

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA
December 2, 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, December 2, 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.

Please click the link below to join the Zoom Meeting:

Meeting Access URL

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84106308247?pwd=dmdiWG1xcUJiWHVuelIvS0xJTldGQT09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 841 0630 8247

Password: 410711

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 Necessary)

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

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 and Confidential Minutes of November 11, 2020.
2. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	November 2, 2020 Notification Drill November 10, 2020 Fire Drill November 17, 2020 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	November 2, 2020 Notification Drill November 16, 2020 Fire Drill November 19, 2020 Fire Drill

3. That the Board of Education approve the following District Goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

Goal # 1: By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate growth in targeted areas of English Language Arts, as per baseline data. River Edge students will demonstrate a positive percentage point increase from Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for River Edge will be $\geq +14.5$ points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Literary Text
- Grade 4 - Literary Text
- Grade 5 - Informational Text
- Grade 6 - Informational Text

Goal # 2: By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate an average growth in targeted areas of Mathematics, as per baseline data. River Edge students will demonstrate a positive percentage point increase from Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for River Edge will be $\geq +24.4$ points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Operations & Algebraic Thinking
- Grade 4 - Fractions
- Grade 5 - Fractions
- Grade 6 - Expressions & Equations

4. That the Board of Education approve the following School Goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

Cherry Hill School

Goal # 1: By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate growth in targeted areas of English Language Arts, as per baseline data. Cherry Hill students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. Historical Data for growth reflects a range for baseline score of 42-58 and an average point increase of 13 on Form C. This year the baseline range is 42-62 reflecting similar needs in a more challenging instructional environment. The overall average point increase for Cherry Hill School will be $\geq +15.25$ points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Literary Text
- Grade 4 - Literary Text
- Grade 5 - Informational Text
- Grade 6 - Informational Text

Goal # 2: By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate an average growth in targeted areas of Mathematics, as per baseline data. Cherry Hill students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for Cherry Hill School will be $\geq +23$ points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Operations & Algebraic Thinking
- Grade 4 - Fractions
- Grade 5 - Fractions
- Grade 6 - Expressions & Equations

Roosevelt School

Goal # 1: By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate growth in targeted areas of English Language Arts, as per baseline data. Roosevelt students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. Historical Data for growth reflects a range for baseline score of 45-68 and an average point increase of 8 on Form C. This year the range is 47-59 reflecting the need to review skills that were not mastered in 2019-2020. With this challenge in mind, the overall average point increase for Roosevelt School will be $\geq +13.75$ points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Literary Text
- Grade 4 - Literary Text
- Grade 5 - Informational Text
- Grade 6 - Informational Text

Goal # 2: By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate an average growth in targeted areas of Mathematics, as per baseline data. Roosevelt students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for Roosevelt School will be $\geq +25.8$ points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Operations & Algebraic Thinking
- Grade 4 - Fractions
- Grade 5 - Fractions
- Grade 6 - Expressions & Equations

5. That the Board of Education approve the following Board Goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

Goal # 1: The Board of Education will continue to assess and evaluate options to address increasing District enrollment.

Goal # 2: The Board of Education will explore its partnership with stakeholder groups to broaden its engagement with the community.

Goal # 3: The Board of Education will continue to enhance its understanding of the District's financial reports through professional development provided by the Business Administrator, Treasurer of School Monies, and NJSBA resources.

Goal # 4: The Board of Education will continue to enhance its understanding of the District's operational areas through professional development.

- *6. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is meeting in public session on December 2, 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 December 2, 2020 and January 6, 2021 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 December which will be ratified at the next Regular Public Meeting.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS - None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Dr. Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent, effective March 1, 2021. The Board extends warm wishes for a happy, healthy, and relaxing retirement and will forever be grateful for her leadership, work ethic, and legacy of excellence.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Julie Rabinowitz, as the District Liaison to the Board of the River Edge Public Library for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent rescind the approval of Diana Maurice BA+15, Step 3 to continue as Leave Replacement Teacher on January 11, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and for the Building Bridges Extended School Year Program from July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2021, BA+15, Step 4.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Diana Maurice BA+15, Step 2 to continue as Leave Replacement Teacher on January 11, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and for the Building Bridges Extended School Year Program from July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2021, BA+15, Step 3.
- *5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Elizabeth Bovino-Jackson, ESL Teacher, effective on or about January 6, 2021 through June 30, 2021, MA, Step 7.
- *6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve an extended child care leave of absence for Caitlin Montuori to continue from January 4, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- *7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Kelsey Lapp, BA, Step 1 to continue as a Leave Replacement Teacher through June 30, 2021.

- *8. That the Board of Education approve Abby Burns-Paterson and Alexandra McNeil for Cycle II of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2020-2021 School Year, as per contract.
- *9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Laurie Moffitt, Region V Clerical Assistant, starting on or about December 7, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION - None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

January 6, 2021 Re-Organization Meeting

January 20, 2021