

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., by Zoom.

Present were: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling, R. Ehrich, and J. Lennon

Absent was: None

Mr. D’Agostino 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 March 25, 2020 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Patricia Lindabury dated June 23, 2020

Letter from Claudia West-Grady dated June 30, 2020

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 acceptance and filing of the above correspondence.

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

Nay: 0

Carried

**GOOD NEWS**

On June 18, 2020 the administration and staff went above and beyond in recognizing the Riverside High School Class of 2020. Principal Todd Pae with the help of his administrative assistant Grace Bisch and also Linda Steel presented a “graduation” that was excellent during the health restrictions. Graduates were greeted by Principal Pae and received their diplomas and appropriate awards from Assistant Principals Buddy Micucci and Elizabeth Follis. During the 3-hour ceremony Superintendent Robin A. Ehrich acknowledged each of the graduates, and their school counselor Alaine DiLuzio, was still offering tidbits of advice. Student Council and Jennifer Hunter provided a banner, and class advisers Nicole Potts and Brittany Bellan created a photo booth, snapping photos of the graduates and their families. On the other side of Washington Street, Mat Postell provided a portable sound system. He played festive music, and he and Dan Stellwag announced the graduates as they traveled the walkway to the Senior Steps. About 15 staff members had clever signs and cheered and clapped as each graduate was honored. It wasn’t traditional, but the administration and staff created a ceremony that was definitely memorable.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Graf, 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 June 11, 2020.

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

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (May 31, 2020), the Treasurer's Report (May 31, 2020), the Cafeteria Financial Report (May 31, 2020), the student Activity Financial Report (May 31, 2020), Athletic Council (May 31, 2020) and the Budget Status Report (May 31, 2020), as attached.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On the motion by Mrs. Pinho, seconded by Mr. McElroy, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of June 30, 2020 and July 9, 2020 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

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

**BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

**Transfers**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, 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:

<b><u>June 1, 2020</u></b>		
<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
11.000.100.566.0.04.00	11.000.216.320.0.04.00	\$18,000.00
11.000.262.420.0.05.00	11.000.261.420.0.05.00	80.00
11.190.100.320.0.02.00	11.150.100.320.0.03.00	1,140.00
11.120.100.101.0.01.00	11.000.291.270.0.00.00	56,620.00
11.212.100.101.0.01.00	11.212.100.106.0.01.00	1,185.00
11.212.100.101.0.02.00	11.212.100.106.0.01.00	67.00
11.000.230.334.0.00.00	11.000.230.104.0.07.00	1.00
11.000.240.105.0.00.00	11.000.240.103.0.01.00	1.00
11.000.240.105.0.00.00	11.000.240.103.0.03.00	1.00
11.000.251.105.0.06.00	11.000.251.104.0.06.00	1.00
11.000.252.330.0.00.00	11.000.252.177.0.00.00	1.00



**CARES Emergency Relief Grant**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education approves the award and application submission for the CARES Emergency Relief Grant funds in the amount of \$400,755, as submitted.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**Staff Development**

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 staff development activities for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

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

**Leave Request**

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Charles Bluhm	Custodian	July 17-July 27, 2020

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

**Resignation**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation for the purposes of retirement, from **Patricia Lindabury**, Elementary School Basic Skills Teacher, effective July 1, 2020.

The board thanked Mrs. Lindabury for time served.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
M. Pinho, B. Winerling  
Nay: 0  
Carried

**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, with regrets, the resignation for the purposes of retirement, from **Claudia West-Grady**, Library Media Specialist, effective July 1, 2020.

The board thanked Mrs. West-Grady for time served.

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

Nay: 0  
Carried

**Resignation**

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation from **Kiona Fortune**, Middle School Reading Teacher, effective August 31, 2020.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
M. Pinho, B. Winerling

Nay: 0  
Carried

**Contract Rescission and Appointment**

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the contract as High School Assistant Principal of **Elizabeth Follis** for the 2020-2021 school year, and approves the appointment as Middle School Principal, effective August 1, 2020, at the pro-rated, salary of \$115,000 for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Nay: 0  
Carried

**New Employees**

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

1. **Maureen Cliggett**, ES Special Education Teacher, at the contract salary of \$63,550 (Step 0, MA), start date of September 1, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year, pending criminal history review, and completion of Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse review.
2. **Erin Patterson**, Speech Language Specialist, at the contract salary of \$63,550 (Step 0, MA), start date of September 1, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year, pending criminal history review, and completion of Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse review.

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

Nay: 0  
Carried

**Voluntary Transfers**

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 staff voluntary transfers for the 2020-21 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

<b><u>Employees</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
<b>Catherine Burry</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Julia Pedersen</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Tiffany Ross</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
<b>Elizabeth Walsh</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Kirby Watters</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Basic Skills (ESSA Funds)

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
M. Pinho, B. Winerling

Nay: 0  
Carried

**POLICY**

**First Reading**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the attached list of new and revised policies and regulations, as presented.

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

Nay: 0  
Carried

**STUDENTS**

**Fundraisers**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

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

Nay: 0  
Carried

**HIB**

On the motion by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report for July 2020, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon,  
S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling

Nay: 0  
Carried

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

The Riverside Township Board of Education hereby entered into a public hearing for the purposes of comment on the Elementary, Middle and High School self-assessments for determining HIB grades under ABR.

Ms. Ehrich reported that the Elementary school scored 70 of a possible 78; the Middle school scored 74 of a possible 78 and the High School scored 70 of a possible 78. District Score-71 of a possible 78.

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Gonteski, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the School Self-Assessment for Determining HIB report.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon,  
S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling

Nay: 0  
Carried

**Home Instruction**

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 following home instruction for the 2019-2020 school year:

<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
211086	February 7, 2020	March 13, 2020

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon,  
S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling

Nay: 0  
Carried

**PROGRAM**

**Evaluation Model and Scoring Rubrics**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the scoring rubrics for the evaluation of staff (teachers, nurses, guidance staff, and aides) based on the Charlotte Danielson 2007 Framework for teaching.

VOTE-Aye: J. D'Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, T. McElroy, J. Mongon,  
S. Parker, M. Pinho, B. Winerling

Nay: 0  
Carried

**Evaluation Model and Scoring Rubrics**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the scoring rubrics for the evaluation of administrative staff based in the Marshall Evaluation model.

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

**Curriculum**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (9-12) and Environmental Science Curriculum, aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: J. D’Agostino, R. Gonteski, D. Graf, W. Greiner, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker,  
M. Pinho, B. Winerling  
Nay: T. McElroy  
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 – Mrs. Gonteski reported Delanco had 40 graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and as reported by parents, 21 plan to go to Burlington County Institute of Technology, 14 to Riverside High School, 4 to Holy Cross and 1 moved out of district.

**Acknowledgement of Visitors** – Mrs. Gonteski commented as a parent, she could not thank the administration and staff enough for the graduation day ceremonies which made the students feel so special.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon  
Board Secretary