

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 21, 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, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Koth read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Danahy; Mr. Koth; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mr. Bellino, Mrs. Heitman and approximately 18 members of the public.

Mr. Busteed was absent
Ms. Dansky was absent
Mr. DiBella was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mr. Bellino read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Honor employee for 25 Years of Service

Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the career of Abigail Burns-Paterson. She talked about the start of her career and her hard work and dedication to the River Edge District. Mr. Henzel and Mrs. Heitman spoke about Mrs. Burns-Paterson as well. She was congratulated on her 25 years of excellence in education. Flowers and an award were presented to her. Mrs. Burns-Paterson thanked everyone for their kind words and appreciation.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Winter Concerts took place this month. Roosevelt had their concert on December 20th and Cherry Hill had their concert today. They both were wonderful concerts and the music teachers did a magnificent job with the children. This is especially significant as we have two new music teachers.
- An updated demographic report and preliminary report came in from the Architects. We will review them and present to the board at a later date.
- Dr. Ben-Dov gave a follow up on a possible solution to the parking challenges at Cherry Hill School. She showed a map of the surrounding areas of Cherry Hill School and showed pictures of the field and what a possible new parking lot would look like. She explained the reasons for the yellow lines around the school where parking is restricted. She then showed aerial views of the field with a superimposed parking lot and a reduced baseball diamond that would be more appropriate for the age of the students using the field.
- Student Growth Percentiles scores for teachers of grades 4-6 have arrived. These were for teachers who have 20 or more students in their classes. No teacher came in under "3." Many of our teachers were close to a 4, and we had a few perfect "4."
- Dr. Ben-Dov wished everyone Happy Holidays

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- We had a great author visit from Peter Brown at Cherry Hill School for grades K-6
- There are many writing celebrations going on in various grade levels
- There have been many fun holiday activities going on around our school and one to come: Cherry Hill School had a wonderful concert for the Senior Citizens on Monday December 5th, both schools had fabulous holiday concerts, and New Bridge Center will have a singing Winter Wonderland on January 18th.
- Kindergarten registration will start at Roosevelt School on Tuesday, January 24th and Thursday, January 26th at Cherry Hill School.
- The PTO gave a wonderful holiday breakfast for the staff at Cherry Hill School and New Bridge Center. It was very nice and much appreciated.

BOARD SECRETARY

Mr. Bellino reported on the following:

- Mr. Bellino thanked the board members for the opportunity to serve the River Edge School district as the Interim Business Administrator

- Mr. Bellino stated that Mrs. Salvati spent a great amount of time with him going over a lot of information regarding the tasks and jobs of the Business Office.
- The budget process has begun for the 2017-2018 school year. He has not received any information from the state yet, but will hopefully hear something soon. He is planning to present some information to the board at one of the February board meetings.

PRESIDENT

- Mrs. Myers had no report at this meeting.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Sim stated there was a Personnel and Management Meeting tonight before the board meeting. They discussed the changes in three policies and had a preliminary discussion on 2017-2018 personnel.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Item 1 was removed from the agenda prior to voting

2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for December 2016 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
5/1/17	Roosevelt	K	Montclair State University Theatre Montclair, NJ	\$693.75

4. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
4112.2/4212.4	Certification
4412.4/4212.4	Employee Health
4112.6/4212.6	Personnel Records

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December 2016, totaling \$917,307.53 including checks #39240 through #39373. Payrolls dated November 15, 2016 and November 30, 2016, totaling \$1,110.879.44 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2016-2017 as of October 31, 2016. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending October 31, 2016.

Further, we certify that as of October 31, 2016 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Addendum)

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following for student Field Experience to consist of 25 hours of literacy exposure over a period of 13 weeks to commence on or about January 17, 2017 through May 5, 2017.

Clarice Mallari

2. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Tyne Runfeldt, ABA Aide, effective January 6, 2017.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Courtney Flood, college student, to observe Occupational Therapist for a maximum of 25 hours to commence on or about December 22, 2016 through January 20, 2017.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lorena Ruiz, Leave Replacement Teacher, MA step 1, from February 8, 2017 through June 30, 2017.
5. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Liza Schoen, Lunch Aide, effective December 21, 2016.
6. That the Board of Education approve Andrew Gonzalez, ABA Aide for the 2016-2017 School Year, Step B.

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December 2016 totaling \$850,737.34 including checks #67277 through #67422.

2. 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.

Juan Carlos Castellanos Occupational Therapist

3. That the Board of Education approve the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to provide home instruction for Region V Member District Special Education Students

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

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

Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Danahy thanked Ms. Cuadra and Mr. Urban for a lovely first holiday concert at both schools.

Mr. Koth thanked Mr. DiBella for his three years of service to the River Edge Board of Education.

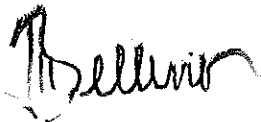
PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Koth to convene into closed session at 8:10 PM.

RECONVENE

Motion made by Ms. Danahy, seconded by Mr. Koth to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:34 PM.



Joseph Bellino
Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator