

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

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 7, 2015

7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. DiBella read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mr. Busteed; Ms. Danahy; Ms. Dansky; Mr. DiBella; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Mr. Henzel, and two members of the public.

Ms. Walker was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Teachers are working hard on their Student Growth Objectives. They need to be submitted by October 15th.

- We are preparing all documents for QSAC. There are a few motions on tonight's agenda pertaining to QSAC documentation along with the Comprehensive Equity Plan required by QSAC. The Statement of Assurance will be on the October 21st agenda for approval so it can be submitted to the County.
- The SPAN (State Parent Advocacy Network) Surveys were given to parents on Back to School Night and results are being reviewed. We will be hosting a SPAN meeting that is offered through Region V on November 17th.
- This morning there was a meeting regarding the June Court steps. Dr. Ben-Dov met with Ms. Salvati, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Corridi and Lt. Walker. They discussed possible options for egress from the Cherry Hill School. Dr. Ben-Dov would like to discuss options at a Mayor and Council meeting.
- The State Board of Education met today to discuss the plans for the release of the PARCC results. They want to release state results first, then the actual test, and finally district and individual results. Parents who opted out of their children taking the test will receive mock reports showing them the information they would have received. Dr. Ben-Dov and a few other administrators will attend a workshop where they will discuss the release and interpretation of PARCC results.
- Post Dismissal Instructional Academy started yesterday and went very well. The number of students in each group was small. Dr. Ben-Dov is hoping the numbers might grow as the weeks go on.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Back to School Night was a great success.
- Mr. Henzel attended a workshop about Leading and Learning in a digital age. He was introduced to Google Cardboard which is a virtual reality viewer that works with smartphones. He demonstrated how it works and also presented one that a student made. Mr. Henzel has applied for the Google Expedition Program to visit Roosevelt School. He will keep us posted to see if they were selected.
- Mr. Henzel will be attending a workshop on October 17th called Denapalozza.
- There will be a mystery skype in Ms. Unanue's class. Mr. Henzel is expecting it to take place by next week.
- Mr. Henzel has joined Twitter and will be tweeting about Roosevelt School.

- Roosevelt and Cherry Hill School is doing a fundraiser called Table to Table next week. The idea is for students to donate what they would normally pay for a lunch. The money goes to feed the hungry in our community.
- Roosevelt has elected their student council for the 2015-2016 school year.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The Auditors are coming next week to complete the financial part of the audit.
- Ms. Salvati asked the board to let her know if they are attending the NJSBA Fall Conference.
- An Aflac Representative will be visiting Roosevelt School on October 14th and Cherry Hill School on October 15th to discuss Aflac Voluntary Benefits and the Flexible Spending Program.
- Ms. Salvati asked the board members if they would like to bring in their own devices or use the district Chromebooks to view the agenda's and attachments at board meetings. It was decided Chromebooks would be used.

PRESIDENT

- Mrs. Myers had no report at this time.

COMMITTEES

- Mrs. Myers stated there was a Personnel Committee meeting tonight before the board meeting.
- Ms. Dansky spoke about the Policy Committee meeting that was held earlier this evening.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of September 2, 2015.

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

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

2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of September 16, 2015.

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

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

Nays: None, Abstained: Mr. Busteed

3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for October 2015 including relevant mileage reimbursement.
(Addendum)
4. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 5 - October 9, 2015 as a "Week of Respect."
5. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 19 - October 23, 2015 as a "School Violence Awareness Week."
6. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Fire Drills	Security Drills
Cherry Hill School	September 4, 2015	September 21, 2015 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	September 4, 2015	September 17, 2015 Bomb Threat

7. That the Board of Education approve the following class trips:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
10/22/15	Roosevelt	3	Sterling Mine Ogdensburg, NJ	\$814.00
10/23/15	Cherry Hill	3	Sterling Mine Ogdensburg, NJ	\$1,165.00
10/14/15,10/15/15, 10/16/15 and 10/21/15	Cherry Hill	5	Fort Lee Historical Park Fort Lee, NJ	\$640.00
11/12/15	NBC/Building Bridges	K-6	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$0

8. That the Board of Education approve the annual subscription renewal with the Schoolboardnet service for the 2015-2016 School Year in the amount of \$2,360.00.
9. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
3542.1	Local Wellness/Nutrition
4112.8/4212.8	Nepotism
4115	Supervision
4123	Instructional Aides
4222	Non-instructional Aides
5141.21	Administering Medication
6114	Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
6173	Home Instruction

10. That the Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Equity Plan for the years 2015 - 2018.

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

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. That the Board of Education approve the elimination of the Resource Center, Occupational Therapy and Speech rooms and re-establish in a new location in Roosevelt School.
2. That the Board of Education approve the elimination of the Resource Center and Speech rooms and re-establish in a new location in Cherry Hill School.

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

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

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS - None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Rosemary Kuruc, or Designee, as the Division of Child Permanency and Protection Liaison for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. That the Board of Education approve Maryann Crudello for the Cycle I of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2015-2016 School Year.
3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Grade Level Chairs and the retroactive payment of stipend as per contract for the 2014-2015 school year:

Cherry Hill

Diana Richards

Nancy Watkins

Eric Morgan

AnneMarie Spiegel

Kathy Salvatore

Chris Armen

Roosevelt

Ashley Adimando

Alexandra McNeil

Nicole Campbell

Christine O' Keefe

Lauren Della Torre

Heather Rothschild

New Bridge Center

Debbie Auriemma (Co-chair)

Reem Halabi (Co-chair)

4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nicole Elmera, Behavior Analyst, starting on or about December 7, 2015, MA+15, Step 12.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the NJ State Family leave of absence for Eric Morgan to commence on December 1, 2015 through December 24, 2015.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Mary Anne Rush as a Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 School Year.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Elisabeth Moscaritolo Keeney, ABA Aide, starting on or about October 19, 2015, Step C.
8. That the Board of Education approve the following Job Descriptions:
R.E.A.C.H. Editor
R.E.A.C.H. Assistant Editor

9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve June Karpowich, Editor, of the River Edge Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2015-2016 school year.
10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Colleen Poole, Assistant Editor of the River Edge Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2015-2016 school year.
11. That the Board of Education approve the Affirmative Action Team for the 2015-2016 school year:

Michael Henzel
 Beth Rosen
 Abby Burns-Paterson
 Tara Benevento
 Janel Blake
 Christine Moran

12. That the Board of Education approve Beth Rosen as the District School Safety and Security Liaison for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by: Ms. Danahy Seconded by: Mr. Busteed

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. **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.

Debra Dan Wolfe	Occupational Therapist
Work N Play Inc	Occupational Therapy
Ombali LLC	Transporter
Swift Medical Services Inc.	Transporter
Timmy Transportation	Transporter

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dansky stated there will be a President's Breakfast for Bergen County School Board Presidents on Saturday, October 17th in the New Bridge Center Project Room.

Mr. DiBella stated committee meetings should be scheduled on a regular basis.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

That the Board of Education convene into closed session at 8:45 PM to discuss personnel matters.

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

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 9:03 PM.

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

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

ADJOURMENT

That the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:08 PM.

Motion by: Mr. Busteed Seconded by: Mr. Sim

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

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator