

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – November 11, 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 7:40 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mr. Busteed; Ms. Danksy; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Mr. Henzel, and approximately three members of the public.

Ms. Danahy was absent

Mr. DiBella was absent

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

Accept PTO Gifts for the 2014-2015 School Year

Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the wonderful gifts provided to the Cherry Hill School, Roosevelt School and New Bridge Center by the PTO. This is her greatest pleasure and it benefits the students and faculty. She is grateful for all that the PTO has done for the students in all schools.

Dr. Ben-Dov announced some of the categories of gifts and thanked and commended the PTO on all of their hard work.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov attended and spoke at the Veteran's Day Ceremony today at Memorial Park. It was well attended by parents and students, the mayor, veterans and administrators. It was a moving ceremony.
- The State has released more information regarding PARCC. They sent new timelines out for the test results. The high school will get their results mid-November and grades 3-8 will get their District and School results at the end of the month. They will send paper copies that schools will send to the homes of the students by mid-December.
- The District and School goals for the 2015-2016 school year are on tonight's agenda. Mr. Alfred Annunziata will attend the November 18th meeting to develop a district and board goal pertaining to long-term strategic planning.
- Cycle I for Post Dismissal Instructional Academy will end on November 17th. Cycle II will begin on December 1st. The teachers for Cycle II will be on the November 18th agenda for approval.
- The next edition of REACH will be available mid-November. There is a segment of Dr. Ben-Dov interviewing sixth grade students talking about multiculturalism. The students' comments are very insightful. Dr. Ben-Dov encourages everyone to watch it.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- The Table to Table fundraiser called "Bag a Lunch Save a Bunch" had an overwhelming number of students participate and the school raised approximately \$2,886.18. Mr. Henzel read an email from a parent expressing how this fundraiser influenced her child.
- Mr. Henzel attended Denapalooza on Saturday, October 17th. He said it was a valuable workshop and he took away some new ideas.
- School Visitation Day was on October 20th. It went very smoothly.
- The Halloween Parade and party was a great success. Pictures will be on the next edition of REACH.
- Ms. Unanue and Mr. Aroldi's classes participated in a Mystery Skype with Yellowstone Park. The students were able to ask questions and got a lesson on the history of the park.
- Google Expedition will come to Roosevelt School on November 16th. The students are excited for this activity.

CLOSED SESSION

That the Board of Education convene into closed session at 8:00 PM to discuss a legal and privacy matter.

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

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None

RECONVENE

That the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 9:00 PM.

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

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The board meeting dates and Budget Calendar are in the board member's packets. They will be presented for approval at the next board meeting.
- The initial cost estimate received from the architect for the June Court Steps was very high. We will move forward and have the engineer prepare specs and Mr. Lyons will seek quotes on our own.
- There is a leak in the Cherry Hill School roof due to a clogged drain. The roof is under warranty and the contractor is making repairs to it tonight.
- We received our final payment from the SDA for the Cherry Hill School Roof Project in the amount of \$94,000. The total amount received for this project was \$160,178.
- The Continuing Disclosure Survey by Phoenix and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan are on the agenda tonight for approval. Approval for both is required every year. The Comprehensive Maintenance Plan tracks the dollar amount spent on maintenance over a 10 year period. We are spending well above the minimum amount. The Continuing Disclosure is a SEC requirement of districts that issue bonds.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Board goals will be developed at the next meeting with Alfred Annunziata of New Jersey School Board Association.
- The Curriculum Committee met tonight before the regular board meeting. She will give a report at the next board meeting when the full board is present.

COMMITTEES

No Committees reported at this meeting.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the following District Goals for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

Goal #1: To develop the attributes of high-quality 5th and 6th grade student responses by focusing on higher order thinking skills as facilitated by teacher questioning. Grades 5 and 6 students will take Linkit Form C subtest in the Spring 2016 and improve on their scores according to their preparedness group. Students in different preparedness groups will improve their scores on the post assessment by a general average of 10% for the total group.

Goal #2: To improve multicultural awareness in River Edge while working with school constituencies to embrace tolerance of different traditions and perspectives. Our goal is to prepare students to live and work in a global, multicultural society by creating and supporting a teaching-learning environment where all employees and students understand and value commonalities and differences within and across various cultures. This will be done through a pre and post multicultural climate survey, curriculum-embedded literature, and school and community activities (as per attached school action plans).

2. That the Board of Education approve the following School Goals for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

Roosevelt School

Goal #1:

To develop the attributes of high-quality 5th and 6th grade student responses by focusing on higher order thinking skills as facilitated by teacher questioning. Grades 5 and 6 students will take Linkit Form C subtest in the Spring 2016 and improve on their scores according to their preparedness group. Students in the following groups will improve their scores on the post assessment as follows:

-Low preparedness group- are students scoring lower than 40% who will increase their score 15% from Linkit Form A

-Medium preparedness group- are students scoring between 41% to 65% and will increase their score 10% from Linkit Form A

-High preparedness group- are students scoring greater than 65% who will increase their score 5% from Linkit Form A

Goal #2: To enhance the curriculum in grade K-6 creating a teaching-learning environment that fosters multicultural awareness **October 2015 to June 2016.**

Goal #3: Technology Goal – To foster a technological shift where all stakeholders will build their knowledge and skill base to increase their effective use of technology in the educational community.

Cherry Hill School

Goal #1:

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3. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of October 7, 2015.
4. That the Board of Education approves the staff development and travel as per the schedules for November 2015 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
5. That the Board of Education approves the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Fire Drills	Security Drills
Cherry Hill School	October 13, 2015	October 26, 2015 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	October 15, 2015	October 22, 2015 Evacuation

6. **Whereas**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the River Edge Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the River Edge Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the River Edge Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

7. That the Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills:

Class	Date	Time
Pre-k 3	November 2, 2015	9:30 AM
Building Bridges (Primary and Elem Class)	November 2, 2015	2:45 PM
Building Connections (Primary and Elem Class)	November 2, 2015	2:56 PM
Pre-k 4	November 4, 2015	12:15 PM

8. That the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policies:

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

9. That the Board of Education approve the revised class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
11/12/15	NBC/Building Bridges	K-6	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$575.00

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the agreement for the River Edge Board of Education to provide security services, technology, and equipment to the following non-public schools for the 2015-2016 school year:

New Beginnings at Grace Lutheran
St. Peter's Academy
Sinai School at RYNJ
Stepping Stone Learning Center
Yeshiva of North Jersey

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education accept the Roosevelt, New Bridge Center, and Cherry Hill Schools PTO Gifts for the school year 2014-2015. (Addendum)
2. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC to conduct the Continuing Disclosure Survey and to provide disseminating services for the 2015-2016 school year.

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Certificated Personnel for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Alyson Herrick Leave Replacement Teacher, 11/16/15-4/29/16, BA, Step 1
Eileen McElroy Leave Replacement Teacher, 12/1/15-12/23/15,
at a per diem rate of \$250.00 per day
Susan Miele-Motyka Instructional Technology Coach, MA+30, Step 13
(Start Date on or before 1/11/16)

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Aracelis Stewart, Substitute Bus Driver, starting on November 12, 2015 for the 2015-2016 School Year.
3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Student Council Advisors and the retroactive payment of stipend as per contract for the 2014-2015 school year for:

Michelle Baragona .25/Kaitlyn Burke .25/Christine Moran .25/Eric Morgan .25
Joe Hunter
4. That the Board of Education rescind the appointment of AnneMarie Spiegel, 2014-2015 Grade Level Chair, and the retroactive payment of stipend.
5. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Robert Hall, Grade Level Chair and the retroactive payment of stipend as per contract for the 2014-2015 school year.

6. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Alison Stephen, Part-time Aide, effective November 10, 2015.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Eileen Lucas, Part-time Aide, starting November 12, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following as substitute teachers for the 2015-16 school year.

Jessica Awar
 Juliette BenShoshan
 Maryann Cutrupi
 Carolyn Gallagher
 Ellen Grayson
 Bianca Grande
 Amanda Naimaister
 Deepti Roy

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Region I/Mahwah Board of Education (Joiner).
2. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Region II/Pascack Valley Board of Education (Joiner).
3. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Roselle Public Schools (Joiner).
4. That the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Jointure Transportation Agreement between the Passaic County Educational Services Commission and Region V/River Edge Board of Education.
5. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with Jacoup's Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
2069	River Dell High School	\$102.98
2073	Berkley School	\$101.34

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract with Swift Medical Service.

Route #	School	Per Diem
2204	Newmark Education	\$169.00

7. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with St. Jude Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1735	Windsor School Pompton Lakes	\$222.85
1737	North Street School	\$169.09
1748	Washington South	\$190.00

8. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with First Student #1310.

Route #	School	Per Diem
0798	River Dell Middle School	\$178.37
1598	Sage Day Rochelle Park	\$166.25
2086	Hackensack High School	\$295.02

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract with First Student #1310.

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q217	Building Bridges	\$220.00

10. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract with First Student #1309.

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q224	Ridgefield Memorial High School	\$195.00

11. That the Board of Education approve the following Contract Addendum with First Student #1309.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1594	Sage Day Rochelle Park	\$156.39

12. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with First Student #1309.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1594	Sage Day Rochelle Park	\$156.39
1902	Bryan/Merritt	\$275.58
1909	New Bridges	\$200.95
1985	Springboard	\$159.97
2041	Valley Program @ Tenafly MS	\$197.16
2075	Bleshman School	\$201.47

13. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract with Galaxia Express.

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q223	Newmark Education	\$196.00

14. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with Valley Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1120	NOVA North Emerson High School	\$175.49
1276	Bleshman School	\$218.22
1277	Smith/Maugham School	\$189.98
1303	Forum School	\$200.35
1304	Villano/Memorial Emerson	\$167.68
1524	H. Smith School/Visions Jr. Sr.	\$260.56
1532	Valley HP OLV	\$273.12
1538	Washington South	\$231.65
1541	Bleshman School	\$234.01
1544	Forum School	\$214.16
1616	Pascack Hills High School	\$161.21
1742	Sage Day Mahwah	\$142.63
1814	I.E.A.	\$116.46
1819	Cresskill High School/Cresskill House	\$145.93
1821	Tri-Valley	\$116.45
1857	Valley HP OLV	\$173.09
1858	Valley Norwood	\$190.48
1899	Godwin School	\$180.35
1900	ECLC	\$161.30
1964	Brownstone	\$199.64
1963	Valley HP Public/St. Andrews	\$177.90
1968	Valley OLV	\$170.20
1993	Northern Valley Demarest	\$125.53
2038	BOCES West Nyack	\$108.20
2035	CTC Midland Park	\$250.00

15. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract with We Care School Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
2214	Building Bridges	\$189.00
2217	Ridgefield Memorial High School	\$201.00
2218	Ridgefield Memorial High School	\$201.00
2225	HIP Union Street	\$107.00
2226	Phoenix Center at St. Mary's	\$211.00
2228	CTC Fair Lawn	\$250.00
2234	Smith/Tenafly Middle School	\$190.00
2235	NJEDDA	\$261.00
2236	Career Crossroads	\$87.50

16. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts with Valley Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
2219	Merritt School/Cresskill	\$165.50
2221	Midland Park High School	\$94.75

17. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract with Valley Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q222	B.F. Gibbs/D.E. Owens School	\$110.00

18. That the Board of Education approve the following Contract Addendums with Valley Transportation.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1304	Villano/Memorial Emerson	\$45.50
1541	Bleshman	\$265.99
1819	Cresskill High School/Cresskill House	\$57.37
1900	ECLC	\$75.40
2028	BOCES West Nyack	\$108.20
2221	Midland Park High School	\$122.25

19. That the Board of Education approve the following Contract Addendum with Town & Country Bus Co.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1855	Leonia HS/Evergreen	\$146.73

20. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with Town & Country Bus Co.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1125	YCS Hackensack	\$197.16
1611	Brownstone	\$200.11
2218	Leonia HS/Evergreen	\$196.73

21. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with Galaxia Express.

Route #	School	Per Diem
2080	TCI High School	\$166.20

22. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid and Quote Contract with D&M Tours.

Route #	School	Per Diem
1986	Barnstable Academy	\$189.30

23. **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.

Jaclyn Mulligan Behaviorist
Elise Coopersmith Speech and Language Specialist

Motion by: Mr. Busted Seconded by: Mr. Sim

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS- None

ADJOURNMENT

That the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 9:45 PM.

Motion by: Mr. Busted Seconded by: Mr. Sim

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator