

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

7:30 PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – February 27, 2019

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Sim called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Kang, and Mr. Sim. Also present Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mrs. Heitman, and approximately 24 members of the public.

Mrs. Myers arrived at 7:56 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Honor Retiree: Judy Albrizio

Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Heitman, and a few teachers commented on Mrs. Albrizio's hard work, loyal service and dedication to the students and families of River Edge. Dr. Ben-Dov presented flowers to Mrs. Albrizio and Mr. Herbst presented her with a framed resolution. Mrs. Albrizio thanked everyone and spoke about her time here at River Edge.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Judy Albrizio

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

WHEREAS, Judy Albrizio has announced that she is retiring from Cherry Hill School after many years of dedicated service to the River Edge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a nurturing and caring attitude towards all of the students, families and colleagues who passed through the doors of Cherry Hill School and New Bridge Center making them feel respected and loved; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Albrizio has worked with, thousands of students, Board of Education staff, administrators, teachers and families to make them feel welcome as part of the Cherry Hill community; and

WHEREAS, she has shared her passion for the students academically and emotionally through Banana Splits, Home Instruction and Reading Edge, and

WHEREAS, As a paraprofessional Judy Albrizio spent countless hours engaging with students in their daily studies and routines, using ABA skills and

WHEREAS, she has served as a summer enrichment instructor sharing her expertise of knitting and cartooning for the River Edge children, and

WHEREAS, she served as the summer secretary for the Child Study Team and worked wonders organizing files and is famous for the "Book of Lists" and

WHEREAS serving as the District Data Coordinator, she worked with technology, tracking residency, her mastery with the PARCC Assessment, proficiency with Genesis, perfection of online subscriptions, and brought problem solving, creativity, and decor to the main office; and

WHEREAS, after her 27 plus years of faithful service to the River Edge Schools, she wishes to pursue her retirement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this twenty seventh Day of February, Two Thousand Nineteen spread upon its Minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for her valued service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the River Edge community offers its best wishes to Mrs. Judy Albrizio for many happy, healthy and productive years ahead and its gratitude for her years of service to the school.

Review 2017-2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Gary Higgins, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP

Gary Higgins of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins presented the district's audit report to the Board Members. There were two recommendations one in Financial Planning, Accounting, & Reporting and one in Facilities & Capital Assets, they were not repeat findings. He commended the Board office for their great record keeping and thanked the board for allowing his company to process the audit. He answered all questions that were asked by the board members.

2019-2020 Initial Budget Presentation – Dr. Tova Ben-Dov and Louise Napolitano

Dr. Ben-Dov started the discussion with the principles for a good budget. She reviewed the way they construct a budget. They reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 budget. It is still a work in progress. They presented the Revenue and Expenses and gave a review of the current year budget and proposed budget. All questions were answered that were asked by the board members. The state aid numbers will be released on Thursday, March 7th and we will have a true dollar number to finalize the budget. We have built the budget with additional teachers due to increased enrollment, enhanced curriculum and needs of students. This budget also provides for much required maintenance for our buildings and enhanced curriculum to meet updated state requirements.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mrs. Heitman, and Mr. Stevens met with Joe DiCara on February 22nd to discuss the space challenges at Cherry Hill School for the 2019-2020 school year. They explored both short-term and long-term solutions. Mr. DiCara will have some options for us and come to a board meeting to discuss them. Mrs. Napolitano asked him if he can give us an evaluation of our current buildings as well and he is planning to do so and advise us about prioritized improvements.
- There will be a half day Professional Development Day for the district on March 5th. We will have a presenter on LGBTQ for our staff. Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Moran also asked the teachers what they would like to work on with their grade level on a professional development day. She is planning this approach for March 5th and an expansion of this approach in the future so that teachers can take greater ownership of their own Professional Development.
- There was a potential HIB Incident to report. It involved two Roosevelt sixth graders having a verbal exchange. It was investigated and found not to be HIB related. Consequences were given in accordance with the River Edge Code of Conduct and there will be a resolution on the next agenda to affirm this decision.
- There was a parent workshop on February 11th. It was a reading workshop for grades 3-6 focusing on the Interdisciplinary Connections in our curriculum. Dr. Ben-Dov stated teachers did a great job presenting that evening. There was a Family Poetry Night presented by our Author-in-Residence, Janet Wong on February 21st. It was very well attended and there was a nice article in the Bergen Record regarding that night. Both schools will have their Family Math Night Carnivals hosted by Ms. Hafers and the CREATE students. Roosevelt School will hold the Math Carnival on March 5th and Cherry Hill will hold the Math Carnival on March 7th.
- We completed a cycle of Instructional Rounds today at Roosevelt School and it was very successful. The lessons presented and viewed by peers were fantastic and Dr. Ben-Dov is hoping for more people to want to host in the classrooms.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- We are in our third cycle of Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for ELA and Mrs. Heitman had about 10 parents at her meeting to explain the program
- The PTO and the Sixth Grade Committee had some fundraisers for Valentine's Day
- Cherry Hill School had a very successful International Day on February 15th. All students had fun dancing, crafting, and playing games. The five countries that were celebrated were: Italy, Kosovo, Philippines, Spain, and Turkey.
- Janet Wong, Our Author in Residence, had a workshop for parents on the evening of February 21st called "Honoring Families with Poetry."
- Access testing for ESL began on Monday

BOARD SECRETARY

There was no further report from Mrs. Napolitano at this time besides the budget information that was discussed earlier.

PRESIDENT

- Mr. Herbst sent a letter to the Mayor and Council trying to establish our committee structure. He heard from Mr. Chinigo and they set up their first meeting on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 PM. Mr. Herbst, Ms. Dansky, Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, and Mr. Stevens will attend this meeting.
- Mr. Herbst spoke to the Board Members about having another Board Retreat. He stated it will be in May or June.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Sim spoke about the Personnel and Management meeting that took place before the board meeting tonight. They discussed the budget for next year and the various positions they need to hire for.
- Ms. Dansky spoke about the Finance/Facilities meeting that took place on Tuesday, February 26th. They spoke about the 2019-2020 budget and said they will focus on facilities at the next committee meeting.
- Ms. Dansky stated the Policy Committee met and discussed the 9 thousand series of policies. They are on the agenda for approval and the policies are all bi-laws.
- Ms. Brown attended the Curriculum/Instruction meeting that met last week. They spoke about the great additions to our curriculum, Instructional Rounds, social and emotional programs, Professional Development, Girls Who Code, and the New Jersey Tiered System of Support.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of February 6, 2019.

Motion by Ms. Brown

Seconded by Ms. Doyle

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst

Nays: None, Abstained: Mrs. Myers

2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedule for February 2019 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
7110	Long-range Facilities Planning
7115	Developing Educational Specifications
9000	Role of the Board
9010	Role of the Member
9020	Public Statements
9110	Number of Members and Terms of Office
9111	Qualifications

9113	Filling Vacancies
9114	Resignation/Removal from Office
9121	Election and Duties of President
9122	Election and Duties of Vice President
9124	Appointment of Business Administrator/Board Secretary
9125	Appointment of Treasurer of School Moneys
9126	Appointment of Attorney
9127	Appointment of Auditor
9130	Committees
9200	Orientation and Training of Board Members
9250	Expenses and Reimbursement
9270	Conflict of Interest
9271	Code of Ethics
9272	Pay to Play
9311	Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies
9312	Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Bylaws
9313	Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations
9314	Suspension of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations
9321	Time, Place, Notification of Meetings
9322	Public and Executive Sessions
9322.1	Organization Meeting
9323/9324	Agenda Preparation/Advance Delivery of Meeting Material
9325.4	Voting Method
9326	Minutes
9340	Membership in Associations
9400	Board Self-evaluation
5113	Attendance, Absences, and Excuses
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Motion by Ms. Doyle
Secoded by Mrs. Myers

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst
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 February 2019 totaling \$1,500,014.50 including checks #41902 through #41997 claims dated February , 2019 totaling Payrolls dated January 15, 2019 and January 31, 2019 totaling \$1,181,076.48 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education establish April 24, 2019 as the date for the official Public Hearing of the 2019-2020 School Year Budget.
3. That the Board of Education approve the 2017-2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Corrective Action Plan.

Motion by Mrs. Myers
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Stacy Socha to commence on or about June 10, 2019 through June 30, 2019, followed by a Federal/State Family leave of absence to commence on or about September 1, 2019 through November 22, 2019 and to continue with a Child Care leave of absence through May 15, 2020.
2. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Alexandra Gleason, ABA Aide, effective March 11, 2019.
3. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following for student Field Experience to consist of 20 hours of literacy exposure to commence on or about February 28, 2019 through May 3, 2019.

Victoria Creagh
Danielle Ross

4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as a Substitute Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Victoria Creagh
Danielle Ross

5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Chelsea Wallschleger, Full-Time ABA Aide, Step A, starting, February 28, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Maritza Vega Part-time Health Aide, for the 2018-2019 pending final paperwork.

7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Gyuchang Sim as the NJSBA Delegate for the Delegate Assembly and Caleb Herbst as the alternate.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Gina Duprey to commence on or about May 29, 2019 through June 30, 2019, followed by a Federal/State Family leave of absence to commence on or about September 27, 2019 through December 22, 2019.
9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Patricia Higgins Part-time 504 Aide, for the 2018-2019 pending final paperwork.
10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Amanda Sanzari Part-time Aide, starting, February 28, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Patricia Higgins, Lunch Aide, for the 2018-2019 school year.
12. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of William Krautheim, Lunch Aide, effective March 8, 2019.
13. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Tracy Bommarito, Full-Time ABA Aide, Step D, starting on or about March 27, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Motion by Ms. Kang

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst

Nays: None

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated February 2019 totaling \$1,345,535.13 including checks #71472 through #71633.
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:

Glassman Psychological Services LLC Psychologist Evaluator

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Varies	Region I	Varies

4. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2653	Prime	\$172.00
2638	Jacoup's Transportation	\$ 84.00
2641	Rosa Transportation	\$218.00
2657	John Leckie Inc.	\$276.99
2658	John Leckie Inc.	\$174.99
2659	John Leckie Inc.	\$218.99
2636	8 Transportation	\$199.00

5. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2552	Prime	\$140.08
2217	We Care	\$205.82
2225	We Care	\$143.40
2226	We Care	\$258.69
2228	We Care	\$255.99
2235	We Care	\$267.26
2403	We Care	\$254.79
2554	We Care	\$130.95
2160	Pro Trans	\$269.66
2161	Pro Trans	\$229.09
2163	Pro Trans	\$290.02
2365	Pro Trans	\$203.63
2315	Pro Trans	\$198.54
2323	Pro Trans	\$188.36

2325	Pro Trans	\$188.36
2327	Pro Trans	\$178.18
2328	Pro Trans	\$178.21
2489	Pro Trans	\$319.76
1834	Morgan Ed Services	\$191.30
2410	Morgan Ed Services	\$222.31
2474	Morgan Ed Services	\$225.35
2162	Soliman Transportation	\$162.90
2665	Soliman Transportation	\$190.00
2567	Time-Line Transportation	\$294.38

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2675	Prime	\$202.00
2713	R & V	\$182.00
2707	Soliman	\$230.00
2706	Soliman	\$189.00
2665	Soliman	\$190.00
2721	Soliman	\$229.00
2710	Soliman	\$235.00
2666	We Care	\$250.00
2700	We Care	\$314.00
2693	We Care	\$72.00
2704	We Care	\$199.00
2681	We Care	\$238.00
2683	Time-Line Transportation	\$294.00
2663	Pro Trans	\$190.00
2673	Pro Trans	\$250.00
2695	Pro Trans	\$380.00
2664	Alpha Care	\$220.00
2678	Valley Transportation	\$300.00

7. That the Board of Education approve the following Contract Addendums for the 2018-2019 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2225	We Care	\$196.40
2638	Jacoup's Transportation	\$ 269.00
2695	Pro Trans	Cancelled

8. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2473	F & S	\$300.00
2481	F & S	\$168.00
2552	Prime	\$138.00
2479	Pro Trans	\$265.00
2489	Pro Trans	\$315.00
2496	R & V	\$172.00
2497	We Care	\$99.00
2403	We Care	\$251.00
2567	Time-line Transportation	\$290.00
2477	Sun Transport	\$194.00
2483	Sun Transport	\$134.00
2485	Sun Transport	\$134.00
2484	Rise To Shine	\$100.47

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2369	F & S	\$179.54
2315	Pro Trans	\$195.59
2323	Pro Trans	\$185.56
2325	Pro Trans	\$187.56
2327	Pro Trans	\$175.53

2328	Pro Trans	\$175.56
2160	Pro Trans	\$215.65
2161	Pro Trans	\$225.68
2163	Pro Trans	\$235.71
2365	Pro Trans	\$200.60
2214	We Care	\$190.65
2217	We Care	\$202.76
2225	We Care	\$141.22
2226	We Care	\$212.84
2228	We Care	\$252.18
2235	We Care	\$263.28

Motion by Ms. Dansky
 Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Doyle reported that Ms. Kang and she attended the new board member weekend orientation on February 22-February 23rd. She noted how wonderful it was and she received a lot of information.

Ms. Kang added she met so many new board members from other areas in the state. She found the weekend to be very informative and helpful.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Guiliano, River Edge Resident, spoke in regards about his daughter and her interest in doing a speech internship.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Myers to convene into closed session at 9:48 PM.
 All Ayes

RECONVENE

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Dansky to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:18 PM.
 All Ayes

Louise Napolitano
 Board Secretary/Business Administrator