

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA  
April 28, 2021

6:30 PM Confidential Session (Review of non-tenured personnel)  
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, April 28, 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](http://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://us02web.zoom.us/j/88277897086?pwd=MzFhR1E2R0ZBZVN4VTRmVG56SHpyUT09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 882 7789 7086

Password: 410711

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## 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 April 14, 2021.
2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedule for April 2021 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the revised River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. (Addendum)
4. **WHEREAS**, the River Edge board of Education is committed to ensuring an accessible, inclusive, diverse and equitable educational environment that respects and embraces students and staff from different social, economic, cultural, linguistic, intellectual, racial, educational, ideological and religious backgrounds , as well as family compositions, genders and sexual orientations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education stands in solidarity with oppressed peoples in the United States and all around the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, schools play an active role in shaping the values of future leaders and members of the citizenry and will carry on the torch of freedom and justice for all people; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rive Edge Board of Education recognizes that we have a particular obligation, to combat, racism, homophobia, antisemitism and other forms of bias and prejudice through our curricula and educational practices; and,

**WHEREAS**, although students, staff, and families, vary in countries of origin, citizenship status, political identity, languages, religions, nationalities, ethnicities, cultures, we are all Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of our American community are experiencing a surge of harassment, racial discrimination, and violent attacks, and,

**WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education seeks to emphasize equality and equity in the educational process; therefore, be it resolved that the River Edge Board of Education hereby take the following actions:

- Continue to promote and advocate for equality and equity through all approved policies
- Continue to advocate locally, countywide and statewide through the appropriate associations for relevant policies that improve health in communities of color.
- Support local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism.
- Further work to solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourage other local, state, regional and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis.
- Support efforts to be anti-racist and to combat discrimination and xenophobia while engaging actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live.
- Promote and support policies and resources that prioritize the health of all people, such as bystander intervention programs.
- Encourage racial equity training among all school district partners, vendors and contractors.
- Condemn and denounce racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all forms.

**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 April 2021 totaling \$555,981.38 including checks #44329 through #44380 (Addendum). Payrolls dated March 15, 2021 and March 31, 2021, totaling \$1,265,077.82, 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 March 31, 2021. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending March 31, 2021.

Further, we certify that as of March 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 2021 Summer W.I.N. Academy with a tuition rate of \$75.00 per Extracurricular course plus supplies.

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E. PERSONNEL**

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Stacy Socha, Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant, effective June 30, 2021.
2. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the extended Child Care leave of absence for Sara Caruolo for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Christine Morales, Leave Replacement Teacher, effective on or about June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, MA, Step 2.
4. That the Board of Education approve the following staff members for Curriculum work April 2021 through June 2021 at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.

<b>CURRICULUM</b>	<b>CONTENT AREA</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
Ashley Adimando	Science	6
Sandy Gerbino	Science	6
Bianca Kim	Science	6
Christine O'Keefe	Science	6
Heather Rothschild	Science	6
Gabrielle Sagala	Science	6
Kelly Wendrychowicz	Science	6
Ashley Adimando	Visual Performing Arts/Theatre	6
Reem Bowers	Visual Performing Arts/Theatre	6
Caroline Church	Visual Performing Arts/Theatre	6
Gianna Hrciar	Visual Performing Arts/Theatre	6
Bianca Kim	Visual Performing Arts/Theatre	6
Lauren Proda	Visual Performing Arts/Theatre	6
Kelly Wendrychowicz	Visual Performing Arts/Theatre	6

5. That the Board of Education post approve Courtney Sweet for Cycle III of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2020-2021 School Year, as per contract.
6. That the Board of Education post approve the following teachers for Cycle IV of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2020-2021 School Year, as per contract:

**Cherry Hill**

Reem Bowers  
Michelle Parisi  
Gabrielle Sagala

- \*7. That the Board of Education approve the following position and stipend for the 2021 Summer W.I.N. Academy:

\*Supervisor of the Summer Academic Programs - \$4,000.00

- \*8. That the Board of Education approve the following position and stipend for the 2021 Summer W.I.N. Academy:

\*Supervisor of the Summer Extracurricular Programs- \$3,500.00

- \*9. \*That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nevin Werner, Supervisor of the Summer Academic Programs for the 2021 Summer W.I.N. Academy.

- \*10. \*That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Chris Armen, Supervisor of the Summer Extracurricular Programs for the 2021 Summer W.I.N. Academy.

11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Teacher compensation for the 2021 Summer W.I.N. Academy as follows:

\$50 per Academic (Intervention or Enrichment for ELA or Math) course per day  
\$33 per Extracurricular course per day

12. That the Board of Education authorize the payment due to Dr. Tova Ben-Dov for unused sick days.

\*Fulfillment of positions based on enrollment in the program(s)

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

1. That the Board of Education post approve Daniel Adler, MD for Neurological Evaluations for the 2020-2021 school year, not to exceed \$800.00.

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated April 2021 totaling \$879,467.21 including checks #74519 through #74617.
2. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
2957	First Care Medical	\$249.00	\$40.00

3. That the Board of Education approve the cancel Bid Contracts for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
2957	Destiny 23	\$179.00	\$40.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
Q931	American Star Transportation	\$260.00	\$48.00
Q951	American Star Transportation	\$210.00	\$48.00
Q972	Sun Transportation	\$159.00	\$40.00
Q970	American Star Transportation	\$195.00	\$48.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1132	We Care Transportation	\$277.26
1133	We Care Transportation	\$307.77
1529	Rinaldi Transportation	\$429.74
2235	We Care Transportation	\$284.76
2480	Swift Transportation	\$427.89
2554	We Care Transportation	\$212.62
2723	We Care Transportation	\$446.78
2957	First Care Medical	\$578.00
Q939	All Points Transportation	\$296.50
Q946	All Points Transportation	\$213.50

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
1132	We Care Transportation	\$179.76	\$45.00
1133	We Care Transportation	\$210.27	\$45.00
1304	Valley Transportation	\$155.31	\$23.00
1541	Valley Transportation	\$217.21	\$30.00
1814	Valley Transportation	\$108.03	\$15.00
1834	Morgan Transportation	\$167.37	\$30.00
1857	Valley Transportation	\$161.87	\$21.00
1858	Valley Transportation	\$176.23	\$25.00
2163	Pro Trans Transportation	\$197.64	\$50.00
2221	Valley Transportation	\$101.54	\$19.75
2228	We Care Transportation	\$222.15	\$42.00
2235	We Care Transportation	\$235.76	\$49.00
2311	Valley Transportation	\$124.00	\$28.75
2318	We Care Transportation	\$268.97	\$55.00
2319	Swift Transportation	\$189.40	\$40.00
2327	Pro Trans Transportation	\$133.85	\$50.00
2332	Valley Transportation	\$173.91	\$37.00
2409	Valley Transportation	\$140.91	\$42.00
2472	Valley Transportation	\$627.18	\$85.00
2475	Valley Transportation	\$50.88	\$24.00
2480	Swift Transportation	\$168.89	\$50.00
2554	We Care Transportation	\$137.62	\$35.00
2640	Morgan Transportation	\$167.89	\$56.00
2643	Morgan Transportation	\$167.89	\$56.00
2655	Morgan Transportation	\$336.35	\$30.00
2739	Triumph Invalid Coach	\$228.58	\$30.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
Q973	American Star Transportation	\$190.00	N/A

8. That the Board of Education cancel the following Addendum Contract for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
2957	Destiny 23	\$179.00	\$40.00

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

May 5, 2021 – (Public Hearing)

May 19, 2021