

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

“Building Bright Futures Together”

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

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Busted read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Koth arrived at 8:30 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Annual Violence and Vandalism Report

Dr. Ben-Dov read the following Violence, Vandalism and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying report: As reported to the State, during reporting Period 2 there were six HIB investigations reported for the River Edge School District. Only one of the incidents reported was a HIB Violation, which was affirmed by the Board of Education. Dr. Ben-Dov discussed some of the HIB training and prevention activities being implemented by the River Edge School District.

HIB Self-Assessment Reporting for 2015-2016

Dr. Ben-Dov stated the district has assessed itself for the 2015-2016 school year for determining grades under the ABR (Anti Bullying Bill of Rights). A meeting of the School Climate Team was held on June 9, 2016 to review the year’s activities and complete the self-assessment. The self-assessment was based on data provided and was high.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov stated the first two days of school have gone well. She thanked everyone for their hard work with the start of the 2016-2017 school year including the custodians, office personnel, administrators, and teachers.
- Report Cards will be finished soon and we are looking into the roll out plan. Dr. Ben-Dov, administrators, and teachers will decide whether to do it all at once or limited roll out for primary grades for the first session. The important thing will be to prepare properly with teachers and parents so that it is done right and everyone understands and supports the process and the new digital report card.
- The completion of the STEAM Labs will be a two year project. The labs have been reconfigured over the summer so they are usable. Dr. Ben-Dov stated there will be an initial display with visual references for Back-to-School Night. We are working on three projects per grade level for the current year.
- The Community Outreach event will take place on September 15th at Veteran Memorial Park. The PTO's will be hosting this event and the Mayor and Council, Board of Education, Administrators, and Teachers will attend, along with many other town organizations. We hope that many new and veteran families will attend and network.
- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke to the board about enrollment. The total current enrollment in Roosevelt School is 495 students and the total enrollment for Cherry Hill School and New Bridge Center is 692 students. In Roosevelt, there are a total of 65 Kindergarten students with four classes. Cherry Hill has a total of 97 Kindergarten students with five classes.
- Dr. Ben-Dov shared some out of district news. The Department of Education has a new acting Commissioner Kimberly Harrington.
- PARCC results are in. Individual Student Reports will be sent home the week of September 26th. During the next few weeks Dr. Ben-Dov, the administrators, and supervisors will analyze the trend. The Board and the public will get a full report on this at the October 5th board meeting.
- Dr. Ben-Dov was sworn in last night as a member of the River Edge Emergency Panel. Mr. Ron Starace is heading the panel. The Mayor swore them in for one year. A goal was set to identify people with no access to information in case of an emergency.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Mr. Henzel stated the opening of school went very smoothly. He has received several emails from parents commenting on it.
- New Teacher Orientation was last week and it went very well.

- There were two successful professional development days last week for teachers.
- We had a lot of different projects occur at Roosevelt over the summer. The old gym was painted and both gym floors were refinished. The art room got new furniture and a new kiln. The soffit was painted around the outside of the building. Shades were replaced on each classroom facing the blacktop. The sidewalk at Roosevelt School has been extended to the curb. The discovery lab risers and middle island were removed for our STEAM lab. The computer lab was dismantled, and thanks to the PTO, the installation of a funnel ball game was done on the lower black top.
- Back to School Night for Roosevelt School will be on Tuesday, September 27th

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Mats were installed in the Gym at Cherry Hill School, thanks to the PTO, and the Technology Labs were converted into small group instruction rooms.
- Seven classroom sinks were removed from Cherry Hill School and will be replaced with bookshelves. Installation is scheduled for tomorrow.
- June Court Steps were removed in August.
- The water at Roosevelt School had to be shut off late this afternoon for a water line break. It was corrected and the water will be back on for tomorrow's school day.
- The final phase of the new phone system was installed at Roosevelt School last week.
- Ms. Salvati asked the Board Members to let her know if they will be attending the NJSBA Fall Conference. Payment for the hotel needs to be mailed out soon.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers attended the Welcome Back Meeting with the District on Friday, September 2nd
- Mrs. Myers met with Mayor Mignone and he asked Mrs. Myers to announce the following upcoming events: River Edge Day is on October 16th, the Wet Down is on September 11th, The Korean Festival is on September 17th, and the Community Event is on September 15th.
- Matt Lee will attend the September 21st Board Meeting to go discuss board evaluations. This meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Sim and Mr. DiBella spoke about the Personnel and Management Committee meeting that took place before tonight's board meeting. They discussed four policy updates.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 27, 2016.

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

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

Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for September 2016 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the Annual Reporting Period 2 for Violence & Vandalism and HIB Incidents for the 2015-2016 school year.
4. That the Board of Education approve the Mentoring Plan for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. That the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Link-It Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year.
6. That the Board of Education approve the Special Milk Pricing at a rate of \$.33 per day for the 2016-2017 school year.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve that the Board of Education agrees to the following statement of assurances for each school in River Edge School District and approve the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act completed by each school's safety team which is on.
8. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
2224	Non-Discrimination/Affirmative Action
4111.1/4211.1	Non-Discrimination/Affirmative Action
5145.4	Equal Educational Opportunity
6121	Non-Discrimination/Affirmative Action

9. That the Board of Education approve the revised 2016 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the River Edge Elementary Schools and the River Edge Law Enforcement Officials for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

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

Nays: None

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

C. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2016-2017 school year.

2. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Sinai School at RYNJ to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Yeshiva of North Jersey to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

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

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Kathy Lee, Part-time Leave Replacement for ESL from September 1, 2016 through January 20, 2017, MA, Step 5.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Kathy Lee, Part-time BSI Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Salary will be fully funded by Title I, MA, Step 5.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Betsy Tyras, Health Aide, at a maximum of 25 hours per week, for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following part-time aides for the 2016-2017 school year:

Jerry Chacko
Lizette Falzone
Jillian Greenan
John Previti
Jennifer Seitz
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Ashley Cannata, Home Instructor, for the 2016-2017 school year.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Wendy Cassidy to commence on, or about December 19, 2016 through January 31, 2017, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective February 1, 2017 through April 28, 2017.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Gianna Kozlowicz, Leave Replacement Teacher, BA+15, Step 1, to continue from December 23, 2016 through April 28, 2017.

8. 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 September 12, 2016 through December 16, 2016.

Joseph DePierro
Samantha Maenza
Julie Rocanova

9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Disability leave of absence for Alexandra Blackwell to commence on September 6, 2016 through October 31, 2016 as per physician's note on file in the Board Office.
10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve River Dell High School student, Alexandria Petrillo, to intern one day per week as part of a School Sponsored Structured Learning Experience to commence on or about September 13, 2016 through January 31, 2017.
11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Erin Maurer as a Student Teacher, from September 6, 2016 to December 2, 2016.
12. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Erin Maurer as a Substitute Teacher for the 2016-2017 School Year.

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

Ayes: Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve 8 Transportation as a new Transportation Contractor.
2. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid results from the August 11, 2016 Bid.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2160	Pro Trans	\$265.00
2161	Pro Trans	\$225.00
2162	Soliman Transportation	\$160.00
2163	Pro Trans	\$235.00
2164	Pro Trans	\$125.00
2361	Destiny 23	\$179.00
2363	8 Transportation	\$178.00
2364	Morgan Ed Services	\$189.00
2365	Pro Trans	\$200.00
2366	Swift Medical Service	\$140.00
2367	Swift Medical Service	\$153.00
2369	FS Transportation	\$179.00

2370	Swift Medical Service	\$80.00
2371	Swift Medical Service	\$109.00
2372	Swift Medical Service	\$139.00

3. 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.

L. Steinreich, Inc.	Social Worker
Kaitlin Van Saders	Occupational Therapist
Elana Rosenbaum	Occupational Therapist
Radiant Pearl Yoga LLC	Physical Therapist
Jennifer Harcsztark	Physical Therapist
Maria Manning	Psychologist
Zahava Wiener	Psychologist
Jennifer Ciano	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
MWTT LLC	Speech and Language Specialist
Pepa Services LLC	Psychologist

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS -None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Busted, seconded by Mr. DiBella to convene into closed session at 8:05 PM.

RECONVENE

Motion made by Mr. DiBella, seconded by Ms. Dansky to reconvene the regular public meeting at 9:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Public Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator