

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

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – May 23, 2018 – 7:00 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Multi-Purpose 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 7:12 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Koth read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Brown, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Koth, Mrs. Myers and Mr. Sim. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mrs. Heitman, and approximately eighty members of the public.

Ms. Dansky arrived at 7:30 PM

Mr. Busted arrived at 9:00 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to:	Alice Buttery	Cherry Hill School
	Gian Paolo Aroldi	Roosevelt School
	Katherine O'Reilly	New Bridge Center

Dr. Ben-Dov welcomed everyone to our Teacher of the Year ceremony. She stated this is a pleasant and joyous event. She explained the process through which the teachers are selected for this achievement. She was happy to see so many students supporting the teachers from Kindergarten to former students. She congratulated the three Teachers of the Year and had each of them come up to accept the honor.

Mrs. Heitman, Mr. Henzel, and Ms. Rosen, congratulated each of the teachers they supervised on the honor of being named Teacher of the Year and spoke about their contributions to the district. The Board of Education presented flowers, a Golden Apple, and a certificate to each teacher. The teachers thanked everyone and spoke about their teaching experience in River Edge.

Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Ms. Brown That the Board of Education authorize \$500.00 each to Cherry Hill School, Roosevelt School, and New Bridge Center for the Teacher Recognition Award for the 2017-2018 school year to be spent at the discretion of each Teacher of the Year for the benefit of the school.

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

A moment of silence took place in memory of all that were affected in the Paramus bus crash.

Mindfulness Report – Ms. Christine Moran and Ms. Beth Rosen

Ms. Moran and Ms. Rosen presented to the board a report on Mindfulness. Mindfulness promotes students health and wellness. Mindfulness was a District goal for this school year. The board members were able to participate by sitting on our flexible seating chairs. Ms. Moran and Ms. Rosen reviewed what Mindfulness is; what Mindfulness supports, survey results from staff, highlights and challenges of each category, and recommendations for the future. All questions asked by the board members were answered.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Our community is taking the Paramus bus accident very hard. Our district offered help to the East Brook Middle school and was able to send over two counselors, Mrs. Blake and Dr. Seigel. Dr. Ben-Dov reached out to the Superintendent and offered help with whatever they need whether it is now and/or in the future.
- We had two successful Kindergarten orientations. They were both well attended and well received. Cherry Hill School had their orientation on May 22nd and Roosevelt School had theirs today.
- A Fifth Grade LEAD ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 24th
- There will be big Open Houses and STEAM Celebrations on Thursday, May 31st at both schools. Families are welcome to visit the classrooms and STEAM Labs to see all of the projects that the students have been working on throughout the year.
- There will be a Vertical Math Articulation Meeting on Wednesday, May 30th with Oradell and River Dell. The Superintendents of all three districts and Curriculum Supervisors will attend.
- Our Puerto Rico project was concluded thanks to our PTO's! Fifteen boxes have arrived there. This was a big accomplishment.
- There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on May 30th. Mr. Herbst will attend along with Teachers and Administrators. We will review our emergency communication system at this meeting.
- It is an extremely busy time of year for us especially with interviews, demos, and placements for next school year which are ongoing
- At our next Board Meeting we will honor our Retirees and have a C.R.E.A.T.E. presentation. Dr. Ben-Dov offered the board members a suggestion of seeing the kids in action on June 4th at Roosevelt School and June 7th at Cherry Hill School at the C.R.E.A.T.E. Celebration rather than bringing the students out the night of the board meeting which will end up being late in the evening.

- We are working hard on cleaning up the policies. We are almost complete with the five thousand series. Dr. Ben-Dov would like to meet on June 12th to review the rest of the five thousand series. We are still waiting on receiving the six and nine thousand series.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- PARCC testing is completed at both schools. Science make-up tests are all that is left.
- There are field trips that will take place until the end of the school year. We are continuing to make sure the children are safe. We have spoken to the parents, students, and the bus drivers regarding safety.
- Fifth and sixth grades at both schools will have field day this Friday
- The Health Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 29th
- Many parents will be visiting our schools with end of the year celebrations. We will have police presence for these events.
- We are very busy with the end of the school year approaching. We had an excellent author visit with Wendy Mass today. The children really seemed to enjoy this visit.

BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- A neighbor's tree fell down and broke the fence by New Bridge Center's second playground during the May 15th storm. The insurance companies were notified and we will have everything cleaned up and repaired as soon as possible. The area has been taped off.
- In light of recent incidents, I spoke again with Cynthia Marte, Transportation Analyst for Bergen County Department of Education, regarding procedures and to make sure that all Contractors located in Bergen County who have a contract with schools are approved by the County to do so. The information is quite extensive including bus driver roster, abstracts, and criminal history for bus drivers, criminal history for aides, and training certificates.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Ms. Brown will attend the Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday, June 3rd at Saint Peter's Church in River Edge.
- The Superintendent's Evaluation and the Board Self Evaluations need to be completed by June 13th.
- Matt Lee, New Jersey School Boards Association, will attend our June 27th board meeting for board goal training. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM.
- Mr. Sim, Mr. Busted, and Mr. Koth seats are open for the November election. All three seats are for a three year term.
- Mr. Herbst will be doing an internship in Washington D.C. for the month of June. He will miss both June board meetings.

- Negotiations committee met last week with the REASA. The meeting will be discussed in closed session tonight.

COMMITTEES

- Mrs. Myers stated the Personnel Committee met on May 9th. There is nothing to report at this time.
- Ms. Dansky stated the QSAC Committee met on May 9th and said they are moving along
- Mr. Sim attended the New Jersey School Board Delegate Assembly on May 19th
- Ms. Dansky joined in the Special Education Committee, by phone, where they discussed PARCC.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of April 25, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Dansky
 Seconded by Ms. Brown

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

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

Motion by Ms. Brown
 Seconded by Mr. Herbst

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

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

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Roosevelt	3	Liberty State Park/Ellis Island New York, NY	\$1,161.50
Roosevelt	3	Borough Hall River Edge, NJ	\$0
Cherry Hill/Roosevelt	6	River Dell Middle School	\$0
Cherry Hill	6	River Dell High School	\$0
Cherry Hill	5th & 6th Artistically Talented	William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ	\$0

4. That the Board of Education approve the Second 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
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 Mr. Koth
 Seconded by Mr. Herbst

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May 2018 totaling \$908,724.68 including checks #40988 through #41088. Payrolls dated April 13, 2018 and April 30, 2018, totaling \$1,128,473.46 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2017-2018 as of March 31, 2018. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending March 31, 2018. (Addendum)

Further, we certify that as of March 31, 2018 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Addendum)

4. That the Board of Education authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for services in connection with the cooperative bidding for supplies and other categories as mutually agreed upon for the 2018-2019 school year at a fee of \$3,080.00 (Addendum).
5. That the Board of Education authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for Cooperative Bidding Services for Cooperative Skilled Maintenance Trades for the 2018-2019 school year at a fee of \$1,990.00 (Addendum).
6. That the Board of Education accept the \$210.00 donation from Jennifer Wong Hernandez for general use at Roosevelt School (Addendum).

Motion by Mr. Herbst
Seconded by Mr. Koth

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the NJ State Family leave of absence for Nevin Werner to commence on October 1, 2018 through October 26, 2018.
2. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Alrick Douglas, ABA Aide, effective May 21, 2018.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Jessica Mahtaban, Teacher, MA+30 step 4, for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve an extended child care leave of absence for Leigh Anne Kaufmann to commence on or about September 4, 2018 through November 30, 2018.
5. That the Board of Education approve the following as Substitute ABA Aides to start on or about May 24, 2018 through June 25, 2018 according to the approved hourly guide for substitute instructional aides.

Adam Grosso
Steven Luca

Motion by Mr. Koth
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the contract with Bergen County Special Services School for 192/193 services to non-public schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. That the Board of Education approve a Tuition Contract with Bergen County Special Services in Midland Park, for a student whose name is on file in the Board Office. Transportation will be provided by parent/guardian and/or designee. The student will start on or about May 29, 2018- June 30, 2018, tuition not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Busted
 Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May 2018 totaling \$1,076,764.81 including checks #70165 through #70343. (Addendum)

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

2. 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:

8 Transportation, LLC	Transporter
Ace Transportation Co. Inc.	Transporter
Alpha Care	Transporter
D&M Tours Inc.	Transporter
Destiny 23 Transportation LLC	Transporter
Durham Bus Service	Transporter
American First Choice Transportation LLC	Transporter
First Student	Transporter
F.S. Transportation Inc.	Transporter
Galaxia Express, LLC	Transporter
Hernandez Medical Transportation, LLC	Transporter
Jacoup's Transportation	Transporter
John Leckie Inc.	Transporter
Madison Invalid Coach, Inc.	Transporter
Morgan Educational Services	Transporter
Ombali LLC	Transporter
Prime Transportation LLC	Transporter
Pro Trans School Transportation, LLC	Transporter
R & V Transportation	Transporter
Radiant Trans Inc.	Transporter

Rinaldi Transportation	Transporter
Rise to Shine Transportation	Transporter
S & D Transportation LLC	Transporter
Soliman Transportation, LLC	Transporter
Sun Transport	Transporter
Swift Medical Services, Inc.	Transporter
Time Line Transportation LLC	Transporter
Town & Country Bus Co.	Transporter
Triumph Invalid Coach	Transporter
Valley Transportation LLC	Transporter

Motion by Ms. Brown
 Seconded by Mr. Herbst

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

3. **WHEREAS**, Region V/River Edge Board of Education (“the Board”) solicited proposals for school and home based therapies services; and

WHEREAS, the Board received 10 quotes; and

WHEREAS, Delta-T Group submitted a proposal for requested services; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds Delta-T’s proposal to be most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for therapies and other educational services to Delta T pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, which allows a Board to award a contract without public bidding when the contract is for professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board awards the contract for therapies and education services to Delta T at the agreed upon hourly rates on an as needed basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the service provider furnishing the requisite insurance certificate as required by the Request for Quotes, and an executed Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any and documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Koth
 Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

4. **WHEREAS**, Region V/River Edge Board of Education (“the Board”) solicited proposals for school and home based therapies services; and

WHEREAS, the Board received 10 quotes; and

WHEREAS, ITG Innovative Therapy Group submitted a proposal for requested services; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds ITG Innovative Therapy Group proposal to be most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for therapies and other educational services to ITG Innovative Therapy Group pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, which allows a Board to award a contract without public bidding when the contract is for professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board awards the contract for therapies and education services to ITG Innovative Therapy Group at the agreed upon hourly rates on an as needed basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the service provider furnishing the requisite insurance certificate as required by the Request for Quotes, and an executed Agreement, as prepared by the Board Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any and documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Herbst
Seconded by Mr. Koth

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Koth attended the Second Grade school play and stated it was awesome. He also stated that NJSBA held a workshop on School Funding Reform Act however; it was too far to attend. They may be offering a webinar with the information shared.

Mr. Sim asked about inviting an educator from Nepal, that he would be hosting, to visit our school. Dr. Ben-Dov and Mr. Sim will speak further about this.

Mr. Herbst is doing an internship for one month in Washington D.C. It is called Partnership for American Children. He will not be able to attend either June meeting due to the internship. He will be available via email and telephone. He will also be attending the State Assessment Focus Group. He feels this is a good opportunity to be heard.

Mrs. Myers asked about security for Open House. Dr. Ben-Dov stated the River Edge Police have the dates and will be present.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Busteed, seconded by Mr. Herbst to convene into closed session at 10:37 PM.

RECONVENE

Motion made by Ms. Dansky, seconded by Ms. Brown to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 11:00 PM.

Voice vote all Ayes

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator