

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

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – May 17, 2017 – 7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Multi-Purpose Room, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Myers read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Koth, Mrs. Myers and Mr. Sim. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mr. Bellino, Mrs. Heitman, Mr. Henzel, Mrs. Rosen, Mrs. Kuruc and approximately fifty members of the public.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mr. Bellino read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None.
- B. Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to:	Jamie Krupka Kara Fenarjian Pauline Choi	Cherry Hill School Roosevelt School New Bridge Center
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Dr. Ben-Dov's welcome speech was delivered by Mrs. Rosen and all were welcomed to our Teacher of the Year ceremony. She stated this is a pleasant and joyous event. She explained the process through which the teachers are selected for this achievement. She congratulated the three Teachers of the Year and had each of them come up to accept the honor.

Mrs. Heitman, Mr. Henzel, Ms. Rosen and Mrs. Kuruc congratulated each of the teachers they supervised on the honor of being named Teacher of the Year and spoke about their contributions to the district. The Board of Education presented flowers, a Golden Apple, and a certificate to each teacher. In addition, the PTO's, students, and the REEA presented the teachers with flowers and a gift card. The teachers thanked everyone and spoke about their teaching experience in River Edge.

- C. Recognition of the winners of the Stock Market Game: "The Mo Show" video was shown, which introduced each student who participated. Questions were asked of each student. All needed to agree on each choice that was made for the Stock Market Game, and all agreed their favorite part was money. Two students represented the group in person and were given certificates.

RECEPTION

- D. Discussion of process to review results of district planning goal: Mrs. Myers received feedback from the Board after the last Board Meeting. An update to all Board members will be forwarded tonight or tomorrow. An Ad Hoc Committee will be convened to work with Administrators to re-review what was heard on May 3rd and what collective thoughts are going forward. They will also evaluate and formulate a process, how we can proceed, options, what may work / not work and come back with Committee's thoughts. We will then have a meeting with the Committee's recommendation to move forward. They will explore further development in town and how this will affect our current buildings. Mrs. Dansky noted we need anticipated forethought of the future to not be caught off-guard by future development in town. Mr. Herbst said we need pro's and con's for possible outcomes that can take place. Mrs. Dansky also noted that options take time and nothing may happen next year. Mr. Koth suggested FAQ's be made available to answer questions when they come up, and that answering questions has been looked at as potential action by some. It was emphasized again that the goal was to explore the options, not to recommend immediate action.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- PARCC testing has been completed. Since people realized that it works well and it is here to stay, so we had very few refusals. A total of 8 parent refusals (3 in Cherry Hill and 5 in Roosevelt).
- The Administrative Staff has been very busy currently and will be through the summer working on placement of teachers and students in classes based on the changing number of sections needed. Summer work will include curriculum and continued work on report cards.
- A 2nd Cup of Coffee was held May 10 with people asking questions based on the May 3 Board Meeting. The attendees stated how important it is for school families to attend the Planning Board Meetings so they are aware of upcoming development in town. The books with the results of the planning goal will be available in each school office for viewing only.
- There was a HIB incident on April 25 in Roosevelt School that was investigated with the conclusion that this was a violation of the district's HIB Policy. There were discussions with students, privileges taken away, student separation, and careful classroom placement for 6th Grade.
- Kindergarten orientations were held at Roosevelt and Cherry Hill last week. They were well attended. There will be additional opportunities for new school parents to visit.

- Christine Moran, new Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for 2017-2018, has distinguished herself previously and we welcome her officially.
- An impressive production of Macbeth was performed by 6th grade students in Cherry Hill School. It was excellent and the initiative was greatly appreciated!

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Kindergarten registration was held this week with a lot of new parents
- Grades 5-6 Field Day was held this week. It was a great event and the children had fun.
- May 18 will be the Grade 6 class trip
- A Health Fair was held at Cherry Hill and Roosevelt Schools with nurses working together and Andrea Friedlander helping
- We have a teacher who loves the theatre and our 6th Grade students performed a 45-minute version of Macbeth this week. This happened with the Art Teacher's, parents' and students' support, and will be performed for Grades 5-6 next week. Cherry Hill has different things going on and this was something new. This was a challenge for the children and she was very proud of them.
- PARCC testing has been completed at Cherry Hill with one more day at Roosevelt. There was an accident that knocked out power for a wide area on that side of town for an entire day, and one testing session at Roosevelt School had to be rescheduled.
- Everyone is excited for Open House next Thursday
- When we come back on Wednesday May 31, NJ ASK will be administered for Grade 4

BOARD SECRETARY

Mr. Bellino did not make a report.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mr. Sim has been notified by the New Jersey School Boards Association that he passed the Master Board Member examination, satisfied all criteria, including earning a minimum of 40 credits through attendance at Academy programs, the NJSBA Annual Workshop, and a variety of county programs. He will be honored, with other recipients, at the Bergen County School Boards Association Spring Meeting on May 31 at the Holiday Inn in Hasbrouck Heights.

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 May 3, 2017.
(Addendum)

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

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

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

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
* June 1	Roosevelt	3	Memorial Park Field Day	-
* June 5 (rain date June 7)	Cherry Hill	5-6	Pepsico Sculpture Garden Purchase, NY	\$ 425.00
* June 9	Roosevelt	3	Borough Hall River Edge	-
June 15	Roosevelt	2	Memorial Park Field Day	-
June 19	Roosevelt	5	Memorial Park Picnic	-
June 21	Roosevelt	6	Memorial Park Class Picnic	-

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

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION -None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May 2017 totaling \$477,040.58 including checks #39749 through #39843. Payrolls dated April 7, 2017 and April 28, 2017, totaling \$1,105,723.27 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 March 31, 2017. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending April 31, 2017. (Addendum)

Further, we certify that as of April 31, 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. (Addendum)

4. That the Board of Education approve the gifts from the Cherry Hill PTO:
 - a. Enhance the Sound System from Tech Media Electronics in the Multi-Purpose Room - \$3,000.00 - add a mixer, and portable mikes for plays and personal microphones for PE teachers to enhance sound when teaching.
 - b. Ukulele - 30 for a class to include a tuner and Soprano String set - \$1,512.02.
 - c. 30-ft (linear) Climbing Rock Wall for Gymnasium- with installation - \$10,677.00 (same as RS has in the new gym). This comes with the mats.

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

Ayes: Mr. Busteded, Ms. Danahy, Mrs. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Koth, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
 Nays: None
 (Mr. Busteded is looking forward to a ukulele concert)

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Tenured Staff for the 2017-2018 school year as per the list on file in the District Office.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Non-tenured Staff for the 2017-2018 school year as per the list on file in the District Office.
3. That the River Edge Board approve the enrollment for the months of February, March, and April 2017. (Addendum)
4. That the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to hire the following summer custodial helpers to commence on June 26, 2017 through August 4, 2017 for a maximum of 40 hours per week.

Kieran Brady	\$9.25/hr.
Kevin Monahan	\$9.75/hr.
Matt Moroney	\$9.25/hr.
Dylan Shirk	\$9.25/hr.

5. That the Board of Education approve the Job Description for the School Business Administrator / Board Secretary. (Addendum)

6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Reem Bowers to commence on, or about November 3, 2017 through December 6, 2017, to be followed by a Federal/State Family leave of absence to commence on or about December 6, 2017 through March 5, 2018. (Addendum)
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Luis Cruz as Lead Custodian effective June 1, 2017, as per contract.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve David Cabrera as School Custodian, to commence on June 1, 2017, Step 5. (Addendum)
9. That the Board of Education approve a Home Instruction Aide, Kacie Schrettner, from May 15 to on or about June 30, 2017.
10. That the Board of Education approve a Home Instructional Aide, Angela Scarpa, who will be employed by Rochelle Park from May 22 to June 30, 2017.

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

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

- * 11. That the Board of Education approve Christine Moran for the position of Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

- * 1. That the Board of Education approve the contract with Bergen County Special Services School for 192/193 services to non-public schools for the 2017-2018 school year. (Addendum)

Motion by: Mr. Busteded, Seconded by: Mr. Herbst

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

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May 2017 totaling \$771,094.00 including checks #68139 through #68296. (Addendum)
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. (Addendum)

Wendy Herrera	Bilingual Psychologist
Speak2Me LLC	Bilingual Speech and Language Specialist
Blanche S. Buchwald	Occupational Therapist
Jamie Fugowski	Physical Therapist
Gabriella Friedman	Non-public Consultant

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Christine D. Horohoe	Behaviorist
Jaclyn Mulligan	Behaviorist
Kerrie O'Hagan	Behaviorist
Kerry Shelby	Teacher of the Deaf
Power Grip Therapy LLC	Occupational Therapist
Juan Carlos Castellanos	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Ciano	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Work N Play Inc	Occupational Therapist
Jessica Landa	Occupational Therapist
Yaffa Markowitz	Occupational Therapist
Elana Rosenbaum	Occupational Therapist
Elissa Siev	Occupational Therapist
Jessica Spier	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Harcsztark	Physical Therapist
Jacqueline Finnen Baggio	Physical Therapist
Magen Kennedy	Physical Therapist
Nicole Hill	Physical Therapist
Caitlin Nordstrom	Physical Therapist
S. Tate Rawson Hegarty	Physical Therapist
Colette Robinson	Physical Therapist
Lauren Spallone	Physical Therapy Assistant
Sara Engel	Speech and Language Specialist
Pnina Fessel	Speech and Language Specialist
Andrea Gaynes	Speech and Language Specialist
Evy Libien	Speech and Language Specialist
Kristi McHale	Speech and Language Specialist
Let's Schmooze Inc	Speech and Language Specialist
Mary Jo Mule Simeone	Speech and Language Specialist

4. That the Board of Education approve the following bid results from the April 28, 2017 bid:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2402	Valley Transportation	\$ 175.00
2403	We Care	251.00
2504	Swift Medical Care	118.00
2505	Swift Medical Care	169.00
2506	Valley Transportation	145.00
2508	Destiny 23	187.00
2409	Valley Transportation	114.00
2410	Morgan Ed Services	219.00
2412	Morgan Ed Services	219.00
2413	Destiny 23	179.00
2414	Valley Transportation	197.00
2415	Ombali LLC	120.00
2416	John Leckie Inc.	146.99
2417	Jacoup's Transport	144.30
2418	Destiny 23	182.00
2419	John Leckie Inc.	247.98
2420	John Leckie Inc.	375.98
2421	Morgan Ed Service	236.00
2422-2438	John Leckie Inc.	\$5,457.74

Motion by: Mr. Busteed, Seconded by: Mr. Herbst

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

Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Myers reported we need to discuss Facilities and Management.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

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

All Ayes

That in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act the River Edge School District Board of Education shall conduct a closed session pursuant to the exceptions prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing:

A. Personnel.

It is anticipated that the length of time of this closed session will be approximately sixty minutes and that no action will be taken in public after the closed session.

The minutes of the closed session will be released when the need for confidentiality in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 no longer applies.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Dansky, seconded by Mr. Koth to adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:25 PM.

All Ayes

Meeting Adjourned

Joseph Bellino
Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator