

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

AGENDA
February 24, 2021
7:30 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, February 24, 2021 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/85731540537?pwd=amJncEhtRDZOZlQwd2tqUXI0RVBPdz09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 857 3154 0537

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
- B. Review 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP
- C. 2021-2022 Initial Budget Presentation – Dr. Tova Ben-Dov and Louise Napolitano

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 February 3, 2021.
- 2. **WHEREAS**, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the River Edge Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel.
- 3. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
6171.2	Gifted and Talented

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION – None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated February 2021 totaling \$1,012,535.68 including checks #44141 through #44218 (Addendum). Payrolls dated January 15, 2021 and January 29, 2021 totaling \$1,224,487.26 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2020-2021 as of January 31, 2021. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending January 31, 2021.

Further, we certify that as of January 31, 2021 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 the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
5. That the Board of Education establish May 5, 2021 as the date for the official Public Hearing of the 2021-2022 School Year Budget.

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Denise Beck, Teacher, effective on or about April 21, 2021 through June 30, 2021, MA, Step 12.

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated February 2021 totaling \$733,302.22 including checks #74328 through #74423.

2. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Results from the February 11, 2021 bid.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
2903	All Points Transportation	\$250.00	\$40.00
2932	John Leckie, Inc.	\$293.99	\$45.00
2939	All Points Transportation	\$210.00	\$40.00
2940	All Points Transportation	\$168.00	\$30.00
2943	Destiny 23	\$149.00	\$35.00
2944	All Points Transportation	\$250.00	\$40.00
2945	Pro Trans Transportation	\$165.00	\$50.00
2946	Destiny 23	\$162.00	\$35.00
2947	Prime Transportation	\$152.00	\$50.00
2948	Pro Trans Transportation	\$169.00	\$50.00
2950	Morgan Transportation	\$196.00	\$66.00
2951	Morgan Transportation	\$196.00	\$71.00
2952	Destiny 23	\$152.00	\$40.00
2953	John Leckie, Inc.	\$258.99	\$45.00
2954	John Leckie, Inc.	\$157.99	\$65.00
2955	Morgan Transportation	\$196.00	\$66.00
2957	Destiny 23	\$179.00	\$40.00
2958	John Leckie, Inc.	\$252.99	\$45.00
2961	John Leckie, Inc.	\$324.99	\$45.00
2962	John Leckie, Inc.	\$324.99	\$45.00
2963	All Points Transportation	\$150.00	\$25.00
2967	John Leckie, Inc.	\$231.99	\$45.00
2968	John Leckie, Inc.	\$536.96	\$45.00
2969	Destiny 23	\$146.00	\$35.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem Total
Q967	First Care Medical Transport	\$289.00

4. 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, approves the consultant agreement of the following Region V Shared Services Speech Language Specialist to provide evaluations, direct services, and consultation, to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2020-2021 school year:

BHaber Enterprises LLC (Barbara Haber)	Speech and Language Specialist	Nonpublic
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Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

March 3, 2021

March 24, 2021