we have been awarded \$977,000 to spend on school safety and security. I am attending a county MOA meeting next week.

Goal 2: Riverside Middle School Comprehensive Support. During the 2018-2019 school year, 60% of math students, grades 6-8, will have met or exceeded their individual growth target using baseline scores with a focus on number systems, geometric functions, and modeling and reasoning.

Based on our most recent benchmark assessments, as of January 28 (end of the second marking period), approximately 81% of the RMS math students are on target to obtain the math goal set in our comprehensive support plan.

Goal 3: School Culture and Climate. Seek to strengthen student self-awareness, appreciation for individual differences and positive relationship building at RHS through a commitment to good citizenship, service and volunteerism.

The following are examples of the work toward accomplishing this goal. The Peacemaker Ambassador Club is meeting once a month to promote ideas to bring together groups of students who traditionally do not have an opportunity to interact together. NJCAP held a parent night for freshman parents, and spent three days in freshman PE/Health classes to discuss social/emotional health and resources in the county. Interact is donating \$500 to the family who was recently displaced by a fire. H..E.R.O.I.C. held a Holiday Store sale and sported their new t-shirts: tie-dye with the message "Don't let your colors fade." FEA volunteered at the Special Olympics Jingle All the Way 3K on 12/2. Teacher Cadet participated in another round of Delanco Teacher Shadowing on 1/14. Student Council - Collected canned food for the Knights of Columbus and collected turkeys for Fishes and Loaves. NHS members went to the Lutheran Crossings to decorate for the holidays.

Interact- collected household products for the good counsel home, fundraised for a staff member and her daughter by selling Project Santa Shirts and collecting money (donated \$750), raised a little over \$2,000 for Project Santa, made dinner and babysat kids at Good Counsel every month, played bingo and made crafts with the residents at the Marcella canter each month, volunteered for lunch with Santa for elementary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Holak, 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 January 10, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts

Nay: 0

Carried

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (December 31, 2018), the Treasurer's Report (December 31, 2018), the Cafeteria Financial Report (December 31, 2018), the student Activity Financial Report (December 31, 2018), Athletic Council (December 31, 2018) and the Budget Status Report (December 31, 2018), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
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 2019 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Old Business

Amend October 11, 2018 minutes

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 amends the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting for **Laura Stevens'** Family Leave from January 18, 2019 – April 12, 2019 to March 29, 2019 – May 31, 2019, and delete the request for Unpaid Leave from April 15, 2019 – May 31, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

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 amends the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting for **Lisa Cesare's** Family Leave from March 1, 2019- March 15, 2019 to February 4, 2019 – March 15, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Amend November 15, 2018 minutes

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 amends the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting for **Brittany Quiring's** Family Leave from February 26, 2019 – April 12, 2019 to February 20, 2019 – April 12, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Amend December 13, 2018 minutes

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 amends the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting for **Nicole Barbich** from prorated start date of February 12, 2019 to February 11, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

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 amends the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting for **Regina Morris** to delete the request for Family Leave from May 6, 2019- June 14, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

New Business

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfers

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, 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>
11.230.100.610.0.02.00	11.190.100.610.0.02.07	\$580.00
11.190.100.610.0.00.10	11.000.252.340.0.00.00	305.00

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Fire Drill and Security Report

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, 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, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

ESS Addendum

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the addendum with ESS to provide half day classroom substitute services for the 2018-19 school year, as per the attached addendum.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Burlington County School Safety Program 2018 Grant Agreement

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves acceptance of the Burlington County School Safety Program 2018 Grant Agreement between the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Riverside Township School District, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Capital Projects

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education authorizes Garrison Architects (GA) to prepare and submit an Other Capital Project Application for Security Upgrades at the High School, funded in part by the Burlington County Freeholders County Grant program. The district acknowledges that it will receive no state aid for these projects and further authorizes GA to amend the districts Long Range Facilities Plan to include these projects.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials signed by Superintendent Robin A. Ehrich and Police Chief Eliason on January 31, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho,
D. Potts
Nay: T. McElroy
Carried

Hamilton School District Tuition

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Hamilton School District for the 2018-2019 academic year at a per pupil cost of \$13,636 for one Middle School homeless student (and an agreement for reimbursement of tuition and transportation for out of district homeless placement.)

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

PERSONNEL

Leave Requests

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 unpaid leave of absence requests for the employees listed below for the period indicated.

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brenda McLaverty	Administrative Secretary	April 17-18, 2019
Kimberly Pulley	ES Instructional Ambulatory Aide	April 3-5, 2019

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Rescission & Appointment

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 rescinds the appointment of Michael Mongon as Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer for the 2018-19 school year, and appoints Heather Wawrzyniak as Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer for the 2018-19 school year.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Staff Development

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff development activities for the 2018-2019 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Substitute Rate

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a rate of \$100 per day for Kyle Yansick, the substitute serving on a daily basis as HS Special Education Teacher, replacing Brittany Quiring, beginning January 14, 2019 – April 12, 2019.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Volunteers

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers for the 2018-19 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Melissa Callahan	Softball
Anthony Reale	Softball
William Terzes	Softball
Scott Atkinson	Track and Field
Nicholas Zoll	Track and Field

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

STUDENTS

Home Instruction

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 home instruction for the 2018-19 school year:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
201064	01/11/19	04/03/19
221002	01/10/19	02/14/19
201047	01/18/19	04/03/19
300133	02/04/19	03/15/19
191059	01/25/19	03/01/19
231149	01/14/19	TBD
240175	01/15/19	TBD

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Field Trips

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 field trips for the 2018-19 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Fundraisers

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 following fundraisers for the 2018-19 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

HIB – ITP: Public Hearing

The Riverside Township Board of Education hereby entered into a Public Hearing for the purpose of reporting on HIB incidents, affirmed incidents of HIB and trainings and programs for the time period of July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.

Ms. Ehrich reported that two investigations were done with zero confirmed incidents occurring in the schools. The district offered a total of 13 trainings and 33 programs were provided.

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the report on HIB incidents, affirmed incidents of HIB and trainings and programs for the time period of July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Out of District Placement

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 out of district student placement for the 2018-19 school year, as listed.

<u>ID#</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>
250176	Yale School	\$57,047.40 (homeless student to be reimbursed by Hamilton Twp.)

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
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 2018-19 Spring Sports Schedules, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

PROGRAM

School Calendar

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 school calendar for the 2019-20 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Preschool Education Aid Program Plan

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 Three-Year Preschool Program Plan for 2019-20, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

Program of Studies

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 Riverside High School Program of Studies for the 2018-19 school year, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

FACILITIES

Facility Use

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 facility/building use requests for the 2018-19 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: R. Bienkowski, J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,
M. Pinho, D. Potts
Nay: 0
Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Mrs. Graf stated there will be a meeting on February 20, 2019 with the REA to continue negotiations.
- FINANCE & INSURANCE –No report
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –No report
- ATHLETICS –No report
- CURRICULUM –No Report
- SAFETY & SECURITY – No report
- STUDENT GOVERNMENT – Mrs. Pinho stated there will be a meeting after Sports Night.
- DELEGATE TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS – No Report
- DELEGATE TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – No Report
- DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE-No Report

Acknowledgement of Visitors-None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary