

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

***"Building Bright Futures Together"*
Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 21, 2015**

7:30 PM Public Meeting

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Danahy read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mr. Busted; Ms. Danahy; Ms. Dansky; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Mrs. Heitman and approximately six members of the public.

Mr. DiBella arrived at 7:40 PM
Ms. Walker was absent
Ms. Danahy left at 9:50 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

NJ ASK 4th Grade Science Results—Dr. Tova Ben-Dov

Dr. Ben-Dov presented the results of the 4th Grade Science NJ ASK Results for 2014-2015. As always, Science results were very strong for the district. The information presented included three years of 4th grade testing and comparing different populations of students. She went over the District Factor Group (I), scale score means, proficiency summary by district, Roosevelt School compared to District Factor Group (I), Cherry Hill compared to District Factor Group (I), cluster means, trends observed in the 2015 NJASK Science results and how we are using this data. Dr. Ben-Dov also mentioned that although we are not yet obligated to switch to the New Generation Science Standards this year, assessment will be more rigorous this Spring. Our district will enhance the curriculum, especially in the area of Physical Science.

Bi-Borough Curriculum – Ms. Julia Diminich, Bi-Borough Curriculum Supervisor

Ms. Diminich reviewed the activities she has been working on from the beginning of the school year for Oradell and River Edge. She went over the categories of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. In curriculum, she spoke of Bi-Borough curriculum that was worked on over the summer, curricular updates from July, technology standards, 21st century skills, life and career education, and upcoming curricular work. In instruction, she spoke about content, vertical articulation, professional development, resources, and learning environment. In assessment, she spoke about the variety of purposeful assessments. She also discussed the fact that a Report Card Committee will convene to work on new Report Cards that reflect Common Core State Standards. She answered all questions asked by the board members and audience.

Criteria to Evaluate Math Programs – Ms. Julia Diminich and Ms. Adrienne Spano, Math and Science Instructional Coach and Supervisor

Ms. Diminich and Ms. Spano went over the evaluation of the math resources and math programs of the River Edge School District. They reviewed goals, collection of evidence of students and teachers, evaluation criteria, and references. They answered all questions asked by the board and the audience.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

- Dr. Ben-Dov has attended several PARCC events. There was an administrators' meeting on October 23rd to discuss PARCC. The State indicated that in mid-November we should receive individual student reports and school and district reports. There will be new baselines and targets for each district and each school to achieve. We will also have guidelines on how to present PARCC results to the public. Dr. Ben-Dov is planning informative evenings for parents.
- Professional Development on October 12th was very successful. There was a guest speaker on motivation in educational settings. There will be another Professional Development Day scheduled for November 3rd. The Administrators are working on planning all details.
- Week of Respect was successful in all schools. Multicultural literature was taught in the classrooms, and received great feedback from students.
- The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) along with the River Edge Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) is hosting a Bergen County Special Education Parent Leadership Round Table on November 17th at Cherry Hill School.
- The Ethics Commission will be providing more information about nepotism and board member conflicts on October 27th. Dr. Ben-Dov is holding back on the second readings for the policies that were board approved on October 7th, until after that time.
- There will be a Technology Meeting tomorrow afterschool to discuss future plans including Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM).
- Dr. Ben-Dov joined the 5th grade class trip today at the Fort Lee Historical Park. She had a great time and said it's a great educational trip for the students.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Week of Respect was October 5th to October 9th. It went very well; many activities were planned. Mrs. Heitman is very excited about the students announcing “good morning” in different languages during morning announcements.
- The Fire Prevention Assembly was held on October 13th. Mrs. Heitman thanked Tom Smith for all of his work.
- School Visitation Day was on October 20th
- The Halloween parades are scheduled for Friday, October 30th. Cherry Hill and Roosevelt’s parades start at 2:00 PM. Both schools will have a Halloween Party that evening sponsored by the PTOs.
- Mrs. Heitman has joined Twitter and will be tweeting about Cherry Hill School
- Mrs. Heitman demonstrated how students are using QR Codes in the Library. These scan codes provide book summaries to the students.

BOARD SECRETARY

- Ms. Salvati will distribute a tentative budget calendar at the November 11th board meeting. It will go on the November 18th agenda for approval.
- Ms. Salvati reminded the board members to create Gmail accounts in order to use the district chromebooks for board meetings.

PRESIDENT

- Mrs. Myers attended the President’s Breakfast on Saturday, October 17th
- Mrs. Myers reminded the board the NJSBA Fall Conference is on October 27-October 29th

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Danahy stated there was a Finance and Facilities Meeting tonight before the board meeting. They discussed June Court steps, tentative budget calendar, and telephone upgrades.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for October 2015 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. That the Board of Education approve Dr. Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent, to attend the 2016 National Conference on Education in Phoenix, AZ, February 11, 2016 to February 13, 2016.

Motion by: Mr. Busteed Seconded by: Mr. DiBella

Ayes: Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers
Nays: None

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS – None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2015 totaling \$895,752.85 including checks #37778 through #37894. Payrolls dated September 11, 2015 and September 30, 2015, totaling \$1,063,939.29 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2015-2016 as of August 31, 2015. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending August 31, 2015.

Further, we certify that as of August 31, 2015 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

4. That the Board of Education accept a donation from the River Edge Education Foundation in the amount of \$3,486.98 for the district to be used to purchase multi-cultural books to support the Character Education Program in River Edge.
5. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of four Samsung Chromebook carts from CDW Government Direct in the amount of \$29,975.40 as per State Contract # MRESC 15/16-11.
6. That the Board of Education approve the establishment of a Section 457 Plan with AXA Equitable.

Motion by: Mr. DiBella Seconded by: Mr. Sim

Ayes: Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers
Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education approve Dr. Christopher Nicpon, School Doctor, from December 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at an annual rate of \$3,500, prorated.
2. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Shannon Knapp, ABA Aide, effective November 13, 2015.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Valerie Gancarz-Demarco, Interim Behavior Analyst, effective November 1, 2015 to on or about December 7, 2015, at a per diem rate of \$459.73 per day.

Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Ms. Dansky

Ayes: Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers
Nays: None

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2015 totaling \$615,749.28 including checks #64964 through #65119.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGION V COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION WILL PROVIDE SHARED SERVICES FOR ITS MEMBER DISTRICTS AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Region V Shared Services Consultants, Psychologists, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants, Social Workers, Speech Language Specialists, Occupational and Physical Therapists, Translators to provide evaluations, direct services and consultation, to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2015-2016 school year.

Claire L. Geveke	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Innovative Therapy Group LLC	Occupational and Physical Therapy
Nicole Hill	Physical Therapist
Susan Confrancisco	Psychologist
Christine L. Higgins	Speech and Language Specialist

3. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge (Host) and Pascack Region II (Joiner).
4. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge (Host) and South Bergen Jointure Commission (Joiner).
5. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge (Host) and Watchung Hills Regional H.S. (Joiner).
6. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge (Host) and Keansburg B.O.E. (Joiner).
7. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge (Host) and Westfield B.O.E. (Joiner).
8. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid and Quote Contracts with Alpha Care Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
2227	Bergen Center for Child Dev	\$195.00
Q227	Bergen Center for Child Dev	\$160.00
Q228	B.F. Gibbs School	\$160.00
Q255	Shepard High School	\$180.63
2237	Shepard Middle School	\$140.00

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with Ace Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1924	Cornerstone Day School	\$149.79
1995	Alpine Learning Center	\$161.21

10. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid results from the August 13, 2015 bid.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2203	4 Diamond Transportation	\$153.00
2204	Swift Medical Services	\$189.00
2205	Destiny 23	\$92.00
2208	First Choice Trans School & Limo	\$87.00
2209	Destiny 23	\$198.00
2212	Durham School Services	\$245.00
2214	We Care School Trans	\$189.00
2215	First Choice Trans School & Limo	\$198.00
2216	A-1 Elegant Tours Inc.	\$346.00
2217	We Care School Trans	\$201.00
2218	We Care School Trans	\$201.00
2219	Valley Transportation	\$165.50
2220	FS Transportation	\$214.00
2221	Valley Transportation	\$94.75
2224	Timmy Transportation	\$178.00
2225	We Care School Trans	\$107.00
2226	We Care School Trans	\$211.00
2227	Alpha Care	\$195.00
2228	We Care School Trans	\$250.00
2230	Destiny 23	\$169.00
2232	Ombali LLC	\$147.00
2233	Rinaldi Transportation	\$212.00
2234	We Care School Trans	\$190.00
2235	We Care School Trans	\$261.00
2236	We Care School Trans	\$87.50

Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Ms. Danahy

Ayes: Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers

Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dansky spoke about the Green Team initiatives. She also stated the shredding truck has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 7th.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

That the Board of Education convene into closed session at 9:40 PM to discuss contractual matters.

Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Ms. Danahy

Ayes: Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers

Nays: None

RECONVENE

That the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 9:55 PM.

Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Mr. DiBella

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers

Nays: None

ADJOURMENT

That the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:56 PM.

Motion by: Mr. Busted Seconded by: Ms. Dansky

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator