

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – May 2, 2018 – 6:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Project 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 6:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Herbst read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Koth arrived at 7:45 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Dansky, Seconded by Mr. Sim to convene into closed session at 6:31 PM for the review of non-tenured personnel.

RECONVENE

Motion made by Ms. Brown, Seconded by Mr. Herbst to reconvene the regular Public Meeting at 7:35 PM.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comments on Agenda Items – none

Mrs. Myers congratulated and stated that an agreement has been reached with the REEA

- B. Special Education Report - Rosemary Kuruc and Dr. Ben-Dov

Dr. Ben-Dov reviewed with the board members the Special Education Goal that was to be implemented during the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Kuruc reviewed the indicators of success and challenges for the Child Study Team space, teachers, and collaborative teaching. She also went over the proposed goal for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Kuruc answered all questions that were asked regarding her presentation. Dr. Ben-Dov explained how this was related to the proposed budget and depended on its approval. She also complimented Mrs. Kuruc and all involved in implementing and achieving the Special Education Goal for the 2017-2018 school year.

C. Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Proposed School Budget

Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Napolitano presented the 2018-2019 School Year Budget to the public (Addendum). The budget is now changed from the original county approved budget which was originally voted on. It was proposed to remove the banked cap of \$50,000 but continue to use the full health care waiver as this would support all programming and help fulfill the 2018-2019 Special Education Goal. Councilman Bartelloni asked questions regarding the budget line items and Mrs. Napolitano gave the details he asked for. He also asked about the healthcare costs and Mrs. Napolitano answered his questions. Mrs. Chinigo asked for someone to explain what banked cap means. Mrs. Napolitano answered her question.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- There were two district events since our last meeting. Both schools had their art exhibits on April 26th. They were truly creative works and both were well attended. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked both Art Teachers and all the volunteers. The second event was Arbor Day Celebrations for both schools on April 27th. It was a wonderful and spirited event even though they had to be held indoors due to inclement weather.
- PARCC is ongoing. Grades three and four are concluding tomorrow and grades five and six will start next week. It is going fairly well.
- There are two administrative operations that are ongoing at this time: Teacher hiring, placements, and curriculum writing. The Administrators are working hard on teacher placements for our leaves, maternity leaves, and retirees. They are in the process of hiring for these positions. They are also making a skeletal list of where they are placing teachers for next year. Curriculum writing and revising needs to be accomplished before next year to support our QSAC requirements. This is mandated by the State.
- We continue to work on our safety plans. We are looking at each individual classroom to see the individualized necessities that need to be accommodated.
- The Department of Education has requested feedback on Next Generation of Assessment. Information was sent to parents and it was posted on our website. Parents should give feedback. We do not know of any plans to change anything for next year yet.
- Our Puerto Rico project has been concluded thanks to our PTO's. Fifteen boxes are being shipped this week and should arrive there soon.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Ms. Attardi did a fantastic job at last week's art show. The show was well attended.
- The second grade put on their first annual State Fair. Students were separated by region in the New Gym. Students dressed up in something related to their state. They gave a speech about their states. It was well attended by parents.
- We are wrapping up PARCC testing tomorrow. Grades five and six will begin on Tuesday.

BOARD SECRETARY

There was no report for this meeting

PRESIDENT

There was no report for this meeting

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky attended the Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 26th. The committee worked hard on reviewing and revising the policies. She commended the Administrators and the staff for their work on these policies and said we all worked diligently to make the policies ready for approval and will continue working on the next batch.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

- That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for May 2018 including relevant mileage reimbursement.
- That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	April 12, 2018 Shelter in Place April 26, 2018 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	April 13, 2018 Fire Drill April 26, 2018 Shelter in Place

- That the Board of Education approve the following class trips:

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Roosevelt	1	Memorial Park River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	2	Memorial Park River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	3	Memorial Park River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	4	Memorial Park River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	5	Memorial Park River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	6	Memorial Park River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	K	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$0
Cherry Hill	K	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$0
Cherry Hill	5	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	5	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$0

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Ms. Brown

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

4. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
5020	Role of Parents/Guardians
5118.2	Foster Care and Educational Stability
5118.2R	Foster Care and Educational Stability (Regulation)
5119	Transfers
5120	Assessment of Individual Needs
5124	Reporting to Parents/Guardians
5126	Awards for Achievement
5131.1	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
5131.7	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
5134	Pregnant Students
5136	Fund-Raising Activities
5141.1	Accidents
5141.2	Illness
5141.20	Life Threatening Food Allergies
5141.3	Health Examinations and Immunizations

Motion by Ms. Brown
Seconded by Mr. Koth

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION – None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the Final 2018-2019 School Year Budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$18,351,630	\$15,691,844
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$1,027,959	N/A
Total Debt Service	\$1,412,800	\$1,200,358
Total	\$20,792,389	

Be It Resolved, that the River Edge Board of Education include in the proposed budget an adjustment in the amount of \$282,971 for increases in healthcare costs.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education requests the approval of a Capital Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$452,000. The District intends to utilize \$352,000 for the Roof Replacement at Roosevelt Elementary School. The District intends to utilize \$100,000 for Security Upgrades at Roosevelt School, Cherry Hill School, and New Bridge Center.

Motion by Mr. Koth
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

Tatiana Araz
Annette Brodka
Cynthia Burmaster
Faith D'Ulisse
Sandra Krajc
Jonathan Lee
Vicky Londy
Jamie Woods

2. That the Board of Education approve Jamie Woods, ABA Aide, to start on or about May 10, 2018, Step A.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a State Family leave of absence for Samantha Cedeno that has commenced on April 16, 2018 through July 6, 2018.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Child Care Leave of Absence for Donna Lindsay for the 2018-2019 school year.

5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following River Dell High School students to participate in the School Sponsored Senior Service Program to consist of 20 to 25 hours per week of volunteer work at a non-profit organization to commence on May 21, 2018 through June 13, 2018.

Samantha Byrnes
 Kelly Goria
 Brianna Hay
 Zanub Rahman

6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Corrine Gubb as a volunteer Intern for the 2018 Summer Enrichment Program.

Motion by Mr. Busted
 Seconded by Mr. Koth

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION – None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the 2017-2018 Joint Transportation Agreement between Wayne (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
2. That the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Joint Transportation Agreement between SBJC (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
3. 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, re-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 2018-2019 school year:

Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.	Nursing services
Burlington County Special Services School District	Home instruction for students in out of home treatment centers
Delta-T Group	Nursing services, 1:1 aides
Epic Health Services	Nursing services, 1:1 aides
Maxim Healthcare Services	Nursing services
Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services	Nursing services
Priority Nursing Services	Nursing services, 1:1 aides

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dansky stated the Green Team collected approximately 900 toys.

Mr. Koth attended the Roosevelt State Fair and said it was great.

Mr. Sim gave a clarification on the relationship of Region V and River Edge acting as the LEA. He confirmed that as long as River Edge is LEA, Dr. Ben-Dov is the chair of the committee for Region V.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Koth spoke about the School Funding Reform Act and how River Edge among other schools is grossly underfunded. He asked that everyone contact their representatives on the state level to try to fix this inequity.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Herbst to convene into closed session at 9:22 PM.

RECONVENE

Motion made by Mr. Herbst, seconded by Mr. Busteed to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:54 PM.

Voice vote all Ayes

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator