

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – November 2, 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 7:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. DiBella read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Busteed was absent

Ms. Danahy 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:

- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the NJSBA Fall Convention she attended this month. She said Ms. Dansky’s award on being named the 2016 New Jersey School Board Member of the Year was a very touching and prominent event. She also stated she attended workshops, received information on 3D printers, and networked with colleagues.
- Halloween was on Monday and both schools had spirited parades. It was a very fun event.
- November 8th will be a full Professional Development Day for the district joined with Oradell. Ms. Diminich will be organizing it. Dr. Ben-Dov will send the board an outline of the day on Friday.

- Report Cards for grades K-1 will go out before Parent-teacher conferences. She is hoping for a digital format for all with the old and new report cards. Parents will be able to use the Parent Portal.
- Both schools will have a full evacuation soon. Dr. Ben-Dov will report on it after it is completed.
- Dr. Ben-Dov is still searching for a Business Administrator. An ad will be placed in The Record this Friday. She is hoping to bring an Interim candidate to the November 16th board meeting.
- Veteran's Day will be celebrated on November 9th at 10:00 am. Cherry Hill and Roosevelt will walk over to Memorial Park. She is looking forward to this patriotic event.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Our school participated once again in The Table to Table fundraiser called "Bag a Lunch Save a Bunch" and had an overwhelming number of students participate. The school raised a lot of money for a good cause.
- The Monster Mash party and Halloween was a great success and a lot of fun. The staff at Roosevelt School dressed up as emoji's this year.
- Our Veteran's Day celebrations will take place on November 9th at Memorial Park at 10am
- Mrs. Hafers held an Odyssey of the Mind Interest meeting last Wednesday evening and held a morning meeting on Thursday. There was a great turnout for the Gifted and Talented program.
- Roosevelt School has elected their student council for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Henzel read the names of the students who were chosen.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The onsite audit for the 2015-2016 school year is complete and Ms. Salvati is waiting to hear when the exit interview will be
- Ms. Salvati recommends putting \$50,000 into the Maintenance Reserve and \$226,000 into Capital Reserve. The remainder of the surplus will be used to support the 2017-2018 budget as well as some smaller facility projects.
- There is a resolution on tonight's agenda to approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- The Bi-Borough meeting that was scheduled for tonight was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date
- Mrs. Myers contacted Matt Lee regarding the board retreat

COMMITTEES

No Committees reported at this meeting.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of September 21, 2016.

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

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

Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of October 5, 2016.

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

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

Nays: None, Abstained: Mr. DiBella

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

School	Fire Drills	Security Drills
Cherry Hill School	October 20, 2016	October 26, 2016 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	October 20, 2016	October 26, 2016 Shelter in Place

5. **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.

6. That the Board of Education approve the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2016-2017 school year.
7. That the Board of Education approve that all salaries for the 2016 Summer BSI Program be charged to the Title I grant.
8. That the Board of Education approve the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
11/3/16	Cherry Hill	4	River Edge Cultural Center River Edge, NJ	\$0
11/9/16	Cherry Hill	5 & 6	Veteran’s Park River Edge, NJ	\$0
11/9/16	Roosevelt	5 & 6	Veteran’s Park River Edge, NJ	\$0

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

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

Nays: None

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 2016-2017 school year:

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

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

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

Nays: None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve an amendment to the FY 17 IDEA Grant for carryover funds as follows:

Basic IDEA - Public	\$35,351
Basic IDEA - Non-public	\$13,671
Preschool IDEA	\$ 8,779

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

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

Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following Student Teachers, from January 17, 2017 to May 5, 2017.

Sarah Darian
Samantha Maenza
Julie Rocanova

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

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

Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 School Year.

Rebecca Burns
Sarah Darian
Francine McClellan
Samantha Maenza
Rebecca Myers
Julie Rocanova
Jeffrey Tucker

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

Ayes: Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Koth, Mr. Sim

Nays: None, Abstained: Mrs. Myers

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.

Aviva Wheldon	Social Worker
Sheri Tendler	Speech and Language Specialist
Karen Krasman	Speech and Language Specialist
EDL Consultant LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Lise Rubin	Occupational Therapist
Susan O'Sullivan	Behaviorist

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

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

Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dansky thanked everyone for their well wishes and congratulations on being named the 2016 New Jersey School Board Member of the Year.

Ms. Dansky was asked to attend the National Workshop in Denville this year in March. She wants to discuss with the board ways to raise funds for her to attend.

Mr. Koth discussed the many workshops he attended at the NJSBA Fall Convention.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION- None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. DiBella, seconded by Ms. Dansky to adjourn the regular public meeting at 7:55 PM.
All Ayes

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator