

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

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – April 6, 2016

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, 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

Ms. Danahy read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Koth arrived at 7:40 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

2015-2016 Calendar Modifications

Dr. Ben-Dov stated the district has four unused snow days left for the 2015-2016 school year. Various options were discussed on how to give back the days. Majority of the board preferred to give back two days in May and two days at the end the school year. They also decided to change the May 18th board meeting to May 25th so that all the board members could attend the Sixth Grade Board Meeting.

At this point Ms. Danksy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Danahy, to revise the 2015-2016 school calendar to give back May 27th, May 31st, June 22nd, and June 23rd as unused snow days.

Ayes: Ms. Danahy, Ms. Danksy, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Koth, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers
Nays: Mr. Busteed

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- PARCC is going smoothly and testing for grades three and four is taking place this week. Dr. Ben-Dov gave a huge thank you to Mr. Tee, Mr. Masangcay, Mrs. Cardia, Ms. Miele-Motyka, Mrs. Heitman, the entire Administrative Team, and all of the teachers for all of their hard work and with their help with running things so smoothly.
- Dr. Ben-Dov gave the Board a kindergarten enrollment update. As of now, Roosevelt School has 58 students enrolled and Cherry Hill School has 90 students enrolled. Dr. Ben-Dov recommends that Cherry Hill have five kindergarten classes for the 2016-2017 school year. She said that she would have a recommendation in May about Roosevelt School, but is leaning towards four classes.
- There are two HIB Incidents to report. On Monday, March 7, 2016 a Cherry Hill third grader made verbal comments to another Cherry Hill third grader. It was investigated and found not to be HIB related. Sessions with the Counselor and additional education for the classes by the school nurse will take place. On Friday, March 4, 2016 a parent of a Cherry Hill School special education student complained about a few incidents between her child and another child. It was investigated and found not to be HIB related. The families were notified and meetings with the principal occurred and a letter of apology was written. The students will have sessions with the Pupil Assistance Counselor.
- There was a School Climate Meeting on March 30th. Some events associated with the Climate Meeting are: The CAP Parent Academy that was held on March 21st and a Cyber Bullying workshop for the upper grades. We are searching for a presenter for this workshop. A follow-up survey will be administered before the end of the school year. Roosevelt School had an excellent International Day on April 1st.
- There was a Bi-Borough Vertical Articulation Meeting on March 23rd. The sixth grade teachers attended this meeting and spent the day visiting classrooms at River Dell Middle School. It was a very informative experience for our teachers.
- Dr. Ben-Dov announced some good news for our District: A Cherry Hill Sixth Grade Student, Autumn Shin, placed number one in the State and in Bergen County for a Math League, and Cherry Hill School ranked eighth in the State. Roosevelt School had a great "Wax Museum" event in third grade on March 31st. On April 5th, Mrs. Patrocino's sixth grade class communicated with author, Sarah Weeks, and the students critiqued her new book in real time using "padlets." First and sixth graders in Cherry Hill School are composing stories together using chromebooks, and Monica Schnee was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to go to Korea from September through January. We congratulate Ms. Schnee on this achievement!

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- PARCC has started for third and fourth graders this week. Fifth and sixth grades will start on April 21st. Mr. Henzel thanked both PTO's for purchasing the chromebook carts. He stated they already arrived at Roosevelt School and are being used. They are very much appreciated.

- International Day was held on April 1st and it was a great success. He gave thanks to Ms. Pike, one of our Roosevelt School parents. Eleven countries and cultures were represented. There were many activities available to the students and lots of takeaways.
- The third grade wax museum was a huge success. The students did a great job portraying characters throughout history. Mr. Henzel has posted some pictures on Facebook and twitter.
- There was a Parent Academy Meeting on the evening of March 21st at Roosevelt School. Bi-Borough invited Oradell and River Edge parents of grades kindergarten through second. They taught skill-based methods and activities they can use to help support learning at home.
- On March 16th Roosevelt School held a Link It Users group meeting. Link It users from Bergen County came to discuss how they use the program in their districts. It was a productive day and River Edge was rewarded with a free Professional Development day for hosting this event.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Our new phone system will be installed next week during spring break
- Ms. Salvati reminded the board members the Ethics and Financial Disclosure forms are due to the county before April 30th

PRESIDENT

- Mrs. Myers attended the Teacher of the Year Committee Meeting today. The Teachers were selected and the winners will be announced tomorrow at the schools.
- Mrs. Myers announced that Mr. Sim has become a newly Certified Board Member. He will be honored for this accomplishment at the May 5th Bergen County School Board Association Meeting.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Sim stated the Personnel and Management Committee met tonight before the board meeting. They discussed the policies that are on tonight's agenda and part-time personnel.
- Mr. Sim spoke about the Bergen County School Board Association meeting he attended on March 31st. They spoke about interests and concerns in education.
- Ms. Danahy stated the Finance and Facilities Committee met tonight before the board meeting. They discussed the recreation program's use of our facility, pavement of the grassy area to make full use of the sidewalk at Roosevelt School, June Court Steps and parking issues at Cherry Hill School. It was the committee's recommendation to remove the June Court Steps since they are deteriorating and no longer needed. They were built as a temporary means of egress during the New Bridge construction.

Ms. Danahy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koth, to approve the demolition and removal of the June Court Steps.

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

Nays: Mr. Busteed

Mr. Koth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dansky, that the Board of Education approve Dicara and Rubino to perform a topographical survey of the Cherry Hill School site for the purpose of exploring future parking options.

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

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of February 24, 2016.

Motion by: Mr. Busted, Seconded by: Mr. DiBella

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

2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of March 2, 2016.

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

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

3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for April 2016 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
4. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	March 16, 2016 Fire Drill March 24, 2016 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	March 17, 2016 Fire Drill March 28, 2016 Lockdown

5. That the Board of Education establish the tuition rates per pupil for the 2016-2017 school year:

Regular Education	\$12,500
Building Bridges Autistic Programs	\$64,105
Building Bridges Multiply Disabled Program	\$53,658

6. That the Board of Education approve the 2016 Summer Enrichment Program with a tuition rate of \$75.00 per enrichment class.
7. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
4112.8/4212.8	Nepotism
5141.20	Food Allergy

Motion by: Ms. Dansky, Seconded by: Mr. Koth

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

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

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
5/4/16	Roosevelt	1	Turtle Back Zoo West Orange, NJ	\$711.00
5/26/16	Roosevelt	6 th Grade Art Club	Museum of Modern Art New York	\$200.00
6/8/16 or 6/13/16	Roosevelt	6	Brookside Pool Allendale, NJ	\$0

Motion by: Mr. Koth, Seconded by: Mr. Sim

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

Nays: None, Abstained: Ms. Danahy

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for services in connection with the cooperative bidding for supplies and other categories as mutually agreed upon for the 2016-2017 school year at a fee of \$3,040.00. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for Cooperative Bidding Services for Cooperative Skilled Maintenance Trades for the 2016-2017 school year at a fee of \$1,990.00. (Addendum)

Motion by: Mr. Sim, Seconded by: Ms. Danahy

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

Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Helen Hodges, Cherry Hill School Nurse, effective July 1, 2016.

Motion by: Ms. Danahy, Seconded by: Mr. Busted

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

Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Danielle Arnold, Part-time Aide, starting on or about April 7, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Danna Wolf, Part-time Aide, starting on or about April 7, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Jennifer Novegrod, Part-time Aide, starting on or about April 7, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

5. That the Board of Education approve the Summer Enrichment Program teacher hourly rate to be \$33.00 for summer 2016.
6. That the Board of Education approve June Karpowich, Clerical Assistant, at a stipend of \$1,250 for the Summer Enrichment 2016 Program.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following for Graduate Student Fieldwork Experience for a total of 7 days to commence on or about April 7, 2016 through May 13, 2016.

Kelly Pina

8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Alyson Herrick as a Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Motion by: Mr. Busted, Seconded by: Mr. DiBella

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

Elana Rosenbaum	Occupational Therapist
CareFinders Total Care LLC	Nursing
Fitzmaurice Educational Consulting	LLC Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Nicola R. Schneider	Behaviorist

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A discussion took place on the Bi-Borough Curriculum meeting that was held with Oradell.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Christine O' Keefe, River Edge Teacher, made a comment regarding the date of the Roosevelt School graduation.

Colleen Poole, River Edge Teacher, asked a question regarding the use of June Court Steps during fire drills.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Koth to convene into closed session at 9:20 PM.
All Ayes

RECONVENE

Motion made by Mr. Busteed, seconded by Ms. Dansky to reconvene the regular public meeting at 9:25 PM.
All Ayes

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

9. That the Board of Education approve the Shared Service Agreement with the Oradell Board of Education for Coordinated Curriculum Services for the 2016-2017 School Year at a rate of \$76,500.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. DiBella, seconded by Mr. Busteed to adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:28 PM.
All Ayes

Meeting Adjourned

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator