

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 11, 2017

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Danahy read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were; Ms. Danahy; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Mrs. Myers. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Henzel, Mrs. Heitman, Mrs. Kuruc and approximately eleven members of the public.

Mr. Koth arrived at 7:25 PM
Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:35 PM
Mr. Sim was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

PARCC Results of English Language Arts and Math Grades 3-6, 2016-2017

Ms. Moran, Ms. Spano, and Ms. Spiegel presented the PARCC results for Spring 2017. They went over the PARCC grade level participation rates, percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics, PARCC grade level outcomes in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics, three year comparison of grade level results, percentage of meeting/exceeding expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics, three year comparison of same cohort students percentages of meeting/exceeding expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics in Spring 2014 and Spring 2017, the River Edge School District’s Subgroups 2017 Spring PARCC Administrations in English

Language Arts and Mathematics, and the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics in both Roosevelt and Cherry Hill Schools. They also discussed the Data Analysis Plan, how we will use PARCC data to identify strengths and gaps that may exist in curriculum and instruction, and how we will use PARCC data to inform the conversations of our educators, and resources for parents. Our future academic goals will be informed by the data obtained from the PARCC assessment and other multiple measures. All questions from the public and board were answered.

NJ ASK Science Grade 4, 2016-2017

Ms. Spano presented the results of the 4th Grade Science NJ ASK Results for the 2016-2017 school year. The information presented included three years of 4th grade testing and comparing different populations of students. They went over the District Factor Group (I) and State, scale score means, percent proficient, Roosevelt School compared to District Factor Group (I) and State, Cherry Hill compared to District Factor Group (I) and State, cluster means, trends observed in the 2017 NJASK Science results and how we are using this data. It was noted that NJASK will no longer be administered and a new Science, online test that is based on New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Science will be administered in the Spring to fifth grade students. All questions from the public and board were answered.

ACCESS (Administered to K-6 ELL students in 2016-2017)

Ms. Schnee presented the ACCESS testing results from the 2016-2017 school year. She stated this is the first one and she explained what the program is and what they do. This is the baseline year so there will be comparisons. She went over the different languages in the program, enrollment growth, accountability and English language, development, process of identification and placement, English language proficiency levels, domains and modalities, annual assessment for English language, development growth, practice 2.0, individual student report, district report, and student enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Schnee answered all questions that were asked by the board and public.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- New Report Cards were developed over the summer. There was a Parent Academy on New Report Cards on September 26th. Ms. Christine Moran organized the event and there were breakout sessions for each individual grade level presentation (K-6). Ms. Moran will attend the November 15th board meeting to present the information to the board and the public, as well as the Roosevelt School PTO meeting on November 3rd and the Cherry Hill School PTO on November 17th to offer parents an opportunity to learn about the Report Cards. Dr. Ben-Dov stated that they are working on frequently asked questions to post on the website along with the presentation.
- The District had an extensive Professional Development Day on October 9th. The topics that were discussed were report cards, suicide prevention, STEAM, Mindfulness, and ESL training.
- There is a new format from the State on School Report Cards that are published about each school in the State

- A successful SEPAG meeting took place on September 27th
- Dr. Ben-Dov asked the board for a volunteer for the Wellness Committee that will start up on November 15th. Caleb Herbst volunteered for this committee.
- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke to the board regarding SwiftReach. Mr. Sim asked at the previous meeting to look into sending parents text messages on both school closing/delay openings and school events. The board discussed this and decided that texting was a good idea and text messages should be sent only about school closing, delayed opening, and other emergencies.
- There was a Town Emergency Council meeting on October 10th that Dr. Ben-Dov attended. They would like for our schools to advertise NIXLE and reverse 911 sign ups. We are waiting for the instructions to send to our parent body.
- Dr. Ben-Dov attended a Mayor and Council Meeting on October 2nd where former and current Cherry Hill and Roosevelt students received major awards in competitions for Tae Kwon Do. She stated that the students took immense pride in their achievements and it was a great event to attend.
- There was a ESL Parent Academy on October 10th and approximately 60 people attended
- River Edge and Oradell and possibly River Dell are working on an Internet Safety presentation in November
- Instructional Rounds will be implemented in the classrooms. This is a new initiative that will allow teachers, accompanied by administrators to observe their colleagues' best practices. This is a non-evaluative type of classroom visitation and Dr. Ben-Dov felt that it would be a great way to showcase best practices and also establish trends for our schools.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Last Wednesday Roosevelt School had a walk to school event. Students met at Memorial Park before walking to school. The event was well attended and Mr. Henzel thanked Mrs. Reina for organizing the event.
- Mr. Henzel received an email from a Minnesota resident that attended Roosevelt School in the late fifties, early sixties. She asked if she could come for a tour of the school with her brother and husband since it has been over 50 years since she has visited the school. Mr. Henzel and Mrs. Levis took them on a 90 minute tour. It was a very rewarding experience for all.

BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- The Cherry Hill School field will be aerated and re-seeded this Saturday
- Cameras for the District have been ordered and we are awaiting on an installation date
- Mr. Stevens is working on getting quotes on the temporary roof repairs at Roosevelt School
- The rock wall for Cherry Hill School will be installed on or about October 26th

- The card swipe was completed at Roosevelt School
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda for the approval to allocate monies from Maintenance Reserve Account to Cherry Hill School maintenance 8-11-000-261-420-10-96 in the amount of \$12,330.00 for the purpose of repairs to the Cherry Hill School fire alarm system. Mrs. Napolitano stated there were issues with the fire alarm at both schools that needed repair work done. The panel at Cherry Hill School needed to be replaced. The fire alarm was malfunctioning at Cherry Hill School for two days and we had a fire watch on every floor and every hallway. The panel was replaced after two days and as of Friday afternoon all work was completed. Dr. Ben-Dov stated she was pleased and happy with the normalcy of the day that the teachers, staff, administrators, and custodians showed. She commended all on a great job.

PRESIDENT

- Mrs. Myers thanked Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, and the staff for a job well done regarding the fire alarms.
- Mrs. Myers stated the board members, Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Napolitano attended the New Jersey School Boards Association meeting on October 4th where they received the NJSBA Board Re-Certification Award.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky spoke about the Policy Committee meeting that took place before the board meeting. They reviewed policies that will be on the October 18th agenda for approval.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of September 27, 2017.

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

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

2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for October 2017 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 2 - October 6, 2017 as a "Week of Respect."
4. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 16 - October 20, 2017 as a "School Violence Awareness Week."

5. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	September 8, 2017 Fire Drill September 27, 2017 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	September 8, 2017 Fire Drill September 26, 2017 Lockdown

6. That the Board of Education approve the annual subscription renewal with the Schoolboardnet service for the 2017-2018 School Year in the amount of \$1,888.00.

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

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Cherry Hill	6	Liberty State Park/Ellis Island New York, NY	\$1,059.00
Cherry Hill	4	West Point Highland Falls, NY	\$400.00
Roosevelt	K	Montclair State University Montclair, NJ	\$684.00
Cherry Hill	K	Montclair State University Montclair, NJ	\$1083.00
Roosevelt	5	River Edge Cultural Center River Edge, NJ	\$0

8. That the Board of Education approve the authorization of the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2018, and accepts the grant award of this fund upon the subsequent approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 ESEA Application.

Grant
Title I
Total-\$74,026

9. **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.

Motion by: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Mr. Koth

Ayes: Mr. Busteed, Ms. Danahy, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Koth, Mrs. Myers
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 2017-2018 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: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Mr. Koth

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

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. That the Board of Education approve to allocate monies from Maintenance Reserve Account to Cherry Hill School maintenance 8-11-000-261-420-10-96 in the amount of \$12,330.00 for the purpose of repairs to the Cherry Hill School fire alarm system.

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

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

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS – None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Rosemary Kuruc, or Designee, as the Division of Child Permanency and Protection Liaison for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. That the Board of Education approve Beth Rosen as the District School Safety and Security Liaison for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve June Karpowich, Editor, of the River Edge Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Colleen Poole, Assistant Editor of the River Edge Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. That the Board of Education approve the Affirmative Action Team, under the Affirmation Action Officer Michael Henzel, for the 2017-2018 school year:

Beth Rosen
Abby Burns-Paterson
Tara Benevento
Janel Blake
Christine Moran

6. That the Board of Education approve the following staff members for ELA Curriculum Work at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.

Teacher	Hours
Heather Rothschild	3
Michelle Baragona	3
Marilena Puma	1.5
Susan Boucher	1.5
Ashley Adimando	1.5
Kristin Karam	1.5
Kayla Moran	1.5
Jamie Krupka	1.5
Christine O'Keefe	1.5
Kaitlyn DeVasto	1.5

7. That the Board of Education approve Patricia Khanian, ABA Aide , to start on or about October 12, 2017, Step E.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Ann Marie Cuomo, Cherry Hill School Lunch Aide, (2) hours per day, five (5) per week, for the 2017-2018 school year.

9. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Emma Babington for an internship as part of a college Child Development Certificate program to consist of six (6) hours, one day per week in a Pre-School Classroom to commence on or about November 1, 2017 through June 20, 2018.

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

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

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 2017-2018 school year.

Diana Mosely	Teacher
J & E Learning	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Jacqueline Reyes	Speech and Language Specialist
Bayada Home Health Care Inc.	Nursing Agency

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Conversations regarding special education curriculum and instruction have been going on in curriculum meetings. We are proud but not satisfied and always challenging to do better. The Board takes these findings very seriously in curriculum and moving forward.

Mrs. Myers asked for a volunteer for TriDistrict Professional Development for Social-Emotional Development. Mr. Herbst volunteered.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Busted, seconded by Ms. Dansky to convene into closed session at 9:25 PM.

RECONVENE

Motion made by Ms. Dansky, seconded by Mr. Koth to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:35 PM.

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator