

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 3, 2018

7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Project Room, New Bridge Center, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Koth read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Sim was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

PARCC Presentation - Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Christine Moran

Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Moran presented the PARCC results for Spring 2018. They went over the PARCC grade level participation rates, percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics, PARCC grade level outcomes in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics, three year comparison of grade level results, percentage of meeting/exceeding expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics, three year comparison of same cohort students percentages of meeting/exceeding expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics in Spring 2014 and Spring 2018, the River Edge School District’s Subgroups 2018 Spring PARCC Administrations in English Language Arts and Mathematics, and the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics in both Roosevelt and Cherry Hill Schools. They also discussed the Data Analysis Plan, how we will use PARCC data to identify strengths and gaps that may exist in curriculum and instruction, Interventions and Parent Resources. All questions from the public and board were answered.

ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communications in English State to State) Presentation -
Ms. Beth Rosen

Ms. Rosen presented the ACCESS testing results from the 2017-2018 school year. She stated this is the second year the testing has been done and she explained what the program is and what they do. She reviewed the overview, ESL student home languages, enrollment comparisons, WIDA consortium, process of identification and placement, English language proficiency levels, the four domains (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), the annual assessment for English language development growth, individual student report translation, last year's results, and student enrollment. Ms. Rosen answered all questions that were asked by the board and public.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- There was an ESL evening earlier tonight for our families and it was well attended. It offered the ESL parents information about the official program, but also informal resources and availability of different staff to help the English Language Learners.
- This is the Week of Respect and we have many activities taking place in our schools. We had a workshop with Melissa Straub and assemblies on Internet Safety for grades 3-4 and 5-6 today in both schools.
- The District will have a Professional Development Day on Monday, October 8th. We will have district training and presentations for smaller groups. Some of the topics will be on Liberty Science curriculum connections, ELA and Math enrichment, differentiation for all learners, and interdisciplinary connections. Dr. Jeanne Marron will present workshops to the staff on identifying signs of Mental Health in the classrooms.
- Candidate's Night will be on Monday, October 29th at 7:00 PM in the Cherry Hill School Multi-Purpose Room. Flyers and details will be provided by the PTO which is working with the League of Women Voters. It was suggested that the meeting be held in the Project Room.
- Dr. Ben-Dov joined a Superintendents group in Bergen County. Their goal is to meet every other month to discuss the topic of the impact of the feedback Superintendents give school leaders on their growth. They want to see if they can do a better job with the feedback they are giving. Dr. Ben-Dov found the first session interesting.
- Curriculum/Instruction Committee will meet on October 10th at 7:30 PM and Finance/Facilities will meet right after at 8:15 PM

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- The beginning of the school year has gone well. We had picture day on September 26th, Back to School Night on September 20th, and our New Family Reception on September 17th.
- Liberty Science Center visits have begun and the reviews are very positive
- Our PTO lunches started this week and the Lego Club will start very soon

BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- Mrs. Napolitano reached out to Columbia Bank and they are happy with all of our proposals. They are processing the check and it should take a few weeks to move forward.
- We should have more information tomorrow for the Roosevelt School air conditioning proposal
- The purchase order was sent over to Eastern DataComm for our new phone system for the district. The system is proposed to be installed in November.
- There is a motion on tonight’s agenda for the approval to discard/donate or recycle books that we are no longer using in the district
- Mrs. Napolitano reminded the board to let her know the status of them attending the NJSBA Convention

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers had nothing to report at this meeting

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky stated the QSAC committee met and the level of detail is much greater than ever before. She complimented Dr. Ben-Dov and her staff for all of their hard work on preparing for QSAC.
- Ms. Dansky stated the Ad Hoc Committee will continue to review the policies we did not get board approved yet throughout the year.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for October 2018 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 1 - October 5, 2018 as a “Week of Respect.”
3. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 15 - October 19, 2018 as a “School Violence Awareness Week.”
4. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	September 7, 2018 Fire Drill September 25, 2018 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	September 8, 2018 Fire Drill September 28, 2018 Evacuation

- That the Board of Education approve the annual subscription renewal with the Schoolboardnet service for the 2018-2019 School Year in the amount of \$1,888.00.

Motion by Ms. Dansky
 Seconded by Ms. Brown

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

- That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of September 26, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Brown
 Seconded by Mr. Koth

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

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

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Roosevelt	3	Meadowlands Environmental Center Lyndhurst, NJ	\$1,020.00

Motion by Ms. Dansky
 Seconded by Ms. Brown

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

- That the Board of Education approve the following list of books to be discarded/donated or recycled. (Addendum)

Motion by Mr. Koth
 Seconded by Mr. Busted

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

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS – None

E. PERSONNEL

- That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Rosemary Kuruc, or Designee, as the Division of Child Permanency and Protection Liaison for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. That the Board of Education approve the Affirmative Action Team, under the Affirmation Action Officer Michael Henzel, for the 2018-2019 school year:

Beth Rosen
Abby Burns-Paterson
Tara Benevento
Janel Blake
Christine Moran

3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Krista Doheny, Lunch Aide for the 2018-2019 school year, pending final paperwork.
4. That the Board of Education approve Beth Rosen, ESL Coordinator, for the River Edge School District for the 2018-2019 school year.
5. That the Board of Education approve Dawn Iannantuano, Part-Time Aide, for the 2018-2019 school year for a maximum of 29 hours per week. Start date on or about October 4, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Herbst
Seconded by Mr. Busted

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Koth, 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, 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:

Flynn Physical Therapy Physical Therapist Assistant Direct Services

Motion by Mr. Busteed
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dansky stated there is a Bergen County School Boards Meeting on October 4th at Maggiano's. She also asked about Candidate's Night and how it will be advertised.

Mr. Busteed asked about the Interlocal Agreement and attachment referenced in agreement. He also asked about moving the elections out of the schools.

Mr. Herbst spoke about having the State Representatives come to speak to our district and about the borough's meeting next week regarding the community center.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Busteed, seconded by Mr. Herbst to adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:30 PM.

Voice vote all Ayes

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator