

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA
July 29, 2020
6:00 PM PUBLIC MEETING

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the emergency orders and directives at the federal, State and local levels, the meeting of the River Edge Board of Education scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2020 will now be held by remote means. Details for how to access and participate through remote means are listed herein and will be posted on the District website at www.riveredgeschools.org. You will be able to fully participate in this meeting including, providing public comment.

The Public may observe and participate in the meeting only via the methods listed below.

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Meeting Access URL <https://na-oneschoolglobal.zoom.us/j/91202647179>

The Meeting Agenda will be available on the District Website at www.riveredgeschools.org

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 Needed)

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- B. Superintendent Report Draft Overview of Reopening Plan

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 June 29, 2020.
- 2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 15, 2020.
- 3. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Student Accident Insurance Policy through Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, underwritten by Axis Insurance Company, for the period commencing August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 at a cost of \$3,594.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED that N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.5 requires school districts to evaluate business processes annually to ensure that a strong control environment exists in which sound segregation of duties are in place and allocated amongst available resources appropriately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.6 requires school districts to establish standard operating procedures for each task or function of the business operations of the district and that district employees are aware of such procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a standard operating procedures and internal controls manual for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- 5. That the Board of Education approve the following to attend virtually the NJSBA Fall Conference on October 20 -22, 2020.

River Edge Board Members
Dr. Tova Ben-Dov
Louise Napolitano

6. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is meeting in public session on July 29, 2020.

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 July 29, 2020 and September 9, 2020 subject to final approval of the Board at the next Regular Public Meeting.

7. That the Board of Education approve the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills, as necessary, during the month of August which will be ratified at the next Regular Public Meeting.

8. That the Board of Education approve the authorization of the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2021, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon the subsequent approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 ESEA Application.

Grants
Title 1 \$70,029
Title II River Edge-\$8,869 Non-Public-\$9,142 Total-\$18,011
Title III River Edge-\$19,245 Non-Public-\$3,206 Total-\$22,451
Title IV River Edge-\$4,924 Non-Public-\$5,076 Total-\$10,000

9. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
1250	Visitors
3541.33	Transportation Safety

*10. That the Board of Education approve the Revised River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. (Addendum)

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

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

C. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June 2020 totaling \$518,950.40 including checks #43499 through #43586. Payrolls date June 15, 2020, June 18, 2020 and June 30, 2020 totaling \$1,321,006.08 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list to be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated July 2020 totaling \$401,549.58 including checks #43587 through #43609. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2019-2020 as of June 30, 2020. (Addendum)
4. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending June 30, 2020.

Further, we certify that as of June 30, 2020 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)

5. That the Board of Education approve the results of the bids for instructional Supplies from Educational Data Service for the 2020-2021 school year. (Addendum)
6. That the Board of Education approve a petty cash fund for the 2020–2021 school year as per the Standard Operating Procedures Manual with cash on hand not to exceed \$300.00 with no single reimbursement over \$125.00.
7. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC to conduct the Continuing Disclosure Survey and to provide disseminating services for the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$1,000.
8. That the Board of Education approve the submission of grant for Alyssa's Law Compliance and School Security Grants in the amount of \$64,113.

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Linda Distler, Coordinator of Programs and Services, effective on or about September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an additional 10 hours of employment for Laura Yphantides for IEP Extended School Year Home Instruction, \$35.00 per hour from August 3, 2020 to August 31, 2020.

3. That the Board of Education approve the following SCIP Committee Members for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Roosevelt

Michael Henzel
Kelly McCabe
Christine Moran
Danielle Rigg
Heather Rothschild
Nevin Werner
Rosemary Kuruc

Cherry Hill

Denise Heitman
Eric James
Christine Moran
Susan Miele
AnneMarie Spiegel/Beth Rosen
Cassandra McGovern
Jessica Barbo
Andrea Siclari

4. That the Board of Education approve the following Grade Level Chairs for the 2020-2021 School Year, as per contract:

Roosevelt

Nicole Colon
Danielle Rigg
Leah Gallo
Ashley Adimando
Christine O'Keefe
Diana Richards
Heather Rothschild

Cherry Hill

Deborah Auriemma
Alice Buttery
Kelly Wendrychowicz
Kristen Apreda
Gianna Hrnciar
Joanne Haggerty
Lisa Patrocinio

5. That the Board of Education approve the following teachers for Cycle I of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2020-2021 School Year, as per contract:

Roosevelt

Abby Burns-Paterson
Sandy Gerbino
Alexandra McNeil
Katelyn Mills
Lauren Proda

Cherry Hill

Caitlin Callahan
Rebecca DelPriore
Gabrielle Sagala
Noy Sapir
Andrea Siclari

6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as Full Time ABA Aides for the 2020-2021 school year.

Akdemir, Ozen
Bastable, Mary
Belits, Helen
Benitez, Francisco
Blackwell, Alexandria
Bommarito, Tracy
Campos, Michele
Capozzi, Rhonda
Cetro, Justin
Connors, Deborah
Delucia, Amanda
Drill, Aleida
Falla, Deborah
Ferrigno, Nicolette
Fitzpatrick, Julie
Gonzalez, Jane
Grosso, Adam

Lawler, Kathleen
Lekkas, Thelexiopi
Lloyd, Sheryl
Luca, Steven
Manning, Wendy
Mescall, Keri
Nyhan, Catherine
Ofshinsky, Sandra
Rivera, Joanne
Satterfield, Jarae
Seifert, Paige
Spinetti, Lisa
Valentine, Tammy
Wallace, Deanna
Wallschleger, Chelsea
Watson, Christine
Yphantides, Laura

7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute employees for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Substitute Teachers

Morgan Aranoff	Ellen Grayson	Jacqueline Reuveni
Annette Brodka	Lisa Guinta	Kathleen Salvatore
Maryann Cutrupi	Holly Jester	Sharon Sulner
Ann Drossman	Maxine Martin-Rumsby	Mary Weixel-Martin
Matthew Fairchild	Kim Polemeni	

Substitute Clerical Aides

Donna Allingham Joann Baxter Lynn Weimer

Substitute Nurses

Kristin Joyce Pamela McConville Krista VanWettering Jenene Ziegler

8. That the Board of Education approve Nichol Del Rosso for Roosevelt Student Council Advisor for the 2020-2021 School Year.
9. That the Board of Education approve Katherine O'Reilly for Cherry Hill School Student Council Advisor for the 2020-2021 School Year.
10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve all salaries for Post Dismissal Instructional Academy at Cherry Hill School to be funded by the Title I Grant for the 2020-2021 school year pending final award of Title I funds.
11. 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 2020-2021 school year as per the signed service agreement.

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the following out of district tuition students into the Building Bridges/Building Connections Program for the 2020-2021 school year.

<u>School District</u>	<u>No. of Classified Students</u>
Rochelle Park	2
Hackensack	1
Emerson	1
Ho-Ho-Kus	1
Oradell	1
New Milford	2

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

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated July 2020 totaling \$1,078,218.33 including checks #73775 through #73898.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** That the River Edge Board of Education desires to enter into Joint Purchasing Agreement and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2020 - 2021 school year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Dr. Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers her to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V.

The Board further approves the joint bidding and transportation agreements for all River Edge students who are transported through Region V; The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services agreement; including but not limited to student evaluations, student therapies and other student support services; The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for non-public school services; and The Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for other services as requested to be provided by Region V component districts on as needed basis.

3. 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 2020-2021 school year:

A Lovallo Educational Consultant LLC (Anita Lavallo)	Teacher	Nonpublic
Angela Gussoni	Teacher	Direct Services & Nonpublic
Ask G Therapy (Alyssa Forman)	Speech and Language Specialist	Direct Services
Blue Ribbon Assessment LLC (Sara Bliner)	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Evaluator
Cathy Cleenput	Teacher	Nonpublic
Claire Tunick	Teacher	Consultant
Connie Pochter	Teacher	Consultant

Custom Concepts in Educationa LLC (Barbara Costagliola)	Teacher	Consultant
Deena R. Morris	Occupational Therapy	Evaluator
DM Speech Inc (Darcy Matthys)	Speech and Language Specialist	Direct Services
DWR OT Services, LLC (Dena Rosenberg)	Occupational Therapy	Direct Services
EDL Consultant (Maylin Rodriguez)	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluator
Fit & Well Physical Therapy (Amy Solano)	Physical Therapy Assistant	Direct Services
H & L Consulting (Luis Penalillo)	Behaviorist & Home Instructor	Direct Services
Haber Associates Inc (Barbara Haber)	Speech and Language Specialist	Nonpublic
Hand in Hand Pediatric OT (Elissa Siev)	Occupational Therapy	Direct Services & Evaluator
Heather Gillgallon	SW	Evaluator
Helene Saffern	Teacher	Nonpublic
J & J Therapy LLC (Nicole Hill)	Physical Therapy	Direct Services
Jessica Lazarus Inc.	Occupational Therapy	Direct Services & Evaluator
Judith Johnston LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Evaluator
Leslie Harmony	Speech and Language Specialist	Evaluator
Madeline Koransky	Teacher	Consultant
Manny Diaz	Behaviorist & Home Instructor	Direct Services
Mary E. Menditto	Social Worker	Evaluator
Melissa Murphy LLC	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	Direct Services
Michele McMahon Educational Consultant, LLC (Michele McMahon)	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Evaluator
Norma Reyes	Psychologist	Direct Services & Evaluator
Pnina Fessel SLP LLC	Speech and Language Specialist	Direct Services
Roberta Cozic	Speech and Language Specialist	Consultant
Robin Oliff	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Evaluator
Sara Engel SLP PC (Sara Engel)	Speech and Language Specialist	Direct Services
SRP Optimal Learning LLC (Sharyn Pasterneck)	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Consultant

Stephanie Javier	Behaviorist	Consultant
Superior Testing & Educational Planning (Veronica Lewis)	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluator
Sylvia Cosentino	Consultant	Nonpublic Consultant
Theresa Alston	Psychologist	Direct Services & Evaluator
Theresa Regan-Geraci	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Evaluator
Victoria Wozniak	Social Worker	Evaluator
Woodland Speech Therapy LLC (Theresa Spinello)	Speech and Language Specialist	Direct Services

4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, award the following contracts to provide Nursing services to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2020-2021 school year:

Eastern Nursing Services I, Inc. t/a Priority Nursing Services	Nursing Services
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5. That the Board of Education post approve the following Quote Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem Total
2372	El Shaddai	\$240.00
2810	Triumph Invalid Coach	\$162.00
Q213	Morgan Educational Services	\$225.00
Q216	NJ Transportation	\$234.00
Q217	Valley Transportation	\$148.25
Q219	Soliman Transportation	\$244.00
Q220	Sun Transportation	\$164.00
QS34	Destiny 23	\$232.00
QS56	Destiny 23	\$236.00

6. That the Board of Education post approve the following Renewal Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem Total
2739	Triumph Invalid Coach	\$192.76

7. That the Board of Education post approve the following Addendum Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem Total
2232	Alpha Care	\$352.69
2035	Valley Transportation	\$300.00
2035	Valley Transportation	\$250.00
2310	Valley Transportation	\$200.58
Q194	Radiant Transportation	\$189.00
Q226	Cassidy Transportation	\$138.76

8. That the Board of Education post approve the following Quote Contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem Total
QS01	Valley Transportation	\$400.00
QS02	Valley Transportation	\$300.00
QS03	Valley Transportation	\$516.25
QS04	Valley Transportation	\$450.00

9. That the Board of Education post approve the 2020-2021 school Jointure Transportation Agreement between Norwood (Joiner) and River Edge Board of Education / Region V (Host).

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

August 12, 2020 Virtual

September 9, 2020 Virtual

September 23, 2020 Virtual