

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

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – April 11, 2018**

**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, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Ms. Brown; Mr. Busteed; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Henzel and approximately nine members of the public.

Mr. Koth: arrived at 9:10 PM

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

**SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Continued 2018-2019 Budget Presentation- Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Napolitano

Mrs. Napolitano and Dr. Ben-Dov presented 2018-2019 revised budget information. Dr. Ben-Dov stated that the board voted and the preliminary budget was accepted, but they want to go over the budget tonight to review options. The board decided to make no decisions tonight. It was decided the budget will be discussed at the second part of the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting as the first part will have Sixth Graders conducting the meeting. All questions were answered on the budget by Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Napolitano.

## REPORTS

### SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- We had a delayed opening for staff on the Monday of our spring recess. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked the custodial staff for the cleanup which allowed our administrators and secretaries to come to work.
- Dr. Ben-Dov congratulated the 2018 Teachers of the Year. She stated this year we will honor Ms. BATTERY for Cherry Hill School, Ms. O' Reilly for New Bridge Center, and Mr. Aroldi for Roosevelt School. They will be honored at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting and at a luncheon on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Student Board Meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ben-Dov asked everyone to reach out to their student and said the discussion item for the evening will be: How can students be responsible in helping with maintaining and improving safety at the school.
- Dr. Ben-Dov said that much of her report today would focus on safety: she has volunteered for a safety committee of the Bergen County Superintendents. They met today in Ridgewood. The idea is "how do we harden our schools as a target without hardening the schools' climate." How do we balance these two objectives?
- Dr. Ben-Dov would like to convene a safety committee that will include teachers and would like for a board member to participate. She would like this on an on-going basis.
- There will be a meeting for parents, organized by the PTO, with an organization called Moms Demand Action on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be with River Edge, Oradell, and River Dell parents. The meeting will be held in the River Dell High School. Dr. Ben-Dov is planning an evening with the police on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, in River Edge at the Cherry Hill School Multi-Purpose Room.
- We had police drills in the buildings during spring recess. Dr. Ben-Dov said this is great because they know our buildings and hallways very well.
- Dr. Ben-Dov showed the board members an article about Closter Schools removing voting from their schools. Dr. Ben-Dov said the discussion needs to be ongoing for our schools. Dr. Ben-Dov will write to the borough formally again to renew her efforts of removing voting from our schools. It was suggested by Ms. Dansky that the letter should come from the Board to the Mayor.
- Letters went home to the parents today informing them of the PARCC testing window
- Q-SAC orientation was on March 20<sup>th</sup>. After the orientation we conducted our first initial Q-SAC meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> with Administrators, teachers, and Ms. Dansky, as board representative.
- The River Edge Fun Run will take place this Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ben-Dov will attend the run.
- There will be a Curriculum/Instruction Committee Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> as well as a District Policy Review/Updates Committee Meeting on the same evening

## **PRINCIPAL**

Mr. Henzel had no report for this meeting

## **BOARD SECRETARY**

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- Many updates took place last week during our spring recess. She thanked the custodial staff for working very hard during this break.

## **PRESIDENT**

- Matt Lee, New Jersey School Boards Association, will attend our June 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting for board goal training. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM.
- Mrs. Myers met with the Mayor last Thursday to continue our efforts for open communication between the mayor's office and the Board of Education. They also spoke about the Interlocal Agreement.
- Mrs. Myers stated a new Recreation director was appointed
- The new development on Kinderkamack Road is moving along and will be completed in approximately one year
- Mrs. Myers stated a new application, for a mixed-use building, is anticipated to be submitted to the Borough for the property where the Bergen Batting Cages are now located on River Road.
- Mrs. Myers congratulated Caleb Herbst on officially completing his new board member training

## **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Dansky spoke about the first initial QSAC meeting she attended on March 27<sup>th</sup>. She stated QSAC is different now. It is very demanding and much more vigorous than what we have seen before regarding requirements. She discussed how standard specific each curriculum unit had to be and how the specific standards of Interdisciplinary integration for each unit in each subject had to be listed. She said that the board definitely had a role in this. The policy review which is done by the board is now in progress. Various subcommittees were convened and they have already begun their work.
- Ms. Dansky attended the Curriculum/Instruction meeting on March 28th. Some of the topics they spoke about were Math, Language Arts, and vertical articulation with the Middle School. The discussion included a report on the new phonics series: Foundations and the support upper grade teachers are receiving in ELA and Math. The math curriculum will be revamped consistent with QSAC requirements for Interdisciplinary integration. The meeting was very informative.
- Mrs. Myers said the Finance/Facilities Committee met on March 28th and they discussed the 2018-2019 budget.

**MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

**A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of March 14, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Dansky  
Seconded by Ms. Brown

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers  
Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of March 22, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Brown  
Seconded by Mr. Herbst

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers  
Nays: None

3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for April 2018 including relevant mileage reimbursement (Addendum).
4. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

<b>School</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Cherry Hill School	March 19, 2018 Lockdown March 26, 2018 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	March 23, 2018 Shelter in Place March 29, 2018 Fire Drill

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

<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Cost to District</b>
Roosevelt	1	Turtle Back Zoo West Orange, NJ	\$640.00
Roosevelt	5/6 Art Club	Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, NY	\$512.00

6. That the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plans for the 2017 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the following:

- Participation Rate in Roosevelt School of the subgroup of Students with Disabilities
- Academic Achievement in Math in Roosevelt School of the subgroup of Students with Disabilities

- Academic Achievement in Math in Roosevelt School of the subgroup of White Students
- Academic Achievement in Math in Roosevelt School of total school population
- Attendance in Cherry Hill School of the subgroup of Hispanic population

Motion by Mr. Herbst  
 Seconded by Mr. Sim

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers  
 Nays: None

**B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

**C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**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 approve the authorization of the submission of the amendment of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2018, and accepts the grant award of carryover funds upon the subsequent approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 ESEA Application.

Title I	\$83,233.00
Title II-Public	\$12,278.00
Title II-Non-Public	\$12,366.00
Title III-Public	\$20,410.00
Title III -Non-Public	\$1,245.00
Title III Immigrant –Public	\$3,906.00
Title III Immigrant -Non-Public	\$516.00

Motion by Mr. Sim  
 Seconded by Mr. Busteed

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers  
 Nays: None

**E. PERSONNEL**

1. That the Board of Education approve the following for Cycle IV of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Jessica Barbo  
 Emma Halik  
 Leah Taylor

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Krista Van Wetering as a Substitute Nurse for the 2017-2018 School Year.

3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Ericah Ligsay, Part-time Aide, starting on or about April 11, 2018.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Alyssa Jahren, BA, Step 1 as Leave Replacement Teacher on or about April 11, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Zheni Orellana, Part-time Special Education Aide, for the 2017-2018 School Year.
6. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Janet Pacifico, Lunch Aide, effective April 13, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Busteed  
 Seconded by Ms. Dansky

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers  
 Nays: None

**F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None**

**G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

1. WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education (the "Board") is the lead education agency ("LEA") for the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education ("Region V"); and

WHEREAS, Region V provides shared services for its member districts such as evaluations, direct services, and consultation; and

WHEREAS, as the LEA, the Board must approve the consultant agreements of the providers that Region V utilizes to deliver shared services to its member districts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the consultant agreements of the following Region V Shared Services Consultants, Psychologists, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants, Social Workers, Speech Language Specialists, Occupational and Physical Therapists, and 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:

Stacy Goldfarb	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Busy B Programs LLC	Behaviorist

Motion by Ms. Dansky  
 Seconded by Ms. Brown

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Sim, Mrs. Myers  
 Nays: None

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Dansky stated there will be a Second Chance Toys Collection on Saturday, April 21st at the Cherry Hill School parking lot.

Ms. Dansky and Mr. Sim attended the Bergen County School Boards Meeting on March 29th at Maggiano's Restaurant in Hackensack.

Mr. Herbst stated there is a policy regarding the budget hearing on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He suggested all board members try to attend.

Mr. Busted shared a recognized a thank you note he received for attending the January 14<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout ceremony.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** - None

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

**RECONVENE**

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Koth to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:00 PM.

Voice vote all Ayes

Louise Napolitano  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator