

# **RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

*“Building Bright Futures Together”*

## **Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – February 6, 2019**

**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**

Mr. Herbst called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Kang read the Mission Statement.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Ms. Brown was absent

Ms. Doyle 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 we reached our mid-point of the school year. A lot of mid-year assessments are being implemented by our teachers to determine where students are in terms of reaching their learning goals. We are also planning our budget for 2019-2020. One big item that affects our planning and budget is enrollment. Dr. Ben-Dov shared her 2019-2020 projected enrollment for kindergarten based on enrollment history of the past five years with the board members. She also presented a document showing the enrollment increases from each year to the next from the time of registration and then to the actual enrollment. She mentioned that this didn't include the potential enrollment from the new development on Kinderkamack Road. She projected Roosevelt School to

have four Kindergarten classes of 19 students in each class and for Cherry Hill School to have five classes of 20 students. This means we will need two new positions that will affect the budget. One new teacher for each school.

- Dr. Ben-Dov discussed some of the options for Cherry Hill School in regard to the space issues. The options are: 1. the possibility of renting a trailer for the Board Offices. This will free up some rooms for several small group instruction spaces. 2. The Library has an area that is not serving much of a purpose. It's a dead area in the center of the room. If we reconstruct this area it can be used for instruction. 3. We can place a related arts program on a cart, which means it will not have its own space. Dr. Ben-Dov will meet with the architects to explore these and additional, potential solutions.
- Dr. Jessica Hammond, a Department of Education Coach, comes to our schools twice each month to work with our teachers and coaches in the context of our NJ Tiered System of Support Grant. They identified DIBLES as the universal screening instrument for reading for grades k-3. They are also looking to restructure the academic support model we currently use. There was a meeting today with Dr. Hammond and the academic support teachers. They are looking at different models for providing more personalized intervention for our students.
- Judy Albrizio is retiring on February 28th after 27 years of service to the District. We will honor her at the February 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting. We have been interviewing many candidates for the position of District Data Coordinator. This position has grown in importance for the District. We are hoping to have a finalist for this position on the February 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Heitman, Mr. Henzel, Mrs. Cardia, and Ms. Moran attended the TECHSPO Conference in Atlantic City on January 31st and February 1st. She stated they looked at many vendors and attended many workshops.
- The Thirteenth Annual Young Artists Exhibition opened on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the River Edge Cultural Center. The show will be open until February 16th. It is a wonderful event that is worth seeing.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Roosevelt School had their volunteer training on safety and HIB. It was well attended with 53 parents attending.
- In Ms. Proda's sixth grade class, we played the role of sharks as the sixth grade students tried to get us to invest in their product. The students did a great job preparing and presenting their ideas.
- The fourth grade had their Lenape expert visit. The students got an up close view of Native American artifacts along with a presentation. It was very well received.

## **BOARD SECRETARY**

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- Mrs. Napolitano reminded the board members to complete the Ethics and Financial Disclosure forms if they have not already done so. They are due to the county before April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The bid for the HVAC Upgrade at the Roosevelt School Gymnasium has been posted in The Bergen Record
- There are resolutions on tonight's agenda to approve Region V contracts and bids
- Mrs. Napolitano reviewed items and dates for the budget with the Board Members

## **PRESIDENT**

- Mr. Herbst stated River Edge emails for the board members are almost complete

## **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Dansky stated the Policy Committee met on February 6th. They reviewed policies that will be board approved on the next agenda along with some By-laws.
- Ms. Dansky stated the Finance and Facilities Committee met on February 4th. They spoke about the procedures of Finance and Facilities.
- Ms. Dansky attended the Bergen County School Boards Meeting on Wednesday, January 30th. They had many breakout sessions, such as: new board members, team building, and social and emotional learning.
- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a joint meeting with Passaic County and Bergen County School Boards in March.

## **MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of January 23, 2019.

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

Nays: None

2. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	January 2, 2019 Fire Drill January 30, 2019 Shelter in Place
Roosevelt School	January 9, 2019 Fire Drill January 29, 2019 Active Shooter

3. **WHEREAS**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2019-2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the River Edge Board Of Education hereby authorized the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2019-2020 school year.

4. **WHEREAS**, a number of Boards of Education in Bergen County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Group as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

**WHEREAS**, said Group was approved effective July 1, 1985 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws and regulations governing the creation and operation of this Insurance Group contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Group, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of River Edge has determined that membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group is in the best interest of the District;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Education of River Edge does hereby agree to renew membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Group as are required by the Group's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

Motion by Ms. Kang  
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

**B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve the revised Nonpublic Security Aid per the supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019

Saint Peter Academy	\$20,850
Sinai School at RYNJ	\$600
Stepping Stone Learning Center	\$1,200
Yeshiva of North Jersey	\$151,500

Motion by Ms. Dansky  
Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

**C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None**

**D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

1. That the Board of Education establish the tuition rates per pupil for the 2019-2020 school year:

Integrated Pre-School Program 3 half days per week	\$2,715
Integrated Pre-School Program 4 half days per week	\$3,340

2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2018-2019 as of December 31, 2018. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending December 31, 2018.

Further, we certify that as of December 31, 2018 after review of the secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended 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 approve a donation from Impulse Productions for twenty-eight (28) student desks and chairs.

Motion by Mr. Sim  
Seconded by Mrs. Myers

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

**E. PERSONNEL**

1. That the Board of Education approve Collen Poole for the Cycle III of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Motion by Mrs. Myers  
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

**F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve Westwood Ophthalmology for evaluation purposes for the 2019-2020 school year, not to exceed \$600.00.

Motion by Ms. Kang  
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

**G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2644	Sun Transport	\$134.00
2651	Sun Transport	\$179.00
2633	R & V Transportation	\$182.00
2645	R & V Transportation	\$197.00
2551	Alpha Care	\$170.00
2563	Alpha Care	\$225.00
2547	Hernandez Medical	\$195.00
2562	Hernandez Medical	\$155.00
2637	Hernandez Medical	\$125.00
2648	Madison Coach	\$374.00
2640	Morgan Educational	\$217.00
2643	Morgan Educational	\$218.00
2655	Morgan Educational	\$325.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2031	Radiant	\$205.06
2477	Sun Transport	\$196.93
2483	Sun Transport	\$110.65
2319	R & V Transportation	\$200.57
2496	R & V Transportation	\$133.99
2232	Alpha Care	\$199.66

2080	Galaxia Express LLC	\$172.55
0771	John Leckie, Inc.	\$240.29
2048	John Leckie, Inc.	\$90.28
2317	John Leckie, Inc.	\$252.48
2416	John Leckie, Inc.	\$149.21
2419	John Leckie, Inc.	\$251.73
2420	John Leckie, Inc.	\$280.15
2427	John Leckie, Inc.	\$200.99
2428	John Leckie, Inc.	\$249.31
2429	John Leckie, Inc.	\$481.14
2430	John Leckie, Inc.	\$361.33
2431	John Leckie, Inc.	\$237.82
2432	John Leckie, Inc.	\$232.72
2433	John Leckie, Inc.	\$155.61
2434	John Leckie, Inc.	\$242.61
2436	John Leckie, Inc.	\$715.28
2437	John Leckie, Inc.	\$233.46
2438	John Leckie, Inc.	\$282.42
2564	John Leckie, Inc.	\$246.63
2204	Swift Medical Services	\$193.53
2370	Swift Medical Services	\$81.53
2371	Swift Medical Services	\$110.98
2372	Swift Medical Services	\$181.24
2404	Swift Medical Services	\$120.14
2405	Swift Medical Services	\$197.53
2480	Swift Medical Services	\$212.16
1594	First Student 1309	\$160.13
0796	First Student 1310	\$217.16
1598	First Student 1310	\$169.72

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2689	Radiant	\$215.00
2652	Ombali LLC	\$202.00
2670	Sun Transport	\$249.00
2708	Sun Transport	\$249.00
2709	Sun Transport	\$244.00
2685	RC Prime	\$290.00
2711	RC Prime	\$200.00
2671	Hernandez Medical	\$200.00
2672	Hernandez Medical	\$239.00
2674	Hernandez Medical	\$55.00
2691	Hernandez Medical	\$190.00
2698	Morgan Educational	\$200.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2651	Sun Transport	Cancelled 12/1/18
2637	Hernandez Medical	Cancelled 10/4/18
2648	Madison Coach	\$374.00
2317	John Leckie, Inc.	\$119.49
2429	John Leckie, Inc.	\$236.99
2431	John Leckie, Inc.	\$234.28
2434	John Leckie, Inc.	\$239.00
2436	John Leckie, Inc.	\$234.88

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2415	Ombali LLC	\$120.00
2480	Swift Medical Services	\$209.00
2487	Swift Medical Services	\$189.00
2472	Valley Transportation	\$680.00
2475	Valley Transportation	\$47.50
2493	Valley Transportation	\$100.00
2482	Destiny 23	\$202.00
2486	Destiny 23	\$152.00
2488	Destiny 23	\$208.00
2495	Destiny 23	\$182.00
2551	Alpha Care	\$170.00
2563	Alpha Care	\$225.00
2564	John Leckie, Inc	\$242.96
2416	John Leckie, Inc	\$146.99
2419	John Leckie, Inc	\$247.98
2420	John Leckie, Inc	\$275.98
2427	John Leckie, Inc	\$198.00
2428	John Leckie, Inc	\$245.60
2429	John Leckie, Inc	\$473.98
2430	John Leckie, Inc	\$533.94
2431	John Leckie, Inc	\$234.28
2432	John Leckie, Inc	\$475.63
2433	John Leckie, Inc	\$153.30
2434	John Leckie, Inc	\$239.00
2435	John Leckie, Inc	\$236.99
2436	John Leckie, Inc	\$704.64
2437	John Leckie, Inc	\$229.26
2438	John Leckie, Inc	\$278.22



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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2204	Swift Medical Services	\$190.65
2370	Swift Medical Services	\$105.32
2371	Swift Medical Services	\$109.33
2372	Swift Medical Services	\$178.54
2404	Swift Medical Services	\$118.35
2405	Swift Medical Services	\$194.59
1120	Valley Transportation	\$177.02
1277	Valley Transportation	\$191.12
1303	Valley Transportation	\$202.09
1304	Valley Transportation	\$192.21
1524	Valley Transportation	\$262.81
1541	Valley Transportation	\$236.05
1544	Valley Transportation	\$216.03
1616	Valley Transportation	\$162.62
1742	Valley Transportation	\$143.87
1814	Valley Transportation	\$117.47
1819	Valley Transportation	\$147.20
1857	Valley Transportation	\$174.60
1858	Valley Transportation	\$192.14
1899	Valley Transportation	\$181.92
1900	Valley Transportation	\$162.71
1964	Valley Transportation	\$201.38
1968	Valley Transportation	\$171.68
1989	Valley Transportation	\$190.38
1963	Valley Transportation	\$179.45
2219	Valley Transportation	\$166.94
2221	Valley Transportation	\$95.58
2028	Valley Transportation	\$108.53
2035	Valley Transportation	\$250.00
2310	Valley Transportation	\$170.51
2311	Valley Transportation	\$117.10
2331	Valley Transportation	\$112.34
2332	Valley Transportation	\$236.71
0771	John Leckie, Inc.	\$236.72
2048	John Leckie, Inc.	\$88.94
2317	John Leckie, Inc.	\$248.72
2333	John Leckie, Inc.	\$189.57

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

Nays: None

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS** - None

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Dansky to adjourn the regular public meeting at 8:37 PM.

Voice vote all Ayes

Louise Napolitano  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator