RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING April 12, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Present were: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, M. Pinho, J. Lennon and R. Ehrich

Absent were: R. Gonteski, T. McElroy and D. Potts

Ms. Graf 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 11, 2017 and posted at the Riverside Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJSBA – School Board Notes dated March 24, 2017 Letter from Michelle Weaver dated March 24, 2017

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 acceptance and filing of the above correspondence.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Jada Karp reported RHS is communicating with the Red Cross about changing the blood drive date to the fall so that weather will not contribute to the success of the event. On March 11, 2017 the NHS hosted the third Scrapbooking Day and raised over \$1700 for scholarships and service projects. On March 13, 2017, Mrs. Hunter attended the NJASC Advisors Conference at TCNJ. Mrs. Hunter attended breakout sessions to learn new recruitment strategies, fundraising ideas, working with admin strategies and ideas for LTC. Finally, on March 25, 2017 the NHS members and ten additional students attended the county park clean-up at Pennington Park in Delanco where they helped clean the park for three hours.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Milch reported that three Riverside High School students were honored by the Burlington County Principals and Supervisors Association last week as the top student in each class. They include Sophomore, Justin Schulin, Junior, Jada Karp, and Senior, Tsagan Kutinov. Riverside student Robert "Zeke" Brinson earned Second Team All-County honors in wrestling.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Shumway, Mr. Mongon and Mr. Pae introduced the following students of the month:

Elementary- Cameron Brown, 3rd grade; Brandon Heintz, 4th grade; Kyleigh Parker(not present), 5th grade **Middle School-** Cristovao Azeverdo, 6th grade, Marcos Sanchez(not present), 7th grade; Isabela Lacerda Silva(not present), 8th grade

High School- Cassidy Locke, 9th grade; Daniel Dalbey, 10th grade; Natalie Augusto, 11th grade; Samir Jones(not present), 12th grade.

Ms. Ehrich reported on Riverside Township District Goals Update (2016 – 2017)

Goal #1: In the 2016-17 school year the Board of Education will hire a part-time Curriculum Coordinator. She will facilitate updating our curriculum and through meaningful sustained professional development, assist teachers in applying and implementing the NJ Learning Standards within daily instruction.

We are seeking BOE approval of the Math K-5 curriculum this evening. The ELA/Literacy K-5 framework has been completed and is currently being formatted with our learning resources. We are completing the finishing touches on Math 6-8, Alg I, II and Geometry curricula.

Elementary science 1 & 5 is almost complete; 2-4 is being framed.

The BOE Curriculum committee, Curriculum Coordinator and Superintendent are scheduled to meet on May 3rd at 7 pm.

Goal #2: Through the middle school Climate committee we will seek to improve middle school attendance and tardy numbers. We will reduce both absences and tardiness by 5% over 2015-16 final numbers respectively. Absences: 2,769, goal <2,630 and Tardy: 2,245, goal < 2,132.

The school climate committee has been established and continues to meet on a regular basis. The targeted intervention includes guidance counseling, teacher to student mentoring, parent conferencing with administration and guidance and court ordered mediation.

Two families were issued subpoenas to appear in court in April. One parent was ordered by the judge to adhere to an attendance agreement with this issue to be revisited in June. The second parent did not show up for court, the judge issued a warrant for arrest and issued a \$250.00 fine. The middle school administration has attended court ordered mediation with a total of seventeen parents and their children to date. The overall number of absences has decreased by 3.4% to date. The number of tardies has decreased by 6.84% to date. All students with zero absences and tardies in the 3rd marking period have been entered into a drawing for a 25.00 Target gift card.

Goal #3: By June 2017 the BOE will approve eight (8) updated job descriptions.

After this evening's meeting we will have approved eight job descriptions (Curriculum Coordinator, Sports Night Association Treasurer, Preschool and Basic Skills Aides, Homework Club Advisor, Working Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Confidential Secretary to Superintendent of Schools and Confidential Secretary to Business Administrator/Board Secretary). As a courtesy the REA has been consulted on association related job descriptions.

The meeting was opened to the public. No one spoke at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of a Full Board Workshop Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on March 9, 2017 and a Special Meeting held on March 16, 2017.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary's Report (February 28, 2017), the Treasurer's Report (February 28, 2017), the Cafeteria Financial Report (February 28, 2017), the Student Activity Financial Report (February 28, 2017), Athletic Council (February 28, 2017) and the Budget Status Report (February 28, 2017), as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves payment of April, 2017 bills for the Board of Education and the Cafeteria as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Transfers

On the motion by Dr. Parker, 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.

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 TO
 AMOUNT

 11-000-230-530-00
 11-000-230-331-00
 \$ 6,000.00

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Fire Drill and Security Report

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the March, 2017 Fire Drill Report, submitted by Kurt Andress, Fire Marshal, and the Security Drill Report, submitted by Robin A. Ehrich, Superintendent, as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

NJACT

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Whereas the Riverside Township Board of Education has previously authorized participation in the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission, and whereas the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission changed its name to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey effective July 1, 2016, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township agrees to participate in the New Jersey Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (NJACT) with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Coopertaive Pricing System and the New Jersey Association of School Business Offices as per the attached resolution. Be It Further Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Customer application for Service from Xtel Communications, Inc. as a result of the bidding process for NJACT for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: C Carried

Tuition Contract

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Gloucester Township School District for the 2016-17 academic year at a per pupil cost for one Elementary special education student of \$11,441, and one Middle School regular education student of \$12,829.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Tuition Contract

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Deptford Township School District for the 2016-17 academic year at a per pupil cost for one Elementary School regular education student of \$11,441.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: Carried

Tuition Contract

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Blackhorse Pike Regional School District for the 2016-17 academic year at a per pupil cost for one High School regular education student of \$12,687.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Tuition Contract

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a Tuition Contract Agreement with Burlington Township School District for the 2016-17 academic year at a per pupil cost for two High School regular education students of \$12,687.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Transportation Agreement

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves a transportation agreement with Beverly Township School District to transport one student at an annual cost to be determined for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: (Carried

Lunch Prices

On the motion by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Graf, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following cafeteria lunch prices for the 2017-18 school year:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Reduced</u>	
Elementary	\$ 2.50	\$.40	
Middle/High	2.65	.40	
Breakfast	1.30	.30	
Adult	3.40		
Milk	.55	.35	

(an .10 increase for Elementary and MS/HS Lunches and Adult lunch)

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

PERSONNEL

Resignation

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Mrs. Graf, 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 **Sandra Santino** as ES Instructional Ambulatory Aide, effective April 28, 2017.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: Carried

Mr. Mongon thanked Ms. Santino for her service and hopes she enjoys retirement.

Resignation

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mrs. Pinho, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation from **Ryan Varga** as High School Assistant Principal, effective June 1, 2017.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: (Carried

Mr. Mongon thanked Mr. Varga for his service and said he will be missed.

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Resignation

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Holak, 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 **Debra Moncrief** as Business Administrator Secretary, effective August 1, 2017.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Mr. Mongon thanked Ms. Moncrief for her years of service and wished her well.

New Employees

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years as listed.

- 1. **Brenda McLaverty**, ES Instructional Ambulatory Aide, at the contract rate of \$16.97, as needed per IEP, effective May 10, 2017, pending criminal history review, for the 2016-17 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- 2. **Regina Reed**, Superintendent Secretary, at the contract salary of \$50,000, pro-rated from a start date of August 1, 2017, for the 2017-18 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- Sean Lee, HS Chemistry Teacher, at the contract salary of \$63,750, (Step 1 + PH. D.) for the 2017-18 school year, pending criminal history review, as recommended by the Superintendent.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Substitute

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school year, as listed.

Regina Reed, Secretary

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Staff Development

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the following staff development activities for the 2016-2017 school year as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Leave Requests

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 unpaid leaves of absence for the employees listed below for the periods indicated.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jessica Bruton	ES Basic Skills Instructional Aide	March 23, 2017
Erika Johnson	HS Guidance Clerk	March 24, 2017

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Substitute Rate

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 rate of pay, per day, for the following substitute for the period indicated:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dawn Stewart	Kiona Fortune	\$100	04/10/17 - 06/20/17

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: Carried

Job Descriptions

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 job descriptions for Secretary to Superintendent of Schools (Confidential) and Secretary to Business Administrator/Board Secretary (Confidential), as presented.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Practicum Teachers

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 placements of the following college students in the practicum assignments as listed, during the **2017-2018** school year.

<u>Student</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Lauren Brannon (30 hrs)	Rutgers	ES-Preschool (Ms. Eveland)	Sept. 11 – Dec. 15, 2017
Lauren Brannon (45 hrs)	Rutgers	ES-3 rd -5 th Self Contained (Mrs. Frey)	Sept. 11 – Dec. 15, 2017
Nicole Coucoules (30 hrs)	Rutgers	ES - 4 th Grade (Mrs. Walsh)	Sept. 11 – Dec. 15, 2017
Chelsea Jennings (30 hrs)	Rutgers	ES – 1 st Grade (Ms. Notos)	Sept. 11 – Dec. 15, 2017

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Volunteer

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 following volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year.

Name Position
Charles Kasowski Baseball

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

POLICY

Second Reading

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the second reading of new and revised policies and regulations numbers 2460, 2460.1, 2460.8, 2460.9, 2460.15, 2660.16, 2476 as well as the attached list as presented.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: C Carried

STUDENTS

Home Instruction

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 following home instruction for the 2016-2017 school year:

ID#	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
201279	03/17/17	06/20/17
191131	03/29/17	04/28/17

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Out of District Placements

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 following out of district student placements for the 2016-2017 school year as listed.

ID#	<u>Placement</u>	Annual Tuition
171033	Hampton Academy	\$45,216
260012	Beverly City School	\$14,321 (homeless)
270178	Beverly City School	\$14,321 (homeless)
310055	Beverly City School	\$11,775 (homeless)
201065	Beverly City School (B.C.I.T.)	Continue Current Rate
291000	B.C.S.S.D.	\$42,855 (correction for tuition amount)
211054	B.C. Alt. H.S.	\$20,808

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Field Trips

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 following field trips for the 2016-2017 school year, as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: Carried

Fundraisers

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 following fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

PROGRAM

District Improvement Plan

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the NJQSAC District Improvement Plan (DIP) and authorizes its submission to the Department of Education.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Elementary Summer School

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It 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-4 during the 2016-17 school year, starting July 3, 2017 through July 31, 2017, from 8 AM until 12 PM (Monday-Friday.)

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: (Carried

Extended School Year Program

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the offering of an extended school year program for grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 for Riverside students, starting July 3, 2017 through July 31, 2017 from 8 AM until 12 PM (Monday-Friday.)

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Summer Credit Program

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves Educere Inc. to provide remedial credit summer school courses to Riverside High School students, at no cost to the District, and agrees to accept the credits thus earned by those students.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

Curriculum

On the motion by Mr. Holak, seconded by Dr. Parker, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the Math K-5 Curriculum, aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards as presented.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: (

FACILITIES

Facility Use

On the motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. Holak, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby approves the facility/building use requests for the 2016-2017 school year as attached.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – No Report

FINANCE & INSURANCE - No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - No Report

ATHLETICS – No Report

POLICY – No Report

CURRICULUM – A meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017

SAFETY & SECURITY – No Report

STUDENT GOVERNMENT – No Report

DELEGATE TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS – No Report

DELEGATE TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – Mr. Holak reported he will attend the next Delegate Assembly on May 20, 2017.

DELANCO REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Mongon reported that Delanco's committee will meet with Riverside in May.

Acknowledgement of Visitors

No one spoke at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mongon read: BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside Township Board of Education hereby determines to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Graf, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, Be It Resolved that the Riverside Township Board of Education go into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE- Aye: J. D 'Agostino, D. Graf, M. Holak, J. Mongon, S. Parker, and M. Pinho

Nay: 0 Carried

The board reviewed the CSA evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Lennon Board Secretary