

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

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

Absent were: M. Pinho and S. 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 January 12, 2023.

Board of Education member, Rachel Wrice, was recognized as a Ring the Bell recipient through nominations from multiple Riverside staff for her dedication and hard work during numerous Riverside school events.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Emily Valverde congratulated the Class of 2024 on their Homecoming victory. At the annual homecoming pep rally Teddy Hawkins was crowned Homecoming King. In his court were Jasir Bowens, Rui Lopes, Nicholas Russo and John Boston. At half-time of the homecoming game Laci Potts was crowned Homecoming Queen. In her court were Hailey Parker, Brianna Mossop, Sophia Barats and Ivanelys Ramos-Lopez. The annual canned food drive is underway. This collaboration with the Knights of Columbus will provide food for families in need within our community. Donations will be accepted through December 6th. On Monday, student council hosted their annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Thank you to everyone who helped them exceed their goal and make the drive a huge success. Tomorrow is student council annual National Honor Society Inductions. They are so excited to welcome fifteen new members to their chapter.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch stated The National Honor Society will hold their annual Induction Ceremony tomorrow. The following students will be honored: SENIORS-Emmanuel Agbosu, Teddy Hawkins, Hailey Minard, Ivanelys Ramos-Lopez. JUNIORS-Jasmin Aucay, George Branin, Jessica Canedo, Danielle Clelland, Nailah Da Silva, Zoe Davis, Sydney Greenidge, Edward Grinnan, Victoria Iwanicki, Emily Valverde, Kaylee Yungazaca Yunga. They will join current members Brianna Mossop and Laci Potts. The fall all stars have been announced: BOYS' SOCCER-First Team: Anthony Stillwaggon, James Alvarracin, John Domingos, Alan Chagas, Gustavo Bonfim and Martim Ferreora. Second Team: Chris Lopez, Emmanuel Agbosu, Jason Yunga, Christian Morales and Manny Aucay. CROSS COUNTRY-First Team: Sydney Greenidge. Second Team: Ed Grinnan. GIRLS' SOCCER-First Team: Zoe Davis, Emily Domingos, Larisa Santos Da Silva, Natalie Tkacs, Danielle Clelland. Second Team: Hailey Stillwaggon, Camryn Provenzano. GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL-First Team: Nailah Da Silva, Brianna Mossop. Second Team: Grace McCall. FOOTBALL-First Team Offense: George Branin, Chase Perry, John Boston. Honorable Mention-Chris Wisniewski. First Team Defense: Teddy Hawkins, Isaiah Ali-Lewis, Justin Mary Jr., Jamir Brown. Honorable Mention: Dean Potts. FIELD HOCKEY-First Team: Lydia Loughry, Carlynn Venetz—BCIT.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Shumway, Ms. Follis and Mr. Micucci introduced the following students of the month:

Elementary School, 3rd Grade: Scarleth Morocho, 4th Grade: Mia Nieves, 5th Grade: Gabriella Prince.

Middle School, 6th Grade: John Aucay Yanez, 7th Grade: Biveloth Leilany Melendez, 8th Grade: Sophia Carreiro Carmo.

High School, 9th Grade: Kyara Ferreira Dias, 10th Grade: Matthew Roche, 11th Grade: Zoe Davis, 12th Grade: Leonardo Japon Alban.

Visual and Performing Arts Students of the Month

RES: Jadalleine Abbott, **RMS:** Marlee Legin, **RHS:** Leah Blank

Athletes Students of the Month

RMS: Jocelyn Aucay Alvarracin, **RMS:** Samuel DaSilva Matoao, **RHS:** Sydney Greenidge, **RHS:** Gustavo Gomes Bonfim

Superintendent Report

Mr. Adams went over the Student Safety Data Systems (SSDS), HIB Bi-Annual Report and gave a Blue Ribbon update.

CORRESPONDENCE-None

From the Audience – Jasmine Little had questions regarding Pre-K facilities Grant and Summer roof project. Mr. Adams responded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, 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 October 12, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mrs. R. Wrice, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (September 30, 2023), the Treasurer's Report (September 30, 2023), the Cafeteria Financial Report (September 30, 2023), the student Activity Financial Report (September 30, 2023), Athletic Council (September 30, 2023), the Budget Status Report (September 30, 2023) and Board Secretary's Certification Budgetary Line Item Status (September 30, 2023), as attached.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On the motion by Mrs. Sierra, seconded by Mrs. Winerling, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of November 16, 2023 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

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

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfers

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. R. Wrice, 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 budgetary account line item transfers, as attached.

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

Fire Drill and Security Report

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. R. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the October Fire Drill Report, submitted by Marc Ballantyne, Fire Marshal and the Security Drill Report, submitted by Robert O'Brien, School Safety Specialist, as attached.

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

Mount Holly School District Tuition

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. R. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Mount Holly School District for the 2023-2024 academic year, at a per pupil cost of \$15,121 for three (3) Elementary School homeless students and a per pupil rate cost of \$14,889 for two (2) Middle School homeless students.

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

COVID-19 Safety Coordinator

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. R. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby appoints **Robert O'Brien** as COVID-19 Safety Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year.

Resources for Independent Living

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. R. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves Resources for Independent Living to provide job training in Personal Finance Classes for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

NJ Commission For The Blind and Visually Impaired Educational Services Contract

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. R. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the educational services contract with the NJ Commission For The Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2023-2024 school year, per attached contract.

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

PERSONNEL

Substitutes

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the below substitutes for 2023-2024 school year, pending criminal history review.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mary Thurman	Café/Playground Aide
Carlos Villa	Custodian

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

New Employees

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members, for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent:

1. **Izabela Adams**, Elementary School Ambulatory Aide at the hourly rate of \$20.96, start date November 27, 2023.
2. **Brenna Holler**, Elementary School Ambulatory Aide at the hourly rate of \$20.96, start date to be determined pending criminal history review.

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

Resignation

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts, with regrets, for the purposes of retirement, the resignation of **Kathleen Karn**, Middle School Clerk, effective December 31, 2023.

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

Co-Curricular Position

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby retroactively approves **Angelique Dawson** as a co-collaborator with **Dr. Nicholas Zoll** for the Chess/Board Game Club for the 2023-2024 school year. The original stipend of \$1,034 will be split equally at \$517.00 each.

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

Winter Coaches

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following winter coaches for the 2023-2024 school year, at the contract salary listed.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Unified Bowling Coach	Kim Kirkpatrick	\$1,838
Boy's RMS Basketball B Team Coach	Richard Gilmore	\$4,892
Girl's RMS Basketball B Team Coach	Kelly Starke	\$4,892

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

Spring Coaches

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following spring coaches for the 2023-2024 school year, at the contract salary listed.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Baseball Head Coach	Gary Herron	\$8,806
Baseball Assistant Coach	Christopher McManus	\$6,388
Baseball RMS Coach	Charles Kasowski	\$4,830
Softball Head Coach	Crystal Wasco	\$8,806
Softball Assistant Coach	Gregory Ogden	\$6,388
Softball RMS Coach	Kimberly Kirkpatrick	\$4,830
Boys Track & Field Head Coach	George Postell	\$8,806
Girls Track & Field Head Coach	Marc Ballantyne	\$8,806
Track & Field Assistant Coach (Girls)	Allison Varga	\$6,388
Track & Field Assistant Coach (Boys)	Robert Van Sciver	\$6,388

Middle School Track & Field Coach	Jake Barnes	\$4,830
Middle School Track & Field Coach	Kelly Starke	\$4,830
Spring Weightlifting Coach	Carmine Cesare	\$1,499
Varsity Volleyball Coach (Boys)	Scott Atkinson	\$8,806
Volleyball JV Coach (Boys)	Nicholas Zoll	\$6,388

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

Summer Coach

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following summer coach for the 2023-2024 school year, at the contract salary listed.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Summer Weightlifting Coach	Robert Van Sciver	\$1,550

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

Volunteers

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Amanda Jackamonis	Unified Bowling Team Assistant Coach
Lisa Farrell	Unified Bowling Team Assistant Coach
Brendon Griffin	HS Wrestling Assistant Coach

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

High-Impact Tutors

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following list of potential High-Impact Tutors, at a contracted rate off \$51.70 per hour for certified staff and \$27.09 for non-certified staff, using High-Impact Grant Funds for the 2023-2024 school year. Each hired tutor will not exceed 60 hours over the course of the project period.

<u>Certified Staff</u>	<u>Non-Certified</u>
Christine Bilo	Tara McElroy
Elsa Svekla	Joanne Devenny
Brittany Quiring	Jessica Letton
Laura Sadowski	Angelique Dawson

Donna Healy

June Sorrentino

Tiffany Ross

Kathleen Notos

Cherin Galdi

Daniel Betekhtin

Anthony Rewinski

Stephanie Kirschbaum

Jill Murray

Laura Bruzek

Jillian Hough

Stephanie Aubrey

Catherine Burry

Christine Charley

Amanda Smith

Cassidy Updike

Heather Sommers

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, E. Mossop, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winer, R. Wrice, S. Wrice

Abstained: T. McElroy

Nay: 0

Carried

Job Description

On the motion by Mrs. Winer, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the High-Impact Tutoring job description, as attached.

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

Nay: 0

Carried

Leave Requests

On the motion by Mrs. Winer, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the leave of absence request from the employee listed below, for the period indicated:

Employee

Melissa Aviles

Position

ES Art Teacher

Dates

11/16/2023-12/13/2023

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

Nay: 0

Carried

New Jersey Family Leave-Intermittent

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid New Jersey Family Leave-Intermittent request from the employee listed below, for the period indicated in the 2023-2024 School Year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Kurt Andress	HS Science Teacher	10/31/2023-11/29/2023

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

Staff Development

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the staff development activities for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

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

Resignation

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation from **Joseph Colby**, Maintenance, effective November 16, 2023.

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

STUDENTS

Field Trips

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following field trips for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

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

Fundraisers

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

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

Home/Bedside Instruction

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following home/bedside instruction, for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>ID#</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
290194	10/16/2023	TBD

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

HIB

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report for October 2023, as attached.

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

HIB – Training and Programs

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the reporting on HIB incidents, affirmed incidents of HIB, and trainings and programs for the time period of January 1, 2023–June 30, 2023, period #2.

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

Winter Sports Schedules

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Winter Sports schedules, as presented.

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

Health Office Reports

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the September and October Health Office Reports for Riverside Middle/High School and for Riverside Elementary School, as attached.

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

PROGRAM-None at this time.

POLICY

Second Reading

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approved the second reading of all existing policies and regulations.

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

FACILITIES

Facility Use

On the motion by Mrs. Sierra, seconded by Mrs. S. Wrice, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the facility/building use request for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

VOTE-Aye: D. Graf, T. McElroy, E. Mossop, S. Parker, J. Sierra, B. Winerling, R. Wrice, S. Wrice
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 – No Report

Acknowledgement of Visitors –Jasmine Little asked if the school considered a crossing guard at Grant Street and Fairview Street and also asked if the Blue Ribbon Survey results will be shared. Mr. Adams responded.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mrs. Winerling, seconded by Mrs. Sierra, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien
Board Secretary