

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

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 were: None

Mrs. Winerling 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 15, 2020 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJSBA School Board Notes dated July 31, 2020.

NJSBA School Board Notes dated August 31, 2020.

Letter from Jodi Lennon dated September 1, 2020.

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 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

Mrs. Milch shared Back-to-School: It was wonderful to see the Student Council members stationed throughout the school campus, directing students to the appropriate entrance doors on the first few days of school. Also, it was great to see the expectant and cheerful faces, even behind their masks, of those who had missed the Riverside schools during the past six months. After attending and photographing captains' practices during the month of August, I can tell you that we have very eager athletes who cannot wait to wear their maroon and white uniforms and represent Riverside High School. Thank you to the senior captains who took charge and shouted out instructions to their teammates. Well done! Ms. Ehrich also stated that Student council did a virtual Back to School orientation which was wonderful.

FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kimberly Clauss-Ms. Clauss stated that she knows there will be a decision to approve coaches and hopes the board will vote yes, and expressed her concern as to why there was a delay for the board's decision. It caused a lot of stress and anxiety for the students and coaches and it was unnecessary and hopes that moving forward the board will think of the students first.

Christina Martinez-Mrs. Martinez explained to the board that the athletes want to do their part and they are following protocol to be able to play and asked the board to support the athletes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Mr. Greiner, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of a Board Workshop Meeting, Regular Board Meeting held on August 13, 2020 and Special meeting on August 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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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 Board Secretary's Report (July 31, 2020), the Treasurer's Report (July 31, 2020), the Cafeteria Financial Report (July 31, 2020), the student Activity Financial Report (July 31, 2020), Athletic Council (July 31, 2020) and the Budget Status Report (July 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 Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of September 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 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> |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 11.212.100.106.0.03.00 | 11.213.100.106.0.01.00 | \$31,383.00 |
| 11.212.100.106.0.03.00 | 11.213.100.106.0.02.00 | 3,487.00 |
| 11.213.100.106.0.01.00 | 11.213.100.106.0.03.00 | 3,547.00 |
| 11.000.240.610.0.02.10 | 11.000.240.103.0.02.00 | 223.00 |
| 11.000.291.270.0.00.00 | 11.130.100.101.0.02.00 | 94,854.00 |
| 11.000.218.610.0.03.00 | 11.190.100.610.0.03.08 | 345.00 |
| 20.218.200.610.0.01.00 | 20.218.100.610.0.01.00 | 18,900.00 |

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

Statement of Assurance

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 Statement of Assurance - Reporting of Paraprofessional Staff 2020-2021 school year, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent, 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

Rescission Tuition Agreement

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the request from Lisa and Carmine Cesare for their daughter to attend the Pre-K program in the Riverside Township School District for the 2020-2021 academic 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

BCIT Tuition

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mr. Mongon, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the tuition payment of \$3,517 for 42 regular and special education students attending the Burlington County Institute of Technology for the 2020-21 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

Football Physician Agreement

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 attached agreement for professional services with Cooper Health System (Cooper Bone and Joint Institute) to provide physician coverage for home football games for the 2020-21 school year at a rate of \$200 per game.

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

Delanco Township Tuition

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 a Tuition Contract Agreement with Delanco Township School District for the 2020-2021 academic year at a per pupil cost of \$13,765, plus resource room charges for one (1) Middle School homeless student.

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

Trenton School District Tuition

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 a Tuition Contract Agreement with Trenton School District for the 2020-2021 academic year at a per pupil cost of \$15,471 for one (1) High School homeless student.

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

Resignation

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation, from **Shannon Bienkowski**, Part-time Preschool Aide, 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

Resignation

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 accepts the resignation, from **Kelly Opalka**, ES/MD Instructional Ambulatory Aide, 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

Resignation

On the motion by Mr. Mongon, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation for the purposes of retirement, from **David Ahrens**, Maintenance, effective January 1, 2021.

Mr. Mongon thank Mr. Ahrens for his years of service and wished him well.

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 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 **Jodi Lennon**, Business Administrator, effective August 31, 2021.

Mr. Mongon thanked Mrs. Lennon for her years of service, dedication to the district, the taxpayers, the staff and the students and her hard work through the years, and wished her and her family well.

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 Mrs. Pinho, 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 for the employee listed below, for the period indicated.

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Stacey Norcross | ES Ambulatory Aide | September 3-4, 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

New Employees

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 members for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

1. **Angelique Dawson**, Instructional Teacher’s Aide, at the prorated contract salary of \$34,970 (BA), start date of September 11, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. **Nicole Hines**, Part-time Preschool Aide, at the hourly rate of \$24.55, start date of September 30, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year, pending criminal history review, and completion of Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse review.

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

Nay: 0
Carried

Salary Adjustment

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 salary adjustment for **James Goodwin**, MS Social Studies Teacher, from \$62,900 (Step 3, BA) to \$63,900 (Step 3, BA+15), for the 2020-21 school year.

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

Substitute Rate

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 the rate of pay, per day, for the following long term substitutes for the periods indicated:

| <u>Substitute</u> | <u>Employee</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greg Candelleiri | Cherin Galdi | \$95 | September 3-TBD |
| Carol Parent | Lauren Downey | 95 | September 3-TBD |
| Stefanie Puigdollers | Jillian Nocito | 100 | September 1-December 22, 2020 |
| Michael Wszolek | Michelle Simensen | 100 | September 1-December 22, 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

Fall Coaches

On the motion by Mr. McElroy, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fall coaches for the 2020-21 school year, at the contract salaries listed.

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Soccer Boys Head Coach | Christopher McManus | \$7,907 |
| Soccer Boys Asst. Coach | Gary Herron | 5,787 |
| Soccer Girls Head Coach | Katie Morton | 7,907 |
| Soccer Girls Asst. Coach | Lynn Starke | 5,787 |
| Field Hockey Head Coach | Jennifer Hunter | 7,907 |
| Field Hockey Asst. Coach | Nancy Fritz | 5,787 |
| Cross Country Head Coach | Daniel Stellwag | 7,907 |
| Cheerleading Head Coach | Cheryl Hansberry | 4,373 |
| Football Head Coach | Dominic Cesare | 8,001 |
| Football Asst. Coach | Robert Van Sciver | 5,867 |
| Football Asst. Coach | Charles Kasowski | 5,867 |
| Football Asst. Coach | Donald Jack | 5,867 |

Mr. Mongon wanted to let taxpayers know that the decision to hire fall coaches costs roughly \$80,000 of taxpayers money and the REA was not willing to discuss a proration if the season was to be shut down early. There is no wiggle room, the board will be forced to make payment in full whether it is one game or five games. Mr. McElroy added that the coaches were paid in full in the spring for a two week season.

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

Co-Curricular Positions

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 co-curricular positions for the 2020-2021 school year, at the contract salaries listed.

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Fire Marshal | Marc Ballantyne | \$1,042 |
| Freshman Class Advisors (2) 2024 | Margaret Garvin/Daniel Stellwag (ea.) | 1,914 |
| Junior Class Advisors (2) 2022 | Emily Ewan/Lynn Starke (ea.) | 2,370 |
| Marching Band | Michelle Jacoby | 3,655 |
| Newspaper MS | Lauren Veneziani | 1,439 |
| National Honor Society | Jennifer Hunter | 1,194 |
| Rampage | Lauren Downey | 4,546 |
| Senior Class Advisors (2) 2021 | Kimberly Kirkpatrick/Lauren Veneziani (ea.) | 2,370 |
| Sophomore Class Advisors (2) 2023 | Lauren Downey/Tara Crane McElroy (ea.) | 1,914 |
| Student Council-HS | Jennifer Hunter | 3,565 |
| Student Council-MS | Amanda Jackamonis & Mary-Jo Horton (ea.) | 770 |
| Student Council-ES | William Jackamonis | 1,152 |
| Torch | Emily Ewan | 5,451 |
| Yearbook-ES | Heather Sommers | 1,630 |
| Yearbook-MS | Lauren Veneziani | 1,630 |

Mr. Mongon wanted to let taxpayers know that the decision to hire these co-curricular positions is roughly \$44,000 as of now, it will cost more if more positions are filled and the board will have to pay regardless of activities that can be held during the 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

Volunteers

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Robert Esposito | Girls Soccer |
| Mychael Combs | Football |
| Terrence Osborne | Football |

Mr. Mongon thanked the volunteers for their service to the district on a volunteer basis.

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

Volunteer Advisor/School Club

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer Advisor and Club for the 2020-2021 school year.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Laura Galgoci | Kindness Club |

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

POLICY

First Reading

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 first reading of policy #1648.03, 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

Second Reading

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 second reading of policy #1648 and #1648.02, 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

Fall Sports Schedules

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 Fall Sports schedules, as presented.

Mr. Mongon asked Mr. Micucci if he will update the website for the schedules.

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

Out of District Placement

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 out of district student placement for the 2020-2021 school year, as listed.

| <u>ID#</u> | <u>Placement</u> | <u>Annual Tuition</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 222275 | Garfield Park Academy (Willingboro) | \$57,934.80 |

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

Student Handbook

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 Student Handbook for the Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year, 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

PROGRAM

Memorandum of Understanding – College Accelerated Program (C.A.P.)

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 Memorandum of Understanding–C.A.P. agreement between Riverside High School and Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) 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

FACILITIES

Facility Use

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 facility/building use request for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

Dr. Parker said he would like to see schools closed on all future election days.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – No Report

FINANCE & INSURANCE – No report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –Mr. D'Agostino reported he is scheduling a meeting.

ATHLETICS – No report

CURRICULUM – No Report

SAFETY & SECURITY – Mr. Mongon thanked Ms. Ehrich, Mrs. Lennon, Administration and students for keeping the school secure and safe. Mr. Mongon also thanked students and parents for coming out tonight.

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 started full virtual this past Tuesday and stated it was running smoothly. Mrs. Gonteski also stated that Delanco tried to live stream for the first time for their board meeting.

Acknowledgement of Visitors – None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mr. Greiner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon
Board Secretary