# RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING January 12, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:02 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice, M. Adams and R. O'Brien

Absent were: W. Greiner, S. Koka, E. Mossop and M. Pinho

Dr. Parker led the flag salute.

Mr. O'Brien 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 November 30, 2022.

Mr. Adams went over the following events since last board meeting:

Elf Jr. performance, Choir and Band concerts, Christmas in Riverside, Mrs. Jackamonis "Unsung Hero" by township, Blue Ribbon meetings, ES/MS/HS Honor Roll breakfast, ES Winter Wonderland, MS/HS Pep Rally, 8<sup>th</sup> graders Riverside & Delanco presentation and also gave an update on athletic events.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE-**None

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Mrs. Milch stated on December 9, 10, 11 of 2022 the Drama Club under the direction of Sam Gorelick and Anthony Rewinski presented "Elf Jr." More than 2000 watched the performances. On Saturday, December 17, RHS teacher and Civil Air Patrol member 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 placed wreaths on the graves of the military. The last two school weeks of 2022 featured: an academic bowl, a narrative competition, a bake off, a talent contest, daily competitions in pajamas, festive hats and socks, red and white clothing, ugly sweaters, and class colors. The annual Project Santa pep rally had competitions in basketball, dodgeball, volleyball, floor hockey, and running and included appearances by Santa and the Phillie Phanatic. Winter athletes were introduced. The administrators turned the elementary cafeteria into a Winter Wonderland that truly was a sight to see. The administrators came bearing cards and gifts for the staff and served breakfast on the last day. Each child, Pre-K to 12, left school for the Winter Break with a candy cane or a soft pretzel. RHS Student Council was awarded the Honor School Award and Top Ten Projects Award at the NJASC Winter Leadership Workshop yesterday, January 11, 2023. Honor School is based on RHS's participation in NJASC events and the implementation by our council at the school. We received Top Ten Projects for our Welcome Freshman Orientation Week. Congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer Hunter, President Riley Grinnan, and the other members of Student Council. NHS members and any student seeking service hours will meet in the All Purpose Room on Monday, January 16 to work on several projects. Student Government is sponsoring a Winter Formal on January 20. The admission includes dinner, DJ, and raffle tickets.

#### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Shumway, Ms. Follis and Mr. Micucci introduced the following students of the month: Elementary- Mario Donoflio, 3rd grade; Gabriel Assis, 4th grade; Dafney Arias Yunga, 5th grade.

Middle School- Jayden Ullaguari, 6th grade; Miguel Borborema Castro, 7th grade; Savion House, 8th grade.

High School- Jaylee Ringrose, 9th grade; Brinn Mahoney, 10th grade; Grange Moncion, 11th grade Corrin Estelow, 12th grade.

#### VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**RES** – Vincenzo Cooper (Music); **RMS** – RMS – James Balchak (Drama); **RHS** – Nicholas Russo (Drama)

Middle School Spelling Bee Winner-Samuel Ribeiro

High School Poster Contest Winner-Kaila Lozano

#### PROFESSION AND TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Education Support Professional-Jessica Fitzgerald, Elementary School Teacher of the Year-Colleen Tete, Middle School Teacher of the Year-Terrencia Smith, and the High School Teacher of the Year-Nicholas Zoll.

Mr. Adams also did a presentation on the Bond Referendum.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, 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 8, 2022.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mrs. Wrice, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (November 30, 2022), the Treasurer's Report (November 30, 2022), the Cafeteria Financial Report (November 30, 2022), the student Activity Financial Report (November 30, 2022), Athletic Council (November 30, 2022) and the Budget Status Report (November 30, 2022), as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

### APPROVAL OF BILLS

On the motion by Mrs. Wrice, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of January 12, 2023 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria January 12, 2023 as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

## **Transfers**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, 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, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

# **Statement of Assurance**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Statement of Assurance - Reporting of Paraprofessional Staff - 2022-2023 school year, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

# **Willingboro School District Tuition**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Willingboro School District for the 2022-2023 academic year, at a per pupil cost of \$15,179.00, for one (1) High School homeless student.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

### **District Safety and Security Plan**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the revised Riverside School District Safety and Security Plan 2022-2023, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

## **Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES)**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolve that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the attached resolutions to bind the Riverside Township Public School District to purchase Natural Gas and Electric Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) cooperative purchasing system.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

### **Professional Service Solicitations**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves authorization for the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for annual Professional Services and Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

### Fire Drill and Security Report

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the November Fire Drill Reports, 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, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

### **PERSONNEL**

# **Staff Development**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the staff development activities for the 2022-2023 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

## New Employee

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff member for the 2022-2023 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

1. **Hunter Martinez**, Part Time Hall/Bathroom Monitor, at the 2022-2023 hourly rate of \$17.00, start date January 13, 2023.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

## **Salary Adjustment**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the salary adjustment for **James Goodwin**, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, from \$68,687 (Step 5, BS+15+Longevity), to \$69,687 (Step 5, BS+30+Longevity), retroactive to September 1, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

### **Student Teacher**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the placement of the following college student in the student teacher assignment during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, as listed.

Student University Placement

Brenna MacNair Rowan University Colleen Tete-ES Health/Physical Education Teacher

Dates

March 13, 2023-April 27, 2023 (2022-2023 School year)

September 5, 2023-October 27, 2023 (2023-2024 School Year)

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VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

## **Contract Rescission**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby rescinds the contract as Part Time Hall/Bathroom Monitor of **Monique Gale** for the 2022-2023 school year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

### **Substitute**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves **Taylor Curran**, as a substitute Custodian, for the 2022-2023 school year, pending criminal history review and sexual misconduct/child abuse review.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

### **Limited CE Pilot Program**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the change of position for Carmine Cesare from High School Special Education Teacher to Middle/High School Health & Physical Education Teacher, for the 2022-2023 school year, through the Limited CE Pilot Program, pending completion of the Health and Physical Education Content Coursework.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

#### **STUDENTS**

#### **Home/Bedside Instruction**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following home/bedside instruction, for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
250264	December 12, 2022	January 16, 2023
270223	December 16, 2022	To Be Determined

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VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

### **Fundraisers**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2022-2023 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

#### Field Trips

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, 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 2022-2023 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

#### **PROGRAM**

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

On the motion by Mrs. Sierra, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Three-Year Preschool Program Plan for 2023-2024, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

## Field Hockey Co-Operative Program

On the motion by Mrs. Sierra, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves that Riverside High School Field Hockey will enter into a Co-Operative Program with Palmyra High School, under the guidelines of the NJSIAA and the BCSL. The Field Hockey Co-Operative Program will begin in the fall of 2023, for a two-year cycle.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice

Nay: 0 Carried

## **Delanco Schools Participation in Riverside High School Marching Band**

On the motion by Mrs. Sierra, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the participation of Delanco Schools incISEDoming Eighth Grade students to participate in the Riverside High School Marching Band, for the 2023-2024 school year.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

## **POLICY**

## **One Reading**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby suspends Bylaw 0131that requires two readings, to adopt revised Policy and Regulation 2425 and Policy 5512 with one reading, as presented.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

## **First Reading**

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Winering, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of all existing policies and regulations.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried

### **FACILITIES**

#### **Facility Use**

On the motion by Mrs. Sierra, seconded by Mrs. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the facility/building use request for the 2022-2023 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winering, R. Wrice Nay: 0 Carried Page 9 Regular Board of Education Meeting January 12, 2023

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS - No Report

FINANCE & INSURANCE – Mr. McElroy thanked Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Adams on the work they did for the bond.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS -No Report 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 – No Report

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion by Mrs. Winering, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien Board Secretary