

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 2, 2015

6:30 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 6:30PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Busted was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Board Member Candidate Interviews

Ms. Daisy Ortiz-Berger, Mr. Miguel Frias, Mr. Dario Chinigo, Mr. David Kraft, Ms. Silvija Juskeliene, Ms. Annmarie Rudis, Mr. Michael Koth, and Mr. Richard Cope were interviewed for the board vacancy position. Each board member asked a series of questions regarding their interest in serving on the Board. Each candidate was asked the same questions.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- PARCC results for the District and Schools have arrived and are being analyzed in various ways. We are currently planning meetings with teachers to help them understand how to interpret the results. We are also planning workshops for parents starting in January. The tentative date for the presentation to the board and parents will be at the January 20, 2016 board meeting.
- There was a Technology Meeting held today where the dismantling of the current Technology Labs was discussed. We plan to use the stationary computers in classrooms to service the smart boards. We also discussed digital services and programs. We are asking the teachers to evaluate them and to find out which ones to include in the 2016-2017 budget.
- We are continuing to explore preparations for our future STEM labs. We visited Dwight Englewood School new building that is dedicated to STEM. This was inspirational but designed for High School. Additional visits to other facilities are planned.
- Dr. Ben-Dov attended a school safety and security training. We are beginning to work on upgrading our emergency plan and look forward to working with law enforcement and other town agencies starting in January.
- Many topics will be presented during the next few board meetings. The results for the School Climate Survey will be presented at the December 16th board meeting along with the Summer Enrichment Program that was postponed from the tonight's meeting. The board needs to find a time to discuss the action plan for board goals and the two year goal suggested by Alfred Annunziata.

PRINCIPAL

Dr. Ben-Dov reported for Mr. Henzel on the following:

- Parent/Teacher conferences went very well. There was one late night of conferences on November 23rd, followed by afternoon conferences on November 24th.
- The Student Council ran a food drive for the Center for Food Action. We were able to donate many boxes in time for Thanksgiving.
- Roosevelt and Cherry Hill School will participate in the Hour of Code. We are one of 155,000 events around the world that will take place next week. The mission of Hour of Code is to help students learn computer science. This will take place during the student's Library class. Each student that participates will receive a certificate.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The first round of budget discussion with the administrators is taking place tomorrow.
- A year-end priority for the Business Office is preparing for the Affordable Health Care Act that goes into effect January 1st. Ms. Salvati and Ms. O'Brien have been attending training courses on this area to ensure that the district is in compliance and ready with all of the required reporting.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers did not report at this meeting.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky and Mr. Sim attended a Bergen County School Boards Association Meeting on December 1st.
- Mr. Sim spoke about his experience at the New Jersey School Board Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 21st.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

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

Goal #1: Monitor enrollment for 2016-2017 to determine facility space needs.

Goal #2: Monitor potential development and redevelopments in River Edge to determine the need to prepare for eminent enrollment increases.

2. That the Board of Education approve the following District Goal for the 2015-2016 school year.

Goal #3: Accommodate the changes in enrollment, while sustaining the appropriate student programs, by June 30, 2016. (Include: monitoring enrollment for 2015-2016 and kindergarten registration for 2016-2017; Planning for transitioning the technology labs into classrooms and adapting the discovery labs to include technology).

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

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

Nays: None

3. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of October 21, 2015.

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

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

Nays: None

- That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of November 11, 2015.

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

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

Nays: None, Abstained: Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella

- That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

| School | Dates |
|--------------------|--|
| Cherry Hill School | November 4, 2015 Evacuation November 18, 2015 Fire Drill |
| Roosevelt School | November 13, 2015 Fire Drill November 30, 2015 Evacuation |

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

- That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of Extraordinary Aid and Non-public Transportation Aid into the General Fund for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

Extraordinary Aid \$45,871
Non-public Transportation Aid \$2,088

- That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the FY 16 IDEA Grant for carryover funds in the amount of:

Basic IDEA Grant \$44,296

- That the Board of Education approve the close-out of the Cherry Hill School Roof Project and transfer all unspent funds back to Capital Reserve.
- That the Board of Education accept a donation from NYJPW Chinese-American Arts & Culture Association, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used to benefit the students in Cherry Hill School and New Bridge Center.

E. PERSONNEL

- That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Julie Rabinowitz, as the District Liaison to the Board of the River Edge Public Library for the 2015-2016 school year.
- That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Abigail Burns-Paterson, In-Home Instruction, for the 2015-2016 school year.

- That the Board of Education approve the following staff members for the Cycle II of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2015-2016 School Year:

April Kaiser-Teacher
Ashley Suarez -Aide

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

- That the Board of Education approve the following Contract Addendum with Morgan/SML School Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| 2032 | Valley Harrington Pk/OLV | \$25.00 |

- That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with Morgan/SML School Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1834 | Community Lower School | \$218.82 |
| 1966 | ECLC | \$304.50 |
| 2032 | Valley Harrington Pk/OLV | \$149.99 |
| 2077 | Bergen Voc. Teterboro | \$138.84 |

- That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with Morgan/SML School Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|---------------------|----------|
| 1953 | C.P. Center Clifton | \$253.32 |

- That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract with A-1 Elegant.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|----------------------|----------|
| 2216 | Slocum Skewes School | \$346.00 |

- That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with Pro Trans School Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|------------------------------|----------|
| 2072 | South Bergen Lodi/High Point | \$123.66 |
| 2074 | YCS Ft. Lee/Anna Scott | \$133.97 |
| 2082 | Valley Program OLV | \$237.48 |

- That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract with Radiant Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|-----------------|----------|
| 2240 | TCI High School | \$190.00 |

7. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with Radiant Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2031 | Stepping Stones/Westbridge Academy | \$200.27 |

8. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts with We Care School Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Q216 | Building Bridges | \$206.00 |
| Q218 | Chancellor Academy | \$169.00 |
| Q220 | CTC Fair Lawn | \$261.00 |
| Q221 | Felician School | \$214.00 |
| Q232 | Camp Soar | \$99.00 |

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with S&D Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1853 | Chapel Hill/Chancellor Academy | \$156.00 |

10. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with Soliman Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 2079 | Sawtelle Learning Center | \$182.41 |

11. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with F.S. Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1987 | Little Red School House NYC | \$197.78 |

12. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract with F.S. Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2220 | Gateway High School | \$214.00 |

13. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with Durham School Services.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 0553 | Community Lower School | \$141.76 |
| 1536 | Transition Center Wood-Ridge | \$214.30 |
| 1132 | Stillman Pre-School | \$126.76 |
| 1133 | Stillman Pre-School | \$122.78 |

14. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract with Durham School Services.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|------------------|----------|
| 2212 | Holmstead School | \$245.00 |

15. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts with Destiny 23.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|------------------------|----------|
| Q230 | C.T.D.S. Rutgers | \$189.00 |
| Q231 | Celebrate The Children | \$162.00 |

16. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with Rinaldi Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1529 | Washington Middle School | \$193.20 |

17. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract with Rinaldi Transportation.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------|----------|
| 2233 | Smith School | \$212.00 |

18. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract with Timmy Transportation LLC.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|----------------|----------|
| 2224 | Garden Academy | \$178.00 |

19. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts with First Choice.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|---------------------------|----------|
| 2208 | Bergen Co. Tech Teterboro | \$87.00 |
| 2215 | Building Bridges | \$198.00 |

20. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract with First Choice.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|----------------|----------|
| 1747 | New Beginnings | \$199.13 |

21. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts with John Leckie.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| 0771 | Felician School | \$234.67 |
| 2048 | Bergen County Academies | \$88.17 |

22. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract with John Leckie.

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 2241 | Applied Technology High School | \$157.00 |

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

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

Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION- None

CLOSED SESSION

That the Board of Education convene into closed session at 9:10 PM to discuss Board Member Candidates.

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

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

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

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

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator