

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 5, 2016

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 7:35 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Koth read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. DiBella was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

District and Board Goal Discussion:

Dr. Ben-Dov discussed the following district goals, defined them, and made them specific with the board members: 1). Continue planning and preparation for potential enrollment increases by exploring the following potential options and possible impact on student achievement by June 30, 2017.

a). Explore discussion and examine the impact with River Dell Regional and Oradell regarding potential; consolidation; sending receiving; and regionalization b). Explore potential rental space from other community buildings c). Potential impact of re-district residences that subscribe to the Roosevelt and Cherry Hills schools d). Potential impact of reconfiguration of building to K-3 and 4-6. 2). Complete a district-wide assessment of special education programs and develop a plan to optimize delivery of services to the River Edge special education population. They also reviewed the three board goals with each other: 1). Assess and revise the committee reporting process to provide more in-depth information

to whole board, including developing a committee meeting schedule for the year 2). In cooperation with the administration, develop a comprehensive facilities plan for the district 3). Plan and conduct a board retreat during the 2016-2017 school year.

Visit to the Roosevelt STEAM Lab:

The board members visited and experienced the STEAM Lab during the board meeting. They were able to get a hands-on experience using I-pads with the Aurasma app. The board members were happy they were able to experience this and get a general idea of what goes on in the labs.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Back to School Night was on the evening of September 27th for both schools and it was well attended. Parents were able to visit the STEAM Labs at both schools and get a glimpse of what the students will experience.
- There are a few parent evenings coming up. October 6th there will be an ESL Evening, October 13th there will be a Technology Evening for grades k-2, and an upcoming Cyber bullying evening this month.
- There was a Town Emergency Council meeting on September 28th. Many heads of organizations attended. The main goals were discussed which is to identify the people in town who are at risk, identify volunteers at various organizations, and identify reception centers.
- On September 22nd Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Myers met with the Mayor and the River Edge Recreation Commission to discuss the Interlocal Agreement
- We received new information from the State that says we need to notify parents prior to October 1st about all standardized assessments in school. We notified parents about this on September 30th.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- On September 17th, Mr. Henzel and Mrs. Heitman attended the Korean Fall Festival. It was well attended.
- There was a great turnout for the September 20th presentation on Positive Behavior Support by Michelle Lockwood
- Back to School Night was well attended and the parents that visited the STEAM Lab were impressed with the progress of the room and the expectations the district has for the room.
- This week is the Week of Respect and we have many fun activities planned for the kids. Today was sunglasses day, tomorrow is comfy day, and Friday is School Pride Day.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati attended a very informative workshop at Rutgers University on Public School Purchasing. She will attend the second half of the workshop next week.

PRESIDENT

- Mrs. Myers met with the Mayor today to continue their efforts for open communication between the mayor’s office and the Board of Education.
- Mrs. Myers and Dr. Ben-Dov will meet with the Recreation Commission on October 18th to discuss the Interlocal Agreement
- Mrs. Myers discussed with the board the planning of a retreat. The board suggested having it in February or March.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Danahy spoke about the Finance and Facilities meeting that took place before the meeting. They discussed the Expenses and Reimbursements policy being approved tonight, the practice of the bill packets, and the budget format for 2017-2018. The committee recommended some additional language to be added to the policy.

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 2016 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 3 - October 7, 2016 as a “Week of Respect.”
3. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 17 - October 21, 2016 as a “School Violence Awareness Week.”
4. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Fire Drills	Security Drills
Cherry Hill School	September 7, 2016	September 26, 2016
Roosevelt School	September 9, 2016	September 26, 2016

5. That the Board of Education approve the annual subscription renewal with the Schoolboardnet service for the 2016-2017 School Year in the amount of \$1,298.00.

6. That the Board of Education approve the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
5/17/17	Cherry Hill School	4	West Point Highland Falls, NY	\$600.00

7. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
9250	Expenses and Reimbursements

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - 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 2016-2017 school year.
2. That the Board of Education approve Beth Rosen as the District School Safety and Security Liaison for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. 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 2016-2017 school year.
4. 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 2016-2017 school year.
5. That the Board of Education approve the Affirmative Action Team for the 2016-2017 school year:

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

6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

Rhonda Capozzi
Thelexiopi Lekkas
Diana Maurice
Lucia Moran
Carol Ofshinsky
Kacie Schrettner

7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following for student Field Experience for a maximum of 35 hours to commence on or about October 6, 2016 through December 19, 2016.

Faith Dulisse

8. That the Board of Education approve Ashley Denn for the Cycle I of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2016-2017 School Year.

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 2016-2017 school year.

June M. Baldino	Occupational Therapist
Claudia Broglio	Speech and Language Specialist
Judith A. Raia	Speech and Language Specialist
Jessica Spier	Occupational Therapist

Motion by: Mr. Busted for consent agenda, Seconded by: Ms. Dansky

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dansky reported on the NJSBA County Meeting she attended on September 29th.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Danahy to convene into closed session at 9:15 PM.

RECONVENE

Motion made by Ms. Dansky, seconded by Mr. Koth to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:35 PM.

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator