

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

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – September 6, 2017

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

Mr. Busted read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were; Mr. Busted ; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; also present were Mrs. Napolitano, Dr. Ben-Dov, Mr. Henzel and three members of the public.

Mr. Koth arrived at 8:15 PM
Ms. Danahy was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov stated that the first day of school for the students was tomorrow. She thanked everyone for their hard work with the start of the 2017-2018 school year including the custodians, office personnel, administrators, teachers, all support staff, and technology team. She is proud of what was done over the summer and thanked the board for allowing her to use the new state aid for professional development and new curriculum resources for the teachers.

- Dr. Ben-Dov stated they were still working on hiring a .5 Resource Room Teacher and a School Nurse for Roosevelt School. Mrs. Friedlander will begin the school year at Roosevelt School until they hire a nurse.
- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke to the board about enrollment. The total current enrollment in Roosevelt School is 481 students and the total enrollment for Cherry Hill School and New Bridge Center is 709 students. We have a total enrollment of 1,190 students in the district which is pretty consistent with previous years. Grades 1 and 2 are closed in Roosevelt School and in Cherry Hill School grades 3 and 5 are closed. In both schools, kindergarten classes are at 20 students. Any new kindergarten students will go to their neighborhood schools.
- Professional Development has been very extensive this summer. Report Cards are completed for all grades. We have a Parent Academy Evening on September 26th to explain the report cards. Professional Development over the summer included STEAM, Science, New Phonics Program, ELA Reading Assessments, and Math training.
- The completion of the STEAM Labs will be in late Fall. The Labs are planned and all furniture and technology have been ordered. Dr. Den-Dov is hoping for a big opening for the event during the current school year.
- Liberty Science was contracted to work collaboratively twice each month with grades kindergarten and four. Students in other grades will also benefit from the relationship and expertise.
- Dr. Ben-Dov read the following Violence, Vandalism and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying report: As reported to the State, during reporting Period 2 there were four HIB investigations reported for the River Edge School District. Three of the incidents reported were HIB Violations, which was affirmed by the Board of Education. Dr. Ben-Dov discussed some of the HIB training and prevention activities being implemented by the River Edge School District.
- Dr. Ben-Dov shared some good news with the board. She received a letter from the River Edge Taekwondo master about a few former and current Cherry Hill and Roosevelt students who received major awards in competitions. They will be recognized by the Mayor and Council at their October 2nd meeting and she will be attending.
- Dr. Ben-Dov was pleased to announce that through our Teachers' Association and PTO our school district asked the community to bring in pet supplies for the animal shelters that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. We will continue to help other needs through our student councils and school constituencies.
- The New Family Outreach Reception will be on Thursday, September 14th at both Roosevelt School and Cherry Hill School. She said that the Mayor and some councilmen will be attending and hoped that board members would be there.
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated that the climate of this country is of concern. Teachers are uncomfortable talking about race and we need training for our staff to deal with some of these issues.

- New Teacher Reception will at the September 27th board meeting
- There will be a PARCC presentation at one of the October board meetings

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Mr. Henzel stated this is his third year back at River Edge and he is very excited for the first day of school tomorrow. We have our PTO meet and greet at 8:30 am.
- Today we had kindergarten students in for a meet and greet with their teachers and classmates. It was well received.
- Mr. Henzel thanked our custodial staff for the fantastic job on getting our school ready for the first day of school.
- New teacher orientation was held last week. There were many new faces and all are eager to get the year started.
- We had two successful and productive professional development days yesterday and today. There were lots of smiles and positive attitudes.
- Back to School Night for Roosevelt School will be on Tuesday, September 19th

BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- Both fields were aerated and seeded and the trees were trimmed at Roosevelt School
- The wireless clock system was installed at both schools
- We are moving forward with both STEAM Labs
- Two classrooms at Roosevelt School had new flooring installed
- New card access is being installed at each building to enter each school
- Mr. Negreann informed Mrs. Napolitano that a fence is being installed at Cherry Blossom Park. He asked if we can inform parents not to park there and for students not to cut through the park. Mrs. Heitman has sent out an email to the parents regarding this request.
- Mrs. Napolitano stated carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in each school per regulations
- The railing and front steps were repaired and installed at Cherry Hill School
- The audit started and the auditors came on August 23rd and will be here until September 8th
- Mrs. Napolitano asked the board to let her secretary know the status of them attending the NJSBA Convention

- Mrs. Napolitano attempted to go to the Borough Hall to find out information on the variance for building another home on the property behind New Bridge Center. She was not able to but there will be a meeting on September 14th where she is hoping to get some information.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers met with the Mayor today to continue their efforts for open communication between the mayor's office and the Board of Education
- The mayor asked Mrs. Myers to announce that a fence will be put up around Cherry Blossom Park. They ask parents not to park or drop off students in front of the park.
- Mrs. Myers stated that Costa Engineering was invited to a Mayor and Council meeting to discuss the possibility of angular parking constructed on the apartment side of Bogert Road between Howland Avenue and Route 4. If this occurs many parking spots will be added to the area.
- Mrs. Myers stated the Board Self Evaluations need to be completed
- The River Edge Board of Education is being honored at the October 4th New Jersey School Boards Association meeting. We are eligible to receive the NJSBA Board Re-Certification Award. Mrs. Myers spoke to the board about our board meeting that is scheduled for the same night and it was decided to move our board meeting to October 11th.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky spoke about the Ad Hoc Policy Committee that is reviewing policies revised by the New Jersey School Board Association. This meeting that took place before tonight's board meeting. They discussed the Policies and Regulations for Series 1000 and 2000. There is also a resolution on tonight's agenda to approve the first reading for these policies.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve an amendment to the River Edge Board of Education Mission Statement to read:

The River Edge School District is a partnership of students, parents, staff, and community members. We are dedicated to providing a supportive environment in which all students can reach their maximum academic potential, while developing as responsible citizens who respect individuality. Our goals will be achieved because:

- curriculum and instruction are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards
- all decisions reflect the academic, social/emotional and physical needs of pre-K to sixth grade students
- cooperation and on-going communication exist between the school district and the community

- school administrators and the Board of Education work together to assess and adjust procedures in response to new mandates and the changing needs of the community
2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 26, 2017.
 3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for September 2017 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
 4. That the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Link-It Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year.
 5. That the Board of Education approve the Special Milk Pricing at a rate of \$.33 per day for the 2017-2018 school year.
 6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following statement of assurances for each school in River Edge School District and approve the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act completed by each school's safety team.
 7. **WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education (the "Board") and the River Edge Extended Daycare Program, Inc. ("REEDP"), wish to enter into a Use of Facilities Agreement (the "Agreement") from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed upon and wish to memorialize the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby agrees to enter into the Agreement between the Board and the REEDP, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate same.

8. That the Board of Education approve the Annual Reporting Period 2 for Violence & Vandalism and HIB Incidents for the 2016-2017 school year.
9. That the Board of Education approve Professional Development for Co-Teaching for Roosevelt and Cherry Hill School, not to exceed \$5,000.

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

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

10. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the Policies and Regulations for the Series 1000 and 2000, with the exception of policy #'s 2130, 1120,1200,1313, and 1314. (Addendum)

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

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

11. That the Board of Education approve the revised Student Code of Conduct that pertains to policy #5131(Conduct/Discipline).

Motion by: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Mr. Dansky

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

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of 2017-2018 increased state aid in the amount of \$5,000 to 8-11-000-261-420-10-96 & \$5,000 to 8-11-000-261-420-20-96 for Cherry Hill & Roosevelt Maintenance & Grounds.
2. That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order to Soyka Smith Design Studios in the amount of \$63,907.15 for Cherry Hill and Roosevelt STEAM Labs from the Capital Projects Fund which was designated for the construction of these labs in the 2015-2016 approved Budget.

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

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

C. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Sinai School at RYNJ to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Yeshiva of North Jersey to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of 2017-2018 increased state aid in the amount of \$20,550 to 8-11-000-221-104 Curriculum Work-Salaries.
5. That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of 2017-2018 increased state aid in the amount of \$42,620 to 8-11-190-100-610 for Curriculum Supplies for Cherry Hill and Roosevelt Schools.
6. That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of 2017-2018 increased state aid in the amount of \$25,000 to 8-11-190-100-600-30-98 Technology Supplies and Equipment.
7. That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of 2017-2018 increased state aid in the amount of \$55,000 to 8-11-190-100-500 Purchased Professional Educational Services.
8. That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of 2017-2018 increased state aid in the amount of \$15,000 to 8-11-000-221-320 Professional Development.

Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Mr. Busted

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

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education accept the \$140.00 donation from Jennifer Wang-Hernandez for general use at Roosevelt School (Addendum).

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

Ayes: Mr. Busted, 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 following Certificated Personnel for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Maria Morales	P/T Spanish Teacher, BA + 15, Step 1
Nancy Jencsik	Teacher, MA, Step 11
Lindsay Comer	Leave Replacement Teacher, BA, Step 3, (On or about) 11/3/17 – 3/2/18
Cassandra McGovern	Leave Replacement Teacher, MA, Step 2, 9/1/17 – (On or about) 2/9/18

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following, 504 Aides, for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mary Ellen Cameron
Ericah Ligsay

3. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Danielle Kowalczyk, School Nurse, effective August 11, 2017.
4. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Eileen Lucas, Part-time Aide, effective August 25, 2017.
5. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Glaydura, Teacher, effective August 29, 2017.
6. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Kathleen McKinless, Part-time Aide, effective August 29, 2017.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Part Time Aides for the 2017-2018 school year.

Michelle Campos
Jennifer Novegrad
Patricia Rizzo

8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Barbara Cardona as a Lunch Aide for the 2017-2018 school year.

9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Stephanie Franco, Part-time Clerical Aide, at a maximum of 15 hours per week, for the 2017-2018 school year. Salary will be fully funded by Title 1.
10. That the Board of Education approve Gregory Kupchak for Morning Supervision Duty as per Article XIII Section 13.3 of the River Edge Education Association Contract Agreement.

Motion by: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Ms. Dansky

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

Nays: None

11. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following for student Field Experience to consist of 25 hours of literacy exposure over a period of 13 weeks to commence on or about September 6, 2017 through December 15, 2017

Katie Hackett

Kelly O' Hara

12. That the Board of Education approve the following staff members for Parent Academy Report Card work at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

Teacher	Hours
Katie O'Reilly	1
Whitney Castellvi	1
Ashley Adimando	1
Kayla Moran	1
Kaitlyn DeVasto	1
Nevin Werner	1
Michelle Baragona	1

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

Teacher	Hours
Katie O'Reilly	1.5
Nichol DelRosso	3
Kaitlyn DeVasto	3
June Karpowich	3
Nevin Werner	3

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

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

Nays: None, Abstained: Mr. Koth

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.

An Eye For Detail Inc.	Consultant
Simara Bruhim	Behaviorist
Devorah Moses	Home Parent Trainer
Jessica Haynes	Home Parent Trainer
Hetal Naik	Behaviorist
Sara Tarascavage	Home Parent Trainer
Leslie Fishbein	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Walsh Legacy LLC	Home Instruction
Superior Testing and Educational Planning	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Patricia London	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Theresa Regan Geraci	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
EDL Consultants	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Varrassi Educational Consultants	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Vivian Genn	Occupational Therapist
Nicole Hodges	Occupational Therapist
Sara Morin	Occupational Therapist
Michelle Pappas	Occupational Therapist
Lise Rubin	Occupational Therapist
Patricia Carroll	Psychologist
Blanche Buchwald	Occupational Therapist
Dania Diaz	Bilingual Psychologist
Deena Morris	Occupational Therapist
Jolie Seigel	Psychologist
RTS Consulting Agency	Psychologist
Lyndsay Petouvis	Psychologist
Meghan Toomey Lynch	Psychologist
Laura Guider	Teacher of Handicapped
Pepa Services	Psychologist
B.E.S.T. for Education	Teacher of Handicapped
Maryellen Kleinberg	Home Instructor
Giselle Brown	Physical Therapist
Loretta O'Toole	Physical Therapist
Janine Klein	Speech and Language Specialist
Haber Associates	Speech and Language Specialist
Karen Krasman	Speech and Language Specialist
Sheri Tendler	Speech and Language Specialist
Arlene Brofsky	Social Worker
Mary Menditto	Social Worker
Jamie Kagan Heit	Social Worker
Lori Steinreich	Social Worker
Aviva Weldon	Social Worker
Salvatore Tralongo	Nonpublic Teacher
Catherine Cleenput	Nonpublic Teacher
Claire Tunick	Nonpublic Teacher
Corinne Pochtner	Nonpublic Teacher

Trena Rauner	Nonpublic Teacher
Angela Gussoni	Teacher Home Instructor
Patricia Fitzpatrick	Teacher Home Instructor
Arlene Cox	Teacher
Carolyn Gallagher	Teacher
Sylvia Cosentino	Teacher
Lucy Trotter	Teacher Home Instructor
Anita Lovallo	Teacher of Handicapped
Gabriella Friedman	Nonpublic consultant
Debrah Goldberg	Nonpublic consultant
Claire Tunick	Teacher
Stephanie Morgan	Teacher of the Deaf
Helene Saffern	Teacher Home Instructor
New York Medical College	Physical Therapist
Abel Casteneda	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Maxim Healthcare Services Inc	Nurses, CHHAs

2. That the Board of Education approve the following bid results from the August 10, 2017 bid.

<u>Route #</u>	<u>Transporter</u>	<u>Per Diem Cost</u>
2472	Valley Transportation	\$680.00
2473	John Leckie Inc.	\$252.99
2474	Morgan Educational Services	\$222.00
2475	Valley Transportation	\$47.50
2477	Sun Transport	\$194.00
2479	Pro Trans	\$265.00
2480	Swift Medical Services	\$259.00
2481	FS Transport	\$168.00
2482	Destiny 23	\$252.00
2483	Sun Transport	\$109.00
2484	Rise to Shine	\$98.98
2485	Sun Transport	\$134.00
2486	Destiny 23	\$152.00
2487	Swift Medical Services	\$189.00
2488	Destiny 23	\$208.00
2489	Pro Trans	\$315.00
2491	American First Choice	\$40.00
2492	American First Choice	\$40.00
2493	Valley Transportation	\$100.00
2495	Destiny 23	\$182.00
2496	R&V Transportation	\$132.00
2497	We Care Transportation	\$99.00

3. That the Board of Education approve the following transportation companies that are new to Region V as a result of their winning bid routes from our 8/10/17 bid.

Sun Transport
Rise to Shine LLC

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

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Koth asked the board members about the last Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was reported about at the July 26th meeting. He wanted to know the outcome of what was discussed and decided.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Kathleen Murphy, River Edge Resident, asked a question about the HIB reports on the Violence, Vandalism, and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report. Dr. Ben-Dov explained there were four instances which were voted on. That is all the information that is made public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Busted to adjourn the regular public meeting at 8:32 PM.

Voice vote all Ayes

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator