

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
"Building Bright Futures Together"

REVISED AGENDA
December 13, 2018
Roosevelt School

711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661
Media Center
7:30 PM Public Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

MISSION STATEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting, its date, time and place have been delivered to the Post Office, the Municipal Building, Town News, The Record and posted on the District website, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION (When Necessary)

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- B. Presentation of Proclamation by Assemblyman Chris Tully and Assemblywoman Lisa Swain

C. Michael Koth, Board Member Recognition

Motion by
Seconded by

WHEREAS, Michael Koth has served as a member of the River Edge Board of Education from 2016 to 2018, and

WHEREAS, in his leadership role he worked closely and continuously with all River Edge Constituencies to sustain and improve the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, his professional knowledge and expertise helped educate the public about the needs, security operations, policies, and the upkeep of our buildings and grounds and challenges of the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure of office he gave generously of his time and talents in fulfilling his responsibilities in this role and in the continuance of the tradition of educational excellence in the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the improvement of the educational program, his on-going efforts related to effective communication, curriculum development, and his caring for River Edge students, staff, and families have had a tremendously positive influence on the well-being of our children and their continuing growth, and

WHEREAS, his outstanding community service and special attention to the youth of River Edge are gratefully acknowledged;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this Thirteenth day of December, Two Thousand and Eighteen, spread upon its minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for his valued service and leadership.

D. Colin Busteed, Board Member Recognition

Motion by
Seconded by

WHEREAS, Colin Busteed has served as a member of the River Edge Board of Education from 2009 to 2018, and

WHEREAS, in his leadership role he worked closely and continuously with all River Edge Constituencies to sustain and improve the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, his professional knowledge and expertise helped educate the public about the needs, operations, personnel, buildings and grounds and financial challenges of the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure of office he gave generously of his time and talents in fulfilling his responsibilities in this role and in the continuance of the tradition of educational excellence in the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board he played an important role in numerous labor negotiations and contributed to the achievement of mutually acceptable agreements between parties, and

WHEREAS, his outstanding service and special attention to the youth of River Edge are gratefully acknowledged, and

WHEREAS, he has remained dedicated to the ideals of the role of the Board in the achievement of educational excellence while being fiscally responsible;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this Thirteenth day of December, Two Thousand and Eighteen spread upon its minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for his valued service and leadership.

REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT
2. PRINCIPAL
3. BOARD SECRETARY
4. PRESIDENT
5. COMMITTEES

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of November 28, 2018.
2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for December 2018 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	November 5, 2018 Lock down November 29, 2018 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	November 5, 2018 Lock down November 30, 2018 Fire Drill

4. That the Board of Education approve the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills, as necessary, during the month of December which will be ratified at the next Regular Public Meeting.
5. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is meeting in public session on December 13, 2018.

WHEREAS, certain business transactions must necessarily be addressed during the hiatus of public sessions of the Board, including but not limited to, the offering of contracts of employment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to offer contracts of employment on behalf of the Board between December 13, 2018 and January 7, 2019 subject to final approval of the Board at the next Regular Public Meeting.

6. That the Board of Education affirm the HIB reports previously reported at the November 14, 2018 Board Meeting.
7. That the Board of Education affirm the HIB reports previously reported at the November 28, 2018 Board Meeting.

*8. **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has requested that the Board disenroll a student whose name is on file in the Board office (the "Student") based upon information that the Student is not entitled to a tuition free education from the Board; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 28, 2018, the Superintendent provided the Student's parent with notice of her right to a disenrollment hearing in the event that she did not agree with the Superintendent's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, as of December 12, 2018 12:00 PM no request for such hearing was made to the Superintendent; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student shall be disenrolled from the River Edge School District 21 days from the date hereof; provided, however, that if the Student's parent contests the Board's decision before the Commissioner of Education within 21 days of receiving the notice of disenrollment, then the Student shall remain enrolled in the District while the appeal is pending before the Commissioner of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence of the filing of an appeal, the Student's parent may be assessed tuition and any special services provided to the Student, depending on the type and degree of the service(s), for said Student's attendance in the District during the period the Board has found the Student ineligible for a tuition-free education from the Board.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December 2018, totaling \$807,594.42 including checks #41727 through #41784.

Payrolls dated November 15, 2018 and November 30, 2018, totaling \$1,195,695.20 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes.
(Addendum)

2. That the Board of Education approve an amendment to the FY 19 IDEA Grant for carryover funds as follows:

Basic IDEA - Public	\$70.00
Basic IDEA - Non-public	\$16,944.00
Preschool IDEA-Public	\$7,289.00
Preschool IDEA-Non-Public	\$3,334.00

3. That the Board of Education approve an amendment to the FY 19 Title Grant for carryover funds as follows:

Title I	\$7,378.00
Title II-Public	\$1,126.00
Title II-Non-Public	\$1,119.00
Title III-Public	\$3,383.00
Title III -Non-Public	\$296.00
Title III Immigrant -Public	\$522.00
Title III Immigrant -Non-Public	\$84.00

Title IV Public	\$517.00
Title IV Non-Public	\$515.00

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Julie Rabinowitz, as the District Liaison to the Board of the River Edge Public Library for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute clerical Aides for the 2018-2019 school year.

Donna Allingham
Joann Baxter
Lynn Weimir

3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Jessica Jablin, Leave Replacement Teacher, BA, Step 1, effective on December 13, 2018 through April 12, 2019.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Ashley Suarez, Leave Replacement Teacher, BA, Step 1, effective on or about December 17, 2018 through May 22, 2019.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Eugenia Lantigua Tavaréz, Lunch Aide, for the 2018-2019 school year.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Paige Seifert to commence on or about December 17, 2018 through January 4, 2019, to be followed by a Federal/State Family leave of absence to commence on or about January 7, 2019 through February 8, 2019.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Courtney Sweet, from part-time (0.5) Teacher to full-time Teacher beginning on December 10, 2018.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve SWING Education to serve as an agency to provide supplemental substitute personnel when those needs cannot be met through our approved substitute pool for the 2018-19 school year as per the signed service agreement.
9. That the Board of Education approve Caitlin Callahan for Morning Supervision Duty as per Article XIII Section 13.3 of the River Edge Education Association Contract Agreement.
- *10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Jessica Jablin and Jennifer Giammarella as Substitute Teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.
- *11. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Cheyenne Mullen, Part-time 504 Aide, effective December 21, 2018.

- *12. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sharon Bene, Part-time 504 Aide, starting January 2, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
- *13. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Alyssa Jahren, Teacher, effective December 21, 2018.
- *14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Nureem Alrashdan as a Student Teacher, from January 7, 2019 through April 5, 2019.
- *15. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Nureem Alrashdan as a Substitute Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year.
- *16. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Jennifer Giammarella, Leave Replacement Teacher, MA, Step 3, effective January 2, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

- 1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December 2018 totaling \$1,005,323.96 including checks #71191 through #71325.
- 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:

Fairleigh Dickinson University Neuro-psychological evals Evaluator

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

January 7, 2019 - Roosevelt School

January 23, 2019 – Cherry Hill School