# Riverside Township School District

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## REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA April 11, 2024

#### A. Opening of Meeting

- 1. Call to Order -7:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call

Mrs. Deborah Graf

Mr. Eric Mossop

Dr. Scott Parker

Mrs. Savithri Pinho

Mrs. Julie Sierra

Ms. Nicole Strough

Mrs. Bridget Winering

Mrs. Rachael Wrice

Mrs. Sabra Wrice

Mrs. Maria Pinho

- 3. Flag Salute
- 4. Announcement by the Board Secretary stating that adequate notice of the meeting has been given specifying the time, place, and manner in which notice was published.
- 5. Presentation Students who earned NJ State Seal of Biliteracy Mr. Adams/Ms. Saia
- 6. Presentation New 2024-2025 RHS courses Mr. Adams/Ms. Saia
- 7. Student Government Representative Emily Valverde
- 8. Barbara Ann Milch Good News
- 9. Students of the Month Mr. Shumway/Ms. Follis/Mr. Micucci
- 10. Visual and Performing Arts Students of the Month Mr. Huber/Mr. Jackamonis/Mr. Bekarciak
- 11. Correspondence
- 12. From the Audience Agenda Items Only

The public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate administrator(s) or staff member(s). Such matters should only be brought to the Board after all avenues within the chain of command have been exhausted. Please remember that the Board is limited in its ability to respond to the public on the following matters: individual personnel issues, anticipated and pending litigation, negotiations, attorney-client privilege, matters of individual privacy, tactics and techniques in protecting safety and property of the public, or individual student issues. While the First Amendment allows for the free exchange of ideas and opinions, the Board will not permit profanity, threatening remarks or other disruptive behavior during public session. Per Board Policy (#0167), the presiding officer may limit each statement to three minutes' duration. All remarks should be addressed to the presiding officer.

#### B. Recommended Actions

#### 1. Routine Matters

a.	Approval of Minutes	
	Regular Meeting	03-14-24
	Full Board Workshop	03-14-24
b.	Approval of Financial Reports	
	Treasurer's Report	02-29-24
	Board Secretary's Report	02-29-24
	Cafeteria Financial Report	02-29-24
	Student Activities Report	02-29-24
	Athletic Council	02-29-24
	Budget Status Report	02-29-24
	Board Secretary's Certification Budgetary Line Item Status	02-29-24

#### **c. Bills** Regular & Cafeteria

#### 2. New Business

## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

### a. <u>Transfer</u>

**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 transfer:

#### b. Fire Drill and Security Report

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the March Fire Drill Report, submitted by Marc Ballantyne, Fire Marshal, and the Security Drill Report, submitted by Robert O'Brien, School Safety Specialist, as attached.

#### c. Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning Grants

Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts two (2) \$500.00 grants awarded to Mr. Gorelik and Mrs. Vernacchio of Riverside Middle School from the Foundation for Impact on Literacy.

## d. Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby appoints Stacy Saia, as Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer, for the 2024-2025 school year.

## e. <u>District Data Specialist</u>

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby appoints Stacy Saia, as District Data Specialist, for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL (continued)**

## f. 2024-2025 ECPA/ELLI Early Childhood Program Aid District Budget

Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the 2024-2025 ECPA/ELLI Early Childhood Program Aid (ECPA) District Budget, as presented.

## g. Enrollment Adjustment

Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby does not include in the proposed 2024-2025 budget an adjustment for enrollment. The adjustment amount is contributing to banked cap but will not be applied in the 2024-2025 school year.

#### h. Health Care Costs Adjustment

Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby does not include in the proposed 2024-2025 budget an adjustment for health care costs. The adjustment amount is contributing to banked cap but will not be applied in the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **PERSONNEL**

## a. <u>Staff Development</u>

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff development activities for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

### b. <u>Summer Employee</u>

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff member extra summer work time, at the contract rate listed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Per Hour</u>
Andrea Dunlap	40	\$49.32

#### c. Unpaid Leave Request

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leave of absence request from the employee listed below, for the period indicated:

<b>Employee</b>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Michelle Fassano	RHS Ambulatory Aide	03/04/2024-06/14/2024

#### d. Advanced Placement High School Tutors

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following Advanced Placement (AP) High School tutors, at the per session rate of \$33.40, for the 2023-2024 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<b>Subject</b>
Scott Atkinson	AP Calculus
Jenn Hunter	AP Pre-Calculus
Mat (George) Postell	AP Statistics
Eileen Williamson	AP English
Kate Kubak	AP Biology
Maritza Fee	AP Spanish

## **PERSONNEL** (continued)

#### e. Summer Speech Evaluations

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Speech Teachers to perform speech evaluations, for the summer school dates of July 8, 2024 through August 2, 2024:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	Per Hour
Lisa Cesare	Not to exceed 14 hours per week	\$55.79
Carly Porreca	Not to exceed 14 hours per week	\$51.47

## f. Spring Coach

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following spring coaches for the 2024-25 school year, at the contract salary listed:

<b>Position</b>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Name</u>
Football Head Coach	\$9126	Robert Van Sciver
Boys' Varsity Soccer Head Coach	\$9019	Chris McManus
Girls' Varsity Soccer Head Coach	\$9019	Chris Updike
Girl's Assistant/JV Soccer Coach	\$6605	Lynn Starke
Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach	\$9019	Nancy Fritz
Varsity Cross Country Head Coach	\$9019	Jake Barnes
Girls' Varsity Volleyball Head Coach	\$9019	Scott Atkinson
Girl's Assistant/JV Coach	\$6605	Nick Zoll
Fall Cheerleading	\$4995	Cheryl Hansberry
Middle School Field Hockey Coach	\$4995	Kim Kirkpatrick
Middle School Boys' Soccer Coach	\$4995	Mat Postell
Middle School Girls' Soccer Coach	\$4995	Jill Murray
Fall Weightlifting	\$1550	Carmine Cesare

### g. New Employees

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members, for the 2024-2025 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- 1. Carleen Garvey, Middle School ELA Teacher Full Time, at the contract salary of \$67,549 (Step 0), start date September 01, 2024, pending criminal history review.
- 2. Caitlyn Smith, Part-Time Elementary School Hall/Bathroom Monitor, at the hourly rate of \$17.58, start date to be determined pending criminal history review.
- 3. Powell Reynolds, Café/Playground Aide, at the hourly rate of \$15.13, start date to be determined pending criminal history review.

#### h. Field Work Experience

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves Laurent Schmidt, student at Seton Hall University, to complete fifty (50) hours between April 12, 2024 - May 30, 2024, for Educational Leadership field work with various members of the district administrative team, supervised by Curriculum Coordinator, Stacy Saia.

#### i. Resignation

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation of Scott Bard, MS/HS Hallway Monitor, effective April 08, 2024.

## **STUDENTS**

#### a. <u>Fundraisers</u>

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following fundraisers for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

#### b. <u>Field Trips</u>

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following field trips for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

#### c. HIB

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report for March 2024, as attached.

## d. <u>Home/Bedside Instruction</u>

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>
240092	03/11/2024	04/08/2024

## **PROGRAM**

## a. RMS 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade RampEd Up Ram Orientation/Enrichment Program

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves only students transitioning from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade for orientation through Grade RampEd Up Ram Orientation/Enrichment Program from August 12, 2024 through August 16, 2024, from 10 AM until 12 PM. Students will participate in lessons that are guided by the Renaissance Leadership Curriculum, providing support on how to use applications such as Genesis, advance student's proficiency in Google Apps for Education, and enhance executive functioning skills with organizational techniques, utilization of lockers, and the use of agendas and study skills.

#### b. Elementary Summer School (20 Day Program)

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the offering of a remedial/support summer school program for designated Riverside students scheduled to be in grades K-5 during the 2024-2025 school year, starting July 08, 2024 through August 02, 2024, from 8 AM until 12 PM (Monday-Friday).

#### c. Extended School Year Program (20 Day Program)

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the offering of an extended school year program for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 and MD students Grades 6-12, starting July 08, 2024 through August 02, 2024. Pre-Kindergarten will hold two (2) -2 hour sessions from 8 AM until 10 AM and 10 AM until 12 PM (Monday-Friday). Kindergarten through Grade 5 and MD students Grades 6-12 will hold one (1) session from 8 AM until 12 PM (Monday-Friday).

## **PROGRAM** (continued)

## d. <u>High School Summer School (20 Day Program)</u>

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the offering of a remedial/support summer school program for designated Riverside students scheduled to be in the High School during the 2024-2025 school year, starting July 8, 2024 through August 2, 2024, from 8 AM until 12 PM (Monday-Friday).

#### e. <u>Elementary School Kindergarten Math Magic Program</u>

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Elementary School Kindergarten Math Magic Program, funded through the American Rescue Plan, for summer 2024, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays for a total of 32 hours, with 2 teachers per session, at an hourly rate of \$34.88.

## f. Elementary School Breakfast and Books Program

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Elementary School Breakfast and Books Program, funded through the American Rescue Plan, for summer 2024, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Mondays-Thursdays for a total of 32 hours, with 16 hours of student contact, at an hourly rate of \$34.88, for one staff member.

## g. RHS 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ramify Freshman Orientation/Enrichment Program

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the RHS 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Ramify Freshman Orientation/Enrichment Program from August 06, 2024 through August 08, 2024, from 9 AM until 1 PM (Tuesday-Thursday), consisting of daily focus of social and emotional learning, executive functioning, leadership skills, technology utilization, study skills and social norms. In addition, implementation of Naviance and introduction to its uses.

#### h. RHS Enrichment Program

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves all RHS students eligible to participate from August 13, 2024 through August 15, 2024, from 10 AM until 2 PM (Tuesday-Thursday), which will target specific standards that have been identified as weaknesses on NJSLA testing and benchmarking to provide additional support prior to entering into the school year. Enrollment and introduction to tech platforms such as No Red Ink and introduction and implementation of Naviance, and its uses.

## i. RMS 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrichment Program

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves all RMS 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students eligible to participate from August 19 through August 23, 2024, from 10 AM until 12 PM (Monday-Friday), which will target specific standards that have been identified as weaknesses on NJSLA testing and benchmarking to provide additional support prior to entering into the school year. Additional leadership activities that focus on social and emotional learning, using Renaissance Leadership Curriculum. In addition, enrollment and introduction into technology platforms such as No Red Ink, IXL, iReady, and Common Lit will be included.

## j. Early Dismissal for Finals/End of the Year Assessments for RMS/RHS Only

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the early dismissal of the Riverside Middle & High Schools on Monday, June 10, 2024, and Tuesday, June 11, 2024, for Finals/End of the Year Assessments.

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## **POLICY**

None at this time.

## **FACILITIES**

#### a. Facility Use

Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the facility/building use requests for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

## **C.** Committee Reports

Personnel & Employee Relations Deborah Graf Finance & Insurance Maria Pinho **Buildings & Grounds** Rachael Wrice Athletics Sabra Wrice Curriculum Savithri Koka Safety & Security **Bridget Winering** Student Government Maria Pinho Delegate to BCSBA Maria Pinho Delegate to NJSBA Savithri Koka Delanco Representative Eric Mossop

## D. Acknowledgment of Visitors

## E. Adjournment

Attachments available in the board office upon request.