

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

AGENDA
June 2, 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, June 2, 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.

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Meeting Access URL

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84953202641?pwd=cmZTQXBkeUwxRkgzb2d0cWF2NmkyZz09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 849 5320 2641

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 Retirees:

Maryann Durante
Tara Deckler

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Maryann Durante

Motion by
Seconded by

***WHEREAS**, Maryann Durante has announced her retirement after seventeen years of dedicated service to the River Edge Public Schools; and*

***WHEREAS**, her years of experience and knowledge of childhood development have enabled the River Edge District to provide exceptional service to our students and valuable support to parents and teachers, and*

***WHEREAS**, she has been an essential part of the Special Services department and a valuable resource for the entire school community, and*

***WHEREAS**, her dedication, patience, wisdom, and compassionate manner will be remembered by those lives she has touched for years to come, and*

***WHEREAS**, after her many years of faithful service to education and the River Edge community, she wishes to retire;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this Second Day of June, 2021 spread upon its minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for her valued service, and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the River Edge community offers its best wishes to Maryann Durante for a long, happy, healthy and productive retirement and its gratitude for her years of service to the district.*

- C. Presentation of the 2019-2020 School Performance Reports – Ms. Christine Moran

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 May 19, 2021. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for June 2021 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	May 19, 2021 Shelter in Place May 27, 2021 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	May 7, 2021 Fire Drill May 19, 2021 Active Shooter

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the proposed school tax payment schedule for the 2021-2022 school year as per the attached. (Addendum)

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kelsey Lapp, Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, BA, Step 2.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the movement of Ashley Clark from a Full time Teacher to a (0.5) Part-time Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA, Step 6.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kristen Marco, Instructional Technology Coach, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA+30, Step 14.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Denise Beck, Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA, Step 12.
5. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Paige Seifert, ABA Aide, effective June 23, 2021.

6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Tenured Staff in the REEA for the 2021-2022 school year as per the list on file in the District Office.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Non-tenured Staff in the REEA for the 2021-2022 school year as per the list on file in the District Office.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Tenured Administrators and Supervisors for the 2021-2022 school year.

Denise Heitman
Michael Henzel
Rosemary Kuruc
Christine Moran
Nevin Werner

9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following Non-tenured Administrators and Supervisors for the 2021-2022 school year.

Eric James
Meagan Yorio

10. That the Board of Education approve the employment of Stan Stevens, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a salary on file in the District Office.
11. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 School Year salaries of the non-represented employees. (Addendum)
12. That the Board of Education approve the salary guide for part-time/hourly Employee Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. (Addendum)
13. That the Board of Education approve the salary guide for ABA Aides 2021-2022 school year. (Addendum)
14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following Aides for the Summer Academic Programs and the Summer Extracurricular Programs, from June 28, 2021 to July 23, 2021.

Alycia Campisi
Gina Chamberlain
Eugenia Tavaraz

15. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following instructional aides for the Extended School Year Program, from June 28, 2021 to July 23, 2021, up to 4 hours per day at their hourly contractual rate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Kim Chamberlain	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Amanda Sanzari	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

16. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following teachers at their contractual hourly rate, for the Extended School Year Program, from June 28, 2021 to July 23, 2021 up to 4 hours per day at their hourly contractual rate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Jessica Barbo	8:30AM - 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, 5 days per week)
Noy Sapir	8:30AM – 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, 5 days per week)
Abby Burns-Paterson	8:30AM – 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, 5 days per week)
Kelly McCabe	8:30AM – 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, 5 days per week)
Emma Halik	8:30AM – 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, 5 days per week)
Reem Bowers	8:30AM – 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, 5 days per week)
Gina Duprey (Speech)	8:30AM – 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, 5 days per week)

17. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following teacher at her contractual hourly rate, for the Extended School Year Program, from July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021 up to 4 hours per day at her hourly contractual rate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Laura Linder	8:30AM – 12:30PM (4 hrs/day, up to 5 days per week)

18. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following instructional aides for the Extended School Year Preschool Program, from July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week at their hourly contractual rate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Donna Meyer	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Patricia Rodriguez	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

19. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of ABA Aides for the Building Bridges and Building Connections Extended School Year Program, from July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Akdemir, Ozen	Lekkas, Thelexiopi
Bastable, Mary	Lloyd, Sheryl
Belits, Helen	Manning, Wendy
Benitez, Francisco	Mescall, Keri
Blackwell, Alexandria	Nyhan, Catherine
Campos, Michele	Ofshinsky, Sandra
Capozzi, Rhonda	Rivera, Joanne
Cetro, Justin	Satterfield, Jarae
Connors, Deborah	Spinetti, Lisa
Delucia, Amanda	Valentine, Tammy
Falla, Debbie	Wallace, Deanna
Ferrigno, Nicolette	Wallschleger, Chelsea
Fitzpatrick, Julie	Watson, Christine
Gonzalez, Jane	Yphantides, Laura
Grosso, Adam	
Lawler, Kathleen	

20. That the Board of Education approve, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following part-time Technology Assistants, for a maximum of a combined total of 400 hours at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, for the period of July 6, 2021 to August 27, 2021.

Kevin Kabling
Dylan Poole

21. That the Board of Education approve the following staff members for Summer Curriculum work at a rate of \$50.00 per hour

STAFF MEMBER	CONTENT AREA	HOURS
Kara Cuadra	Visual Performing Arts - Music	15
Kelly Dent	Visual Performing Arts - Music	15
Brian Urban	Visual Performing Arts - Music	15
Michelle Attardi	Visual Performing Arts - Art	15
Leah Del Guidice	Visual Performing Arts - Art	15
Jessica Barbo	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Janel Blake	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Reem Bowers	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Leah Del Guidice	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Nichol DelRosso	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Kelly Dent	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Leah Gallo	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Melissa Gant	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Gianna Hrcnciar	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Caitlin Ryan	Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion	6
Kismet Bohajian	ELA Enrichment	6
Abby Burns-Paterson	ELA Enrichment	6
Caroline Church	ELA Enrichment	6
Leah Gallo	ELA Enrichment	6
Melissa Gant	ELA Enrichment	6
Katie O'Reilly	ELA Enrichment	6
Michelle Parisi	ELA Enrichment	6
MaryAnn Crudello	Math Enrichment	6
Sharon Fadini	Math Enrichment	6
Sandy Gerbino	Math Enrichment	6
Jamie Jaskot	Math Enrichment	6
Lauren Proda	Math Enrichment	6
Noy Sapir	Math Enrichment	6
Andrea Siclari	Math Enrichment	6

22. WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has been unable to take the vacation leave that accrued to her this year because of duties directly related to the present public health emergency declared by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator's employment agreement limits the number of days that may be accrued in a given year and used in the next succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:30-9.1, the Board is authorized to establish a plan to allow the School Business Administrator's vacation leave to accumulate until the leave is used or the School Business Administrator is compensated for her accrued vacation leave; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the River Edge School District to develop a plan to allow the School Business Administrator to accumulate vacation leave accrued during the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the following plan for the School Business Administrator who has accrued vacation leave in the 2020-2021 school year only:

1. The School Business Administrator shall be required to carry over the maximum number of days allowed under her Employment Agreement before selecting any other option in the plan.
2. After deducting the maximum number of days allowed to be carried over under the Employment Agreement, the School Business Administrator may elect to cash-out up to ten (10) of their remaining vacation days at her respective per diem salaries.

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the contract with Bergen County Special Services School for 192/193 services to non-public schools for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following therapists for the Extended School Year Program from July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021, not to exceed 35 hours.

Karen Willick, KB Therapy LLC, Occupational Therapist (up to 5 days per week)
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, at their contractual rate

Nicole Hill (J&J Therapy) Physical Therapist (up to 2 days per week) (Region V)
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, at their contractual rate

3. That the Board of Education approve Care Plus NJ, as a service provider effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, up to a maximum of \$65,000.

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

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve with the recommendation of the Superintendent, the employment of the Region V Staff for the 2021-2022 school year as per the attached. (Addendum)

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

June 23, 2021- Virtual

July 28, 2021 – Cherry Hill School Gym

August 25, 2021 – Cherry Hill School Gym