

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – April 20, 2017 – 7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the New Bridge Center Project Room, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers) called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy) read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were: Olivia O’Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth) Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim). Also present were: Dylan Vertsman (Dr. Ben-Dov), Dave Plotkin (Mr. Bellino), Madison Wei (Mrs. Heitman), Abigail Cordts (Mr. Henzel), Erin Nader (Mrs. Rosen), Tyler Iacolina (Mr. Lyons), and approximately 40 members of the public.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Dave Plotkin (Mr. Bellino) read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

STUDENT BOARD MEETING

**6th Grade Students from Roosevelt and Cherry Hill Schools will
serve as Trustees and Administrators**

Student Board Members

Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo.....Paris Myers	Dylan Vertsman.....Tova Ben-Dov
Katie McLaughlin.....Gyuchang Sim	Dave Plotkin.....Joseph Bellino
Joy Zhang.....Sheli Dansky	Madison Wei.....Denise Heitman
Olivia O’Donnell.....Colin Busted	Abigail Cordts.....Michael Henzel
Katie Kim.....Anthony DiBella	Erin Nader.....Beth Rosen
Manuel Duran.....Cathy Danahy	Tyler Iacolina.....John Lyons
Alex Buzzerio.....Michael Koth	

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dylan Vertsman (Dr. Ben-Dov) reported on the following:
(See Addendum A)

CHERRY HILL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Madison Wei (Mrs. Heitman) reported on the following:
(See Addendum B)

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Abigail Cordts (Mr. Henzel) reported on the following:
(See Addendum C)

NEW BRIDGE CENTER ASST. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Erin Rosen (Mrs. Rosen) reported on the following:
(See Addendum D)

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dave Plotkin (Mr. Bellino) reported on the following:
(See Addendum E)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

Tyler Iacolina (Mr. Lyons) reported on the following:
(See Addendum F)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers) reported on the following:
(See Addendum G)

COMMITTEES' REPORTS

None.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of April 5, 2016.

Motion by Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted)
Seconded by Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).

Nays: Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth).

2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for April 2017 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

Motion by Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst)
Seconded by Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).
Nays: None

3. That the Board of Education approve the NJSBA Policy Revision and Update Services for \$6,500 (Addendum).

Motion by Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky)
Seconded by Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).
Nays: None

4. That the Board of Education affirm the HIB report and consequences previously reported at the April 5, 2017 board meeting.

Motion by Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth)
Seconded by Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).
Nays: None
Abstains: Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth).

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated April 2017 totaling \$569,366 including checks 39657 through 39748. Payrolls dated March 15, 2017 and March 31, 2017, totaling \$1,107,191.51, issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes (Addendum).

Motion by Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim)
Seconded by Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).
Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2016-2017 as of February 28, 2017 (Addendum).

Motion by Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy)
Seconded by Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).
Nays: None

3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending February 28, 2017 (Addendum).

Further, we certify that as of February 28, 2017, 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.

Motion by Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted)

Seconded by Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).

Nays: None

4. That the River Edge Board of Education approve gifts from the Cherry Hill and Roosevelt PTOs of 200 Samsung Chromebook 3, 100 Mini Mice, Management Console License and Charging Cart, totaling \$62,782.16 (Addendum).

Motion by Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst)

Seconded by Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).

Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education approve June Karpowich, Clerical Assistant, at a stipend of \$1,250 for the Summer Enrichment 2017 Program.

Motion by Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky)

Seconded by Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).

Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education approve the Summer Enrichment Program teacher hourly rate to be \$33.00 for Summer 2017.

Motion by Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth)

Seconded by Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).

Nays: None

3. That the Board of Education approve the 2017 Summer Enrichment Program with a tuition rate of \$75.00 per enrichment class.

Motion by Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim)

Seconded by Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy)

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).

Nays: None

4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a leave of absence to the provisions of New Jersey Family Leave Act for Sara Caruolo to commence on September 5, 2017 through November 28, 2017, to be followed by a child care leave of absence effective November 29, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

**Motion by Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy)
Seconded by Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted)**

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).
Nays: None

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated April 2017 totaling \$1,082,372.75 including checks #67963 through #68138 (Addendum).

**Motion by Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted)
Seconded by Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst)**

Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).
Nays: None

- That the Board Members concur with the votes of their respective student stand-ins for all above resolutions, A-1 to G-1.

Voice vote, all Ayes: Mr. Busted; Ms. Danahy; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Mr. Koth; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim.
Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Abigail Cordts (Mr. Henzel) said there was equipment donated by the PTO at Roosevelt School.
- Madison Wei (Mrs. Heitman) said there were two soccer nets that are brought back and forth; sometimes they get in the way.
- Manuel Duran (Ms. Danahy) said he would like to suggest newer water fountains and more water fountains, please. Mr. Lyons responded they are replaced as they break and they are very expensive.
- Dave Plotkin (Mr. Bellino) asked for soccer nets in the basketball courts, and to let parents and students ask what they want through an e-mail.
- Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers) discussed bags of balls that are taken outside during recess. Some balls have been lost and need to be restocked. He also discussed volleyball nets in the baseball area.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- Dr. Ben-Dov thanked the sixth graders for a fantastic job with this Board Meeting. She explained the selection process of picking the students. She then reported the students met with their designated board member or school administrator to discuss their role, their responsibilities, and items on the agenda. She asked each student what was the hardest part of their assignment. She also thanked the Board Members, administrators, teachers, and parents for all of their help.
- Dave Plotkin (Mr. Bellino) said this was a hard assignment and did not know what to expect.

- Manuel Duran (Ms. Danahy) said it was hard to relax, and this was all new to him.
- Katie Kim (Mr. DiBella) said she learned a lot.
- Madison Wei (Mrs. Heitman) said she learned about availability as people are not available just because she is.
- Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers) said he was originally afraid, but was not afraid now. Dr. Ben-Dov said that was because he applied himself, and she had also given him repeated changes.
- Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim) suggested a monthly blog that students could create and write that would highlight what's happening in the STEAM labs.

RECESS

Motion made by Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted) seconded by Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst) to recess the Regular Meeting for a reception at 8:20 PM.

All in favor, Ayes: Olivia O'Donnell (Mr. Busted); Katie Kim (Ms. Danahy); Joy Zhang (Ms. Dansky); Alex Buzzerio (Mr. Herbst); Manuel Duran (Mr. Koth); Nicolas Peralta Hiraldo (Mrs. Myers); Katie McLaughlin (Mr. Sim).

Nays: None

RECEPTION

RECONVENE

Reconvening the regular public meeting was at 8:43 PM.

Discuss items:

1. Budget Review and Update. The Board reviewed the Preliminary Budget and discussed amending it for the final submission. They decided to increase capital outlay to \$100,000 and utilize 100% of the Enrollment Adjustment of \$104,636.
2. Revised 2016-2017 school calendar for two unused snow days to be returned as an extension of the Memorial Day weekend (Addendum).

**Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. Herbst**

Ayes: Mr. Busted; Ms. Danahy; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Mr. Koth; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim.

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following River Dell High School student to participate in the School Sponsored Senior Service Program to consist of 25 hours of volunteer work for a non-profit organization to commence on or about May 1, 2017 through June 15, 2017 (Addendum).

Grace Cepeda

**Motion by Mr. Herbst
Seconded by Ms. Dansky**

Ayes: Mr. Busted; Ms. Danahy; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Mr. Koth; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim.

Nays: None

REGION V

1. 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 (Addendum).

Caitlyn E. Indyk
Carlos Yepez

Speech and Language Specialist
Bilingual Psychologist

Motion by Ms. Dansky Seconded by Mr. Koth

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Herbst to convene into closed session at 9:40 PM.

Motion by Mr. Sim Seconded by Mr. Herbst

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

ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Dave Plotkin (Joseph Bellino)
Acting Board Secretary/Business Administrator