

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – November 1, 2017

7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Herbst read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Danahy; Mr. Herbst; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Henzel, and two members of the public.

Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:45 PM

Mr. Koth arrived at 7:50 PM

Ms. Dansky was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Board Evaluation and School and District Goals – Matt Lee, New Jersey School Board Association

Mr. Matt Lee, from New Jersey School Boards Association, reviewed the board’s self-evaluations. He helped the board members develop the District and Board Goals. During this meeting the board members were able to voice their opinions and ask questions. Mr. Lee answered all questions asked by the board.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Halloween was on Tuesday and both schools had successful parades
- We have received the ESL waiver we applied for over the summer. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked Ms. Monica Schnee for her hard work on this.
- SGO's have been submitted, reviewed, and modified for all teachers
- A SNAP conference was held on October 19th. It is a "Statewide Narcotics Action Plan" conference for law enforcement and school district representation. Dr. Ben-Dov attended with Mrs. Rosen, Ms. Blake, and Ms. Benevento and they found it very informative.
- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the NJSBA Fall Convention she attended last week. She attended many workshops and found the convention informative and conducive to networking.
- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the sustainability of our technological resources. A meeting has been set in November to meet with the Chief Innovation Officer of the New Jersey Department of Education, Mr. Joshua Koen.
- There will be a Technology Committee Meeting on November 28th after school. Dr. Ben-Dov asked for a representative from the board to attend. Mr. Sim volunteered.
- There will be a community meeting for Puerto Rico on November 8th. People have already reached out to Dr. Ben-Dov regarding this meeting. She stated we have great ideas to start with.
- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about vertical and horizontal articulation. Our Supervisors have met with the River Dell Math Supervisor to discuss the math curriculum. The River Dell Middle School teachers are coming to our schools to talk to the sixth grade students in the near future. Our ELA Coach and Supervisor also met with her Oradell counterpart.
- Dr. Ben-Dov asked the board members their thoughts on the December 20th board meeting. She asked if they want to change the date, keep the date, or cancel the meeting. They will make their decision for the next board meeting.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- We had our Halloween parade yesterday. Due to the recent storm we were confined to the blacktop for our parade. It all went well.
- A special thanks to the River Edge Fire Department, who came in to speak to the students about fire safety.
- Last Friday night was the Monster Mash. It was very well attended. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who made the night such a success.

- Mr. Henzel stated Ms. Benevento, Mr. Moody, and Mrs. Cardia did a Google Hangout with a third grade class in Fox Point, Wisconsin. They shared the Buddy Bench video with the class that featured the Roosevelt students as actors. After watching it, the school decided to create their own student council to help with being positive role models in their school.

BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- Mrs. Napolitano thanked the board members for allowing her the opportunity to attend the NJSBA Convention this year. She had a great experience there and met with many vendors. She went over the highlights of the convention.
- The camera installation is moving forward. It will take place this week and continue through next week.
- The roof repairs at Roosevelt School held up with all the rain we had last weekend
- There will be a committee meeting on Monday, November 6th

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers spoke about the NJSBA Fall Convention she attended last week
- There will be a committee meeting on November 6th

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Sim and Mr. Herbst spoke about the NJSBA Fall Convention they attended last week

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of October 11, 2017.

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

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Danahy, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Koth, Mrs. Myers

Nays: None, Abstained: Mr. Sim

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

3. That the Board of Education approve the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. That the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
3000	Concepts and Roles in Business and Non-Instructional Operations
3100	Budget Planning, Preparation, and Adoption
3160	Transfer of Funds
3220/3230	State Funds; Federal Funds
3240	Tuition
3250	Income from Fees, Fines, Charges
3260/3270	Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies; Sale, Licensing and Rental of Property
3280	Gifts, Grants and Bequests
3290	Funds Management/Investments

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

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the following class trip:

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Cherry Hill	1	Turtle Back Zoo West Orange, NJ	\$984.00

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

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Danahy, 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 accept the \$140.00 donation from Jennifer Wong-Hernandez for general use at Roosevelt School (Addendum).
2. That the Board of Education accept the \$889.20 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant Check for the Roosevelt School.
3. That the Board of Education accept the \$763.00 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant Check for the Cherry Hill School.

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

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Kaitlyn DeVasto to commence on or about March 12, 2018 through April 13, 2018, to be followed by a Federal/State Family leave of absence to commence on or about April 16, 2018, through June 30, 2018.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Zheni Orellana as a Lunch Aide for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. That the Board of Education approve Nicole Capuano from the River Dell Future Teachers Club for Shadow Day.

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

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

Jennifer Irish
Melissa Murphy
Dena Rosenberg

Speech and Language Specialist
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Occupational therapist

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Koth thanked Dr. Ben-Dov for the email blast regarding the Halloween safety regarding candy.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION- None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Herbst to convene into closed session at 9:29 PM.
All Ayes

RECONVENE

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Herbst to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:52 PM.
All Ayes

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator