

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA
May 19, 2021
7:30 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, May 19, 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/85983643378?pwd=dEJpcFpGcVF6ZjRBWStkNTRiTiNiQT09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 859 8364 3378

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 Teachers of the Year
- C. That the Board of Education authorize \$1,000.00 to Cherry Hill School, \$1,000.00 to Roosevelt School, and \$1,000.00 to New Bridge Center for the Teacher Recognition Award for the 2020-2021 school year to be spent at the discretion of the Teachers of the Year for the benefit of the schools.

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 28, 2021.
- 2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of May 5, 2021.
- 3. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of May 12, 2021.
- 4. That the Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills:

Class	Date	Time
IEP Students Receiving Transportation	April 28, 2021	8:30 AM
IEP Students Receiving Transportation	April 28, 2021	8:35 AM

5. That the Board of Education approve the following class trips:

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Cherry Hill	6	Swim Club River Edge, NJ	\$0
Roosevelt	6	Swim Club River Edge, NJ	\$0

6. That the Board of Education approve the revised River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. (Addendum)

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. That the Board of Education approve to amend the account number for repairs to the Cherry Hill School fire alarm system from Cherry Hill School construction services 1-12-000-400-450-20-00 to the Cherry Hill School Building Maintenance Account 1-11-000-261-420-10-96.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May 2021 totaling \$604,386.04 including checks #44381 through #44455. Payrolls dated April 15, 2021 and April 30, 2021, totaling \$1,210,959.10 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 April 30, 2021 (Addendum).
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending April 30, 2021 (Addendum).

Further, we certify that as of April 30, 2021, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended 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.

4. That the Board of Education approve to accept the CARES Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER-II) as follows:

ESSER II Allocation	\$229,546
Learning Acceleration	\$25,000
Mental Health Supports and Services	\$45,000

5. That the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,600.00 from an Anonymous Local Business for the Polkadot Cakes food truck for the District Teacher of the Year celebration.
6. That the Board of Education amend the submission of the grant for Alyssa's Law Compliance and School Security Grants in the amount of \$64,113.
7. RESOLVED the Board of Education of River Edge affirms the district's application of the "School Security Grant" to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Education of River Edge in the County of Bergen affirms local funds are available in the event the total estimated costs of the proposed work exceed River Edge in the County of Bergen's grant allocation of \$64,113.00.

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Leeann Cameron, Mental Health Clinician, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA, Step 6.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Carrie Bryer, Resource Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA+30, Step 8.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Alrick Douglas, Pupil Assistance Counselor, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA, Step 4.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Diana Maurice, Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, BA+15, Step 3.
5. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Maria Morales, Spanish Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.
6. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Tracy Bommarito, ABA Aide, effective June 30, 2021.
7. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Family Leave of absence for Mona Naik, followed by a Child Care Leave of Absence for the 2021-2022 School Year.

8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following teachers for the Summer Academic Programs, from June 28, 2021 to July 23, 2021.

Ashley Adimando
Kismet Bohajian
Nicole Colon
MaryAnn Crudello
Jason Funabashi
Melissa Gant
Gianna Hrnciar
Kelsey Lapp
Alex McNeil

Christine Morales
Shannon O'Brien
Christine O'Keefe
Colleen Poole
Lauren Proda
Heather Rothschild
Annice Ryu
Tara Vernieri

9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following teachers for the Summer Extracurricular Programs, from June 28, 2021 to July 23, 2021.

Michelle Attardi
Leah Del Guidice
Kelly Dent
Jason Funabashi
Maria Garcia
Megan Lai-Chan

Steven Luca
Harrison Mashig
Lauren Proda
Rozanna Schindelman
Tara Vernieri

10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following substitutes teachers for the Summer Academic Programs and the Summer Extracurricular Programs, from June 28, 2021 to July 23, 2021.

Caitlin Ryan
Gabrielle Sagala

11. That the Board of Education designate Michael Henzel, Affirmative Action Officer, for the River Edge School District for the 2021-2022 school year.
12. That the Board of Education approve the Affirmative Action Team, under the Affirmation Action Officer Michael Henzel, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Abby Burns-Paterson
Alrick Douglas
Janel Blake
Christine Moran

13. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Mayerling Martinez, as the District Liaison to the Board of the River Edge Public Library for the 2021-2022 school year.

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 May 2021 totaling \$815,949.32 including checks #74618 through #74712. (Addendum)
- *2. **WHEREAS**, Destiny 23 Transportation, LLC (“Destiny 23”) has a contract to provide transportation services for certain routes including Routes 2943, 2946, A946, 2952 and 2969 for the period from March 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, multiple complaints were received from families and receiving schools involving health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Destiny 23 was made aware of these complaints and failed to take corrective action; and

WHEREAS, the Board attorney served a formal notice on Destiny 23 that they were in breach of contract and that their contracts for Routes 2943, 2946, A946, 2952 and 2969 were being terminated in accordance with the termination provisions of the contracts issued for those routes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies and reaffirms the termination of Destiny 23’s contracts for Routes 2943, 2946, A946, 2952 and 2969 effective May 14, 2021.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

June 2, 2021 – Retiree Meeting