

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA
March 3, 2021
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, March 3, 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/87888461266?pwd=S1k5eStOeXFQL1hvZEFxRWFvQlE5Zz09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 878 8846 1266

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. Honor Retiree Dr. Tova Ben-Dov

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Dr. Tova Ben-Dov

Motion by
Seconded by

Whereas, Dr. Tova Ben-Dov has served the River Edge School District for over Ten years, and

Whereas, during that time she served as Superintendent, and provided exceptional leadership, and worked tirelessly for the continued improvement for the River Edge School District, and

Whereas, during her tenure as Superintendent, more than 1,857 students have graduated under her leadership and guidance, and

Whereas, under Dr. Ben-Dov's guidance, the Special Education Program thrived - fostering engagement, real life opportunities, promoting all staff and student involvement in a welcoming environment, and

Whereas, Dr. Ben-Dov is known throughout the district for taking the time to visit and celebrate our students during Author Celebrations, Winter and Spring Concerts, Wax Museums, Plays, 100th Day Celebrations, and many other special events, establishing a rapport with the students, and

Whereas, Dr. Ben-Dov is responsible for bringing enhanced academic instructional programs and partnerships, such as Liberty Science Center, Author, Janet Wong, Mayo Performing Arts Theatre, and Dance Residencies to River Edge, engaging students and staff in hands-on, interactive, and entertaining activities, and

Whereas, Dr. Ben-Dov is a leader in Bergen County, Chair of the "Teacher of the Year" County Committee, a dedicated and knowledgeable Mentor to future administrators, sharing her expertise and passion for education with others, and

Whereas, her leadership has shaped and guided the River Edge District towards excellence in Social Emotional Learning for students and staff, participating in the AASA National Cohort for Social Emotional Learning, initiating innovative programs such as Wingman from Dylan's Wings of Change, Peer Mediation, Diversity Instruction, and

Whereas, Dr. Ben-Dov's outstanding stewardship during this Pandemic and navigating the district through uncharted waters included countless committees, Town Halls, and meetings with multiple groups of staff and parents to actively listen and collaboratively make difficult decisions to keep our community of learners safe, and

Whereas, Dr. Ben-Dov's commitment to Margaret Wheatly's quote, "Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take care of this Place" will forever be our guiding principle, and

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that the River Edge Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this third day of March Two Thousand Twenty-One spread upon its minutes this resolution of appreciation and offers its best wishes to Dr. Ben-Dov for a long, happy, healthy, and productive retirement.

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 completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	February 12, 2021 Evacuation Drill February 22, 2021 Evacuation Drill February 23, 2021 Fire Drill February 25, 2021 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	February 12, 2021 Evacuation Drill February 22, 2021 Evacuation Drill February 23, 2021 Fire Drill February 25, 2021 Fire Drill

2. That the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
6171.2	Gifted and Talented

- *3. That the Board of Education approve the request from River Edge Girls Athletic League to hang two banners as requested from April 1, 2021 through November 1, 2021 and May 1, 2021 to July 30, 2021 at a mutually agreed upon location.
- *4. That the Board of Education approve the request from River Edge Girls Athletic League to hang windscreens behind the backstops pending approval of the proof sheet to be provided by Regal at their earliest convenience.

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education tentatively adopt the 2021-2022 School Year Budget for submission to the Executive County Superintendent as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$20,828,143	\$16,352,019
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$1,208,873	N/A
Total Debt Service	\$1,416,100	\$1,194,506
Total	\$23,453,116	

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education requests the approval of a Capital Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$390,000. The District intends to utilize \$390,000 for an electrical upgrade at Cherry Hill School.

2. **WHEREAS**, River Edge School District Policy and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2021-2022 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the River Edge Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021-2022 school year at an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Michele Puentes, District Data Coordinator, effective March 26, 2021.
- *2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Kevin Ahearn, Interim Coordinator of Programs and Services, effective on or about March 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- *3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Lynn Bosch, Part-time Aide, effective March 8, 2021 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

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

March 24, 2021

April 14, 2021