

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

***"Building Bright Futures Together"*
Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 2, 2019**

7:30 PM Public Meeting

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

Mr. Herbst called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Doyle read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Henzel and approximately 40 members of the public.

Ms. Brown was absent
Mrs. Myers was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Honor Retiree:

Andrea Friedlander

Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Heitman, and Mrs. Kuruc all commented on Mrs. Friedlander's hard work, loyal service and dedication to the students and families of River Edge. Dr. Ben-Dov presented flowers to Mrs. Friedlander and Mr. Herbst presented her with a framed resolution. Mrs. Friedlander thanked everyone for their kind words and appreciation and spoke about her 12 year experience as the New Bridge Center's School Nurse.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Andrea Friedlander

***WHEREAS**, Mrs. Andrea Friedlander has announced that she is retiring from New Bridge Center/Cherry Hill School after 12 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 nurses office by always making them feel comforted and loved; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Friedlander has worked with over hundreds of students, Board of Education staff, administrators, and families to make them feel healthy, welcomed, and well cared for in our school community; and

WHEREAS, she was the first school nurse at NBC, she has shared her passion for wellness practices such as Zippy Program, her love of all children especially those she cares for in the Building Bridges/Building Connections program and promotes healthy development of growing children; and

WHEREAS, her calmness serving as the nurse, her expertise with cuts, scrapes, bumps, her wisdom with medical emergencies, CPR, Diabetic Care, AED, and allergy awareness; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a member of the River Edge Education Association, Bergen County Nurses Association, participated in numerous workshops for professional development, and provided leadership within the district; and

WHEREAS, her professional efforts have always been focused on establishing a comfortable, pleasant environment for all and provided her colleagues, families and students the opportunity to grow, learn and feel safe; and

WHEREAS, after her years of dedicated service to the River Edge Schools, she wishes to pursue her retirement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this second day of October, 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. Andrea Friedlander for many happy, healthy and productive years ahead and its gratitude for her years of service to the school.

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

Accept PTO Gifts for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the wonderful items provided to the Cherry Hill School, Roosevelt School and New Bridge Center by the PTO. She is truly grateful for all that the PTO has done for the students and she said it benefits our entire school community. She can't thank the PTO enough for all of their hard work. She highlighted some of the gifts from the 2018-2019 school year.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

- Our New Family Outreach Evening was held on Thursday, September 26th. It was a very well attended event with board members, members of the council, Chief of Police, different town agencies, PTO's, Junior Women's League, Public Library Representatives, and the Recreation Department Representative in attendance. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked the PTO's for facilitating this event together for us.
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated we were just informed by the Department of Education that our district was randomly selected for an English Language Arts Field Test for grades 3-6 in both schools.

- Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Napolitano had a phone conference with DonorsChoose. They asked them what kind of presentations they offer, how do we make sure fire codes and safety concern are addressed on what was ordered when people ask for donations on their own, district maintenance, and who are the donors? The representative responded that when principals are signed up to receive a report if someone is trying to ask for donations they can cancel or modify it. They also learned that DonorsChoose funds some professional development and they do not take donations from political or religious groups. They asked what the next step was. They said to get in touch with them and they would take us through the district tools and we would have to decide how we would sign on for reports and how often we want to receive these reports. We will need to upload a list of principals with email addresses to review these reports. We need to decide if we want to do this and then we should also upload our technology criteria to the site.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Mr. Henzel thanked Dr. Ben-Dov, administrators, supervisors, teachers, and all staff that helped get the school year going while he was out recovering from his surgery.
- Picture day at Roosevelt School was on September 16th, Liberty Science has started, PTO lunches started today, and today was the first session of PDIA with a parent information session as well.
- The 100 Year Roosevelt School committee met last week. Tomorrow, Mr. Henzel will meet with Margaret Churley from the River Edge Public Library to look at photographs they have in their archives. The committee is scheduled to meet again next week.

BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- The New Bridge Center parking lot was striped and the Roosevelt School gym floors were refinished
- We will be presenting to all staff, in conjunction with State Health Benefits Open Enrollment, a health care presentation to better inform the staff of their health care options. This is very important this year with the dissolution of Aetna from their choices and with more information available on other options. There will be one presentation at each school on Monday, October 7th.

PRESIDENT

- Mr. Herbst reminded the board members that the New Jersey School Board Association Convention is from October 21st through October 24th. He asked the board members if/what days they will be attending.
- Mr. Herbst would like to compile a list of PTO meetings and Council meetings. He would like to put a calendar together for board members so they can volunteer to go to these meetings.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky stated the Ad Hoc Committee met on September 26th. She said the Ad Hoc Committee is dissolving so the policies that are related to each committee will now go to the specific committee it's covered under moving forward. She said this was great that we got to understand each policy as we went through each one carefully and really tried to make each policy very much what it should be in River Edge. The policies that are on tonight's agenda were the last ones the Ad Hoc Committee addressed.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 7 - October 11, 2019 as a "Week of Respect."
2. That the Board of Education establish the week of October 14 - October 18, 2019 as a "School Violence Awareness Week."
3. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	September 9, 2019 Fire Drill September 26, 2019 Lock down
Roosevelt School	September 6, 2019 Fire Drill September 25, 2019 Evacuation

4. That the Board of Education approve the annual subscription renewal with the Schoolboardnet service for the 2019-2020 School Year in the amount of \$1,888.00.
5. That the Board of Education approve the following class trips:

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Cherry Hill	1	Public Library River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	1	Public Library River Edge, NJ	\$0
Cherry Hill	5/6 Chorus	Temple Avodat Shalom River Edge, NJ	\$0

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

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

Policy #	Title
1200	Participation By the Public
5145.7	Gender Identity and Expression
5200	Nonpublic School Students
6161.1	Guidelines For Evaluation and Selection of Instructional Materials
6171.5	Independent Educational Evaluation
6172	Alternative Education Programs
6178	Early Childhood Education/Preschool
9121	Election and Duties of President
9122	Election and Duties of the Vice President
9322.1	Organization Meeting

Motion by Ms. Kang
 Seconded by Ms. Doyle

6. That the Board of Education approve to amend A6 to vote each policy separately

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Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

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1200	Participation By the Public

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
5145.7	Gender Identity and Expression

Motion by Ms. Kang
Seconded by Ms. Doyle

6. That the Board of Education approve to postpone the first reading of the following policy until
October 16, 2019:

Policy #	Title
5145.7	Gender Identity and Expression

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
5200	Nonpublic School Students

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Doyle

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
6161.1	Guidelines For Evaluation and Selection of Instructional Materials

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
6171.5	Independent Educational Evaluation

Motion by Ms. Kang
Seconded by Ms. Doyle

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
6172	Alternative Education Programs

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
6178	Early Childhood Education/Preschool

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Doyle

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
9121	Election and Duties of President

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
9122	Election and Duties of the Vice President

Motion by Ms. Kang
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

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9322.1	Organization Meeting

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

7. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for September 2019 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Doyle

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education accept the Roosevelt, New Bridge Center, and Cherry Hill Schools PTO Gifts for the school year 2018-2019. (Addendum)

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Ms. Kang

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Helen Popo, Region V Secretary, effective December 6, 2019.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Kerri Bartnicki, student for Resource Center Fieldwork Observation for a total of 35 hours to commence on or about October 7, 2019 through December 11, 2019, pending Criminal History Review.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sandra Gotiangco Part-time Health Aide, starting on or about October 7, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Kara Fenarjian to commence on or about December 6, 2019 through January 31, 2020, followed by a Federal/State Family leave of absence to commence on or about February 3, 2020, through May 4, 2020 and to continue with a Child Care leave of absence through June 30, 2020.
5. That the Board of Education approve Tara Vernieri for Cycle I of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2019-2020 School Year.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following River Dell High School students for a senior internship one day per week as part of a School Sponsored Structured Learning Experience to commence on October 8, 2019 through January 21, 2020

Jillian Demitriou
Anya Halecky
Andrew Kim
Carter Silane

Motion by Ms. Kang
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION – None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dansky reported there is a Bergen County Meeting on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM at The Clinton Inn in Tenafly.

Ms. Dansky stated there is a Delegate Assembly on November 23rd in West Windsor, New Jersey

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Doyle to adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:35 PM.

Voice vote all Ayes

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator