

# **RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

## **Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – June 23, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey conducted this meeting through a Zoom Meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Ms. Kang called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Brown read the Mission Statement.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Ms. Brown; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Ms. Juskeliene; Ms. Kang. Also present were Dr. Brockel, Mrs. Napolitano, Mrs. Heitman and approximately 38 members of the public.

Ms. Doyle arrived at 7:39 PM

Mr. Sim arrived at 7:39 PM

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

### **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Kiersten Eng (921 Bogert Road): does the Superintendent have summer hours? Ms. Kang responded A3 on the agenda is referring to 12 month employees under the REEA contract. It is not for the Superintendent.

Kiersten Eng (921 Bogert Road): what are the changes being made to policies 1130 and 6145? Ms. Kang responded the policies are in regard to the signage on our property.

Kiersten Eng (921 Bogert Road): has a date been rescheduled for the curriculum policy? Ms. Kang responded no, not yet. The Curriculum Committee needs to review the policy first.

Kiersten Eng (921 Bogert Road): how were the publics comments considered regarding the plan being approved tonight? Dr. Brockel responded we took all of the public comments and considered them for each section. When it came to masking it was spilt. Fifty percent wanted masks and fifty percent did not want masks. When we wrote the plan we planned on having a full day for next school year including lunch. We did not state the masking mandate because we were under executive order 175. We are looking at no masks outdoors and continuing masks indoors. We will revise the plan if anything changes. This plan will not determine what we will do for September. This plan is a federal form to get the extra federal funds.

## **Follow up Discussion of Demographic of Students and Staff**

Dr. Brockel stated the Personnel and Management Committee met and there was a discussion of the demographics of students and staff. Dr. Brockel believes it is a long standing issue in the state of New Jersey. There is a gap with teachers and students regarding diversity. We are looking at a trend over the last three years in our district. The trend is a good one where certain student groups are on the decline and the same groups of teachers are on the rise. The trends are not overwhelming but they are not where they should be. We have to find better ways to recruit and post for positions. We also need to go to job fairs in the counties where there are more minority candidates. Dr. Brockel stated we really need to recruit. This is how you continue to narrow the gap. We are going to continue our efforts to more of a degree next year. The board had a lengthy discussion on this and Dr. Brockel answered all questions that were asked.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Brockel reported on the following:

- June is a very busy month and we were able to finish on a high note with several in-person activities for students, families, and staff. We did this despite having to live under executive order 175. We took advantages with some of the exceptions in the order.
- We are planning to conduct a full day of school in September with everyone back in-person and having lunch in schools. Our Plan A is lunch back to normal as it always was and our Plan B is expanded times for lunch and the use of lunchrooms and some classrooms. At this point, we have not received any direction from the Governor, State Department of Health, or the State Department of Education for the summer or fall. Executive Order 175 ends with the end of this school year. If there are any restrictions that come after we will abide by them. As soon as we hear any more information we will pass it along to the families.
- Dr. Brockel congratulated our families for making it through this unusual and difficult year. He thanked all the families for their understanding and support as the district continues to move forward.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Today was an exciting day for both our students and staff. There were many fun activities going on. We had our clap out for our sixth grade students to the song: We are the Champions! I know that Roosevelt School did something similar as well.
- Mrs. Heitman felt the sixth grade graduation was very successful. She enjoyed having graduation on our grounds. Earlier this month the sixth grade had a dance party outdoors. The day after graduation our students went to the Swim Club for their sixth grade trip. This week they had a bagel breakfast where they were given River Dell bags and tee shirts. They received their year books and had an opportunity to sign each one. Mrs. Heitman thanked the sixth grade committee parents for their hard work and the fifth grade committee parents who helped with the reception after graduation. Everyone did an excellent job!

- Mrs. Heitman gave a big thank you to all parents and staff who contributed to the yearbook which was led by Monique Akhaabi.
- Mrs. Heitman thanked all the parents who supported our PTO and all parents for their patience and support this year. Everyone helped us get through this year in a positive and productive manner.
- During this week we had material and chromebook returns. We did receive most, but will follow up on the few we need to get back.
- The Summer and Extracurricular Programs are ready. This is taking place at Cherry Hill School from June 28th through July 23rd. We had a few parents pick up chromebooks already for the summer program. All rooms have been assigned and are ready. Thanks to Mr. Armen and Mr. Werner.
- Mrs. Heitman wished everyone a happy and healthy summer!

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following:

- Mrs. Napolitano attended the NJASBO 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. It was virtual again this year. Some of the workshops she attended were Healthy Air and Healthy Schools, Best Practices in Leveraging the ESSER II & III Funds, and Federal Procurement Review with James Shoop. These are all very informative and allow for credits for Mrs. Napolitano's QPA Purchasing Certification. This allows the district to do purchasing up to \$44,000 without going out to bid.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (A12) to approve the first reading of policies related to Use of Facilities and Extracurricular. These were reviewed at the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (D7) which allows the district to set aside monies at the end of the year and allocate them to reserve accounts. This year we are allowed to maintain a fund balance of 4% and we are allocating \$500,000 for next year's budget. We are putting any excess monies in capital reserve for the purpose of capital projects that we are planning on for the district.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (D12) that the Board will vote on in regards to refunding a 2012 Bond that will be callable on February 1, 2022. We can start the process now and close in early November. The interest rates at this point may be as low as 1.22%-1.25% from the 3% the bond is paying now. This will result in a taxpayer's savings in debt service of over \$400,000 in the next nine years. This is one of the two resolutions that needs to be board approved. We will have the final resolution on the July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda. Our bond council, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer and Phoenix Advisors gave an overview of the legal and the financial aspects of the savings to the board members.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (G2) to approve various companies and providers for Region V Council for Special Education Services for the 2021-2022 school year. The providers/services and rates are all noted on the agenda.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (G10) to cancel a transportation contract with a Region V transporter that was in breach of contract.

## **PRESIDENT**

Ms. Kang reported on the following:

- Ms. Kang thanked everyone that filled out the stakeholder's survey and attended the focus group with R-Pat Solutions last week. The applications for the permanent Superintendent position will close on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have interviews with the board next month.
- This will be our last virtual board meeting. We will have in-person board meetings in the Cherry Hill School Multi-Purpose Room starting in July. We encourage the public to attend in- person.
- Ms. Kang thanked all teachers, custodians, nurses, staff, administrators, board members, and families for working together this school year. It has been a challenging year.

## **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Brown stated the Curriculum/Instruction Committee met. Ms. Brown said the 2020-2021 District and School Goals were met for their LinkIt! assessments. They spoke about a possible Teacher Academy and it was stated that one of the things our Curriculum Team is doing is really looking at the data to see where there could possibly be learning loss. Ms. Doyle stated we should re-evaluate what our second language program is and should be. Ms. Kang stated we will add that to our agenda for our next Curriculum/Instruction Committee.
- Ms. Dansky stated the Finance/Facilities Committee met on June 15th. They discussed Interlocal Agreement/Snow Removal Agreement with the Municipality, Banners/Approval Form for the Signage in the New Policies, After School Program, Bond Refunding, Region V Audit, Policy language for Facilities Usage, Region V Update, District Bus, Parking in the District, and Space Issues in the District.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Mr. Herbst to convene into closed session at 8:42 PM.

**Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Mr. Herbst**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

## **RECONVENE**

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Brown to reconvene the regular public meeting at 9:22 PM

**Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Ms. Brown**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

## **MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential minutes of June 2, 2021.  
(Addendum)

**Motion by: Ms. Brown Seconded by: Ms. Dansky**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

2. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is meeting in public session on June 23, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, certain business transactions must necessarily be addressed during the hiatus of public sessions of the Board, including but not limited to, the offering of contracts of employment,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to offer contracts of employment on behalf of the Board between June 23, 2021 and July 28, 2021 subject to final approval of the Board at the next Regular Public Meeting.

**Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Mr. Herbst**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

3. That the Board of Education approve the summer hours beginning June 28, 2021 through August 27, 2021 for 12 month employees
4. That the Board of Education designate Eifert, French & Company of Tenafly, New Jersey as the Board Broker of NESBIG insurance fund for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. That the Board of Education designate Louise Anne Napolitano as Custodian of Public Records until the next organization meeting.
6. That the Board of Education designate Louise Anne Napolitano as Board Secretary until the next organization meeting.
7. That the Board of Education designate Lerch, Vinci & Higgins,LLP as Board Auditor until the next organization meeting.
8. That the Board of Education designate Fogarty & Hara, Esqs., as Board Attorney until the next organization meeting.
9. That the Board of Education designate DiCara/Rubino Architects as Board Architect until the next organization meeting.
10. That the Board of Education designate Wilentz, Goldman, and Spitzer as Bond Attorney until the next organization meeting.

**Motion by: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Ms. Dansky**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

11. That the Board of Education approve submission of the American Rescue Plan for Safe Return Act for the 2021-2022 school year.
12. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
1330	Use of School Facilities
6145	Extracurricular Activities

13. That the Board of Education approve the achieved District Goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Goal # 1:** By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate growth in targeted areas of English Language Arts, as per baseline data. River Edge students will demonstrate a positive percentage point increase from Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for River Edge will be  $\geq +12$  points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Literary Text
- Grade 4 - Literary Text
- Grade 5 - Informational Text
- Grade 6 - Informational Text

**GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

***River Edge students achieved an average End of Year Point Increase of 12.25 points.***

**Goal # 2:** By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate an average growth in targeted areas of Mathematics, as per baseline data. River Edge students will demonstrate a positive percentage point increase from Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for River Edge will be  $\geq +24.4$  points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Operations & Algebraic Thinking
- Grade 4 - Fractions
- Grade 5 - Fractions
- Grade 6 - Expressions & Equations

**GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

***River Edge students achieved an average End of Year Point Increase of 26 points.***

14. That the Board of Education approve the achieved School Goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Cherry Hill School**

**Goal # 1:** By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate growth in targeted areas of English Language Arts, as per baseline data. Cherry Hill students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. Historical Data for growth reflects a range for baseline score of 42-58 and an average point increase of 13 on Form C. This year the baseline range is 42-67 reflecting similar needs in a more challenging instructional environment. The overall average point increase for Cherry Hill School will be  $\geq +12.5$  points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Literary Text
- Grade 4 - Literary Text
- Grade 5 - Informational Text
- Grade 6 - Informational Text

### **GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**Cherry Hill students achieved an average End of Year Point Increase of 12 points.**

**Goal # 2:** By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate an average growth in targeted areas of Mathematics, as per baseline data. Cherry Hill students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for Cherry Hill School will be  $\geq +23$  points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Operations & Algebraic Thinking
- Grade 4 - Fractions
- Grade 5 - Fractions
- Grade 6 - Expressions & Equations

### **GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**Cherry Hill students achieved an average End of Year Point Increase of 24 points.**

#### **Roosevelt School**

**Goal # 1:** By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate growth in targeted areas of English Language Arts, as per baseline data. Roosevelt students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. Historical Data for growth reflects a range for baseline score of 45-68 and an average point increase of 8 on Form C. This year the range is 47-59 reflecting the need to review skills that were not mastered in 2019-2020. With this challenge in mind, the overall average point increase for Roosevelt School will be  $\geq +11.5$  points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Literary Text
- Grade 4 - Literary Text
- Grade 5 - Informational Text
- Grade 6 - Informational Text

### **GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**Roosevelt students achieved an average End of Year Point Increase of 12.5 points.**

**Goal # 2:** By June 2021, 100% of students in Grades 3 through 6 will demonstrate an average growth in targeted areas of Mathematics, as per baseline data. Roosevelt students will demonstrate a positive point increase from LinkIt! Form A to Form C, as per each grade level's targeted area of instruction. The overall average point increase for Roosevelt School will be  $\geq +25.8$  points. This goal will focus on the following:

- Grade 3 - Operations & Algebraic Thinking
- Grade 4 - Fractions
- Grade 5 - Fractions
- Grade 6 - Expressions & Equations

### **GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**Roosevelt students achieved an average End of Year Point Increase of 28 points.**

**Motion by: Ms. Juskeliene Seconded by: Mr. Sim**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang

Nays: None

**B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION** - None

**C. BUILDING & GROUNDS** – None

**D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

1. That the Board of Education authorize Office Account Signatures to the following individuals to approve the Petty Cash Reimbursements:

- Louise Anne Napolitano, Board Secretary/Business Administrator
- Dr. Richard Brockel, Interim Superintendent of Schools

FURTHER, that the maximum allowable amount per warrant be established at \$125.00 providing all necessary claims are found to be in order according to the law.

2. That the Board of Education Designate Purchasing Agent:

**WHEREAS**, the recent changes to the Public School Contracts Law gave Boards of Education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$44,000 and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3A, permits an increase the bid threshold is a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold: and

**WHEREAS**, A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the River Edge Board of Education in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey hereby establishes its bid threshold at \$44,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body hereby appoints Louise Anne Napolitano as the Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A: 18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education.

3. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June 2021 totaling \$615,060.15 including checks #44456 through #44544. Payrolls dated May 14, 2021 and May 28, 2021, totaling \$1,222,479.23 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum).
4. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2020- 2021 as of May 31, 2021. (Addendum)
5. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending May 31, 2021. (Addendum)

Further, we certify that as of May 31, 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 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)



6. That the Board of Education approve the FY 2021-2022 tuition for out-of-district students attending River Edge Schools as follows:

Kindergarten	\$11,023
Grades 1-5	\$11,794
Grade 6	\$12,550
Multiple Disabled (10 month)	\$68,436
Autistic (10 month)	\$67,481

7. **WHEREAS**, NJAC 6A:23A-14.3 and 14.4 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into their Capital Reserve account and Maintenance Reserve Account at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education has determined to designate surplus for the year end June 30, 2021 as follows:

- Maintain a Fund Balance not-to-exceed the state mandated 4% cap plus allowable adjustments
- Plus an additional \$500,000 to be appropriated in the 2022-2023 Budget
- The excess above these amounts is to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Account in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable amount which is defined by the districts Long Range Facility Plan

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the River Edge Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

8. That the Board of Education approve all salaries paid for the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for Cherry Hill students be charged to the Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 School Year.
9. That the Board of Education approve the OMNI Group as the third party Plan Administrator for the District's 403b and 457 retirement plans for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. That the Board of Education approve the following to solicit sales to district employees for 403b and 457 retirement plans for the 2021-2022 school year:

Aspire Financial Services  
 AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company  
 Security Benefit  
 Union Central Life Insurance Company

11. That the Board of Education approve the acceptance and submission of the application for the SFY 2022 IDEA-B Grant as follows:

Basic IDEA Grant	\$228,974	Pre-School Idea Grant	\$17,876
Basic Non-Public	\$199,776	Pre-School Non-Public	0
Total	\$428,750	Total	\$17,876

**Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Ms. Brown**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
 Nays: None

12. **WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2012, The Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$8,515,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt Refunding School Bonds, Series, 2012, dated September 27, 2012 (the “2012 Refunding School Bonds”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the current interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the \$5,575,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2012 Refunding School Bonds maturing on February 1 in the years 2023 through 2031, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

**WHEREAS**, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,800,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Board is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the \$5,575,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding 2012 Refunding School Bonds maturing on February 1 in the years 2023 through 2031, inclusive. The Refunded Bonds may be paid/redeemed on and after February 1, 2022, at a redemption price equal to par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Board is hereby authorized to issue not to exceed \$5,800,000 aggregate principal amount of Refunding School Bonds, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

**Section 3.** An aggregate amount not exceeding \$125,000 may be allocated from the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds to pay for the aggregate costs of issuance thereof, including, but not limited to, bond insurance premiums, financial advisory fees, underwriting fees, official statement printing fees, public advertisement expenses, refunding verification agent fees, refunding escrow agent fees, bond counsel fees and other expenses in connection therewith.

**Section 4.** The purpose of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds is to realize net present value interest cost savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District (“net” meaning savings after payment of all costs of issuance of the Refunding School Bonds). Applicable State requirements mandate that such net present value interest cost savings equal at least 3% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds. In addition, the issuance of the Refunding Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within 10 days of the date of the closing on the Refunding Bonds, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall file a report with the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth: (a) a comparison of the Refunding School Bonds’ debt service and the Refunded Bonds’ debt service which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; and (d) a certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that (i) all of the conditions of section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 have been met, and (ii) a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

**Section 5.** The supplemental debt statement required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been duly prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of River Edge and has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the municipality and in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board as of the date of approval of this Refunding Bond Ordinance and a complete executed duplicate has been filed in the Office of the Director and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough of River Edge is increased by \$225,000 as a result of the authorization of the Refunding School Bonds.

**Section 6.** If the Refunding School Bonds are issued as tax exempt, the Board covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all Refunding School Bonds issued under this Refunding Bond Ordinance.

**Section 7.** This Refunding Bond Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption hereof.

**Motion by: Ms. Brown Seconded by: Ms. Dansky**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

**E. PERSONNEL**

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a contract for Dr. Richard Brockel as Interim Superintendent, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Mr. Herbst**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Louise Napolitano as the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the River Edge School District for the period beginning on or about July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Louise Napolitano for the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the foregoing period of appointment, which Employment Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Louise Napolitano.

**Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Mr. Herbst**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Jason Funabashi, Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, BA, Step 2.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Christine Morales, Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA, Step 3.

5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Steven Luca, Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, BA+15, Step 1.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Amanda Sanzari, ABA Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Step B.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Eugenia Tavaréz, ABA Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Step B.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Emma Conroy, Part-time Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Motion by: Ms. Brown Seconded by: Mr. Herbst**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

9. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Whitney Castellvi, Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

**Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Mr. Sim**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

10. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Diana Richards, Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

**Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Ms. Dansky**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

11. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Chelsea Wallschleger, ABA Aide, effective July 30, 2021.

**Motion by: Ms. Doyle Seconded by: Mr. Sim**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

12. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Kristen Apreda to commence on or about November 8, 2021 through December 24, 2021, followed by a State/Federal Family leave of absence to commence on or about January 3, 2022, through April 4, 2022.
13. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following part-time clerical aides, for a maximum of 25 hours per week from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Joyce Kelleher  
Cynthia Sherlock

14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sandra Gotiangco, part-time health aide, for a maximum of 25 hours per week for the 2021-2022 school year.

15. That the Board of Education approve Maria Pepe as the Primary Project Aide for the 2021-2022 School Year.
16. That the Board of Education designate Alrick Douglas as 504 Coordinator for Roosevelt School until the next organization meeting.
17. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Michael Masangcay as Webmaster, as per contractual stipend, for the 2021-2022 school year.
18. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Dr. Christopher Nicpon, School Doctor, from September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at an annual rate of \$3,500.
19. That the Board of Education authorize the payment due the following employees for unused sick days as per the REEA contract.

Maryann Durante  
 Nural Islam  
 Lisa Patrocinio

20. That the Board of Education authorize the payment due the following employee for unused sick days.

Tara Deckler

21. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following staff for IEP Extended School Year Maintenance Hours, \$35.00 per hour from August 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>HRS</b>
Francisco Benitez	15
Alexandra Blackwell (Substitute)	125
Rhonda Capozzi	20
Amanda DeLucia	20
Steven Luca (Substitute)	60
Jarae Satterfield	50
Courtney Sweet	10
Deanna Wallace	64
Laura Yphantides	35

22. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff for additional Summer Work, \$50.00 per hour not to exceed 15 hours each, from July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

Sabrina Johnston  
 Tara Vernieri  
 Shauntea Weaver

23. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Cheryl Maguire, Child Study Team Secretary, at her hourly rate not to exceed \$5,000.00, from July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.
24. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Child Study Team Staff for summer hours beginning July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021 up to 10 for days for Child Study Team Meetings and Evaluations at their contractual rate.

Susan Klepper  
 Stephanie Repetti

25. That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to hire the following summer custodial helpers to commence on June 28, 2021 through August 6, 2021 for a maximum of 40 hours per week not to exceed 640 hours, pending final paperwork and Criminal History Review.

Michael Giacumbo	\$12.00/hr
Nicholas Iannantuano	\$12.00/hr.

**Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Ms. Brown**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

**F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

1. BE IT RESOLVED by the River Edge Board of Education that the terms, stipulations, and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Board and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, and which Agreement is located in the student’s file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

**Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Mr. Sim**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: Ms. Juskeliene

**G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June, 2021 totaling \$928,094.05 including checks # 74713 through 74814.
2. 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, non-member districts such as evaluations, direct services, and consultation; and services to non-public schools as requested by member and non-member districts;

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, non-member districts and services to non-public schools as requested by member and non-member districts;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the consultant agreements of the following Region V Shared Services Consultants/Agencies to provide evaluations, direct services, and consultation, to public and non- public schools for member districts and non-member districts upon request for the 2021-2022 school year:

<b>Company and/or Provider Name</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Area of Service</b>	<b>Hourly Rate/Rate Per Evaluation</b>
A Lovallo Educational Consultant LLC (Anita Lavallo)	Teacher of the Handicapped Consultant	Direct Services	Non-Public \$82/hr
Alexis Kawalec OT, LLC	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Angelique Savino	ABA Therapist, Home Instructor Consultant	Direct Services	Home ABA \$75hr Home Instruction \$55/hr Parent Outreach Training \$75/hr

Ask G Therapy (Alyssa Forman)	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr
AT Solutions, LLC (Alexandra Mendez)	Teacher – Assistive Technology Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	\$145/hr AT Training, \$125/hr AT Consulting, \$145/hr Professional Development, \$950/AT Evaluation
Auditory Assistance (Kerry Shelby)	Teacher of the Deaf Consultant	Direct Services	\$90/hr.
B Haber Enterprises, LLC (Barbara Haber)	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr
Bergen Hearing and Speech, Inc. (Laura Sylvia)	Audiologist, Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services	Audiology \$135/hr Speech \$75/hr
Christine Alberese	School Social Worker Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr,
Christina Lazar	School Psychologist Consultant	Evaluations	\$350/Evaluation
Claire Tunick	Teacher Consultant	Direct Services	Non-public \$82/hr
Corinne Pochter	Teacher Consultant	Direct Services	Non-public \$82/hr
Custom Concepts in Education LLC (Barbara Costagliola)	Teacher Consultant	Direct Services	Non-public \$82/hr
Deborah Rogoff	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Debbie Hollender, LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
DM Speech Inc, (Darcy Matthys)	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr
EDL Consultant (Maylin Rodriguez)	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
EZ Therapy and Handwriting LLC, (Elana Rosenbaum)	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Ellen Gruber	Speech Language Therapist	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Ellen H. Muhlberg, Learning Consultant LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Hand in Hand Pediatric OT (Elissa Siev)	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Hegarty PT (Tate Hegarty)	Physical Therapy Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Helen Adler, LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Teacher of the Handicapped Consultant	Direct Services	Non-Public \$82/hr
Idelle Schwinder, LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Teacher of the Handicapped Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Direct Services Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
J & J Therapy LLC (Nicole Hill)	Physical Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation

Jaleen LLC (Jamie Kagan-Heit)	School Social Worker Consultant	Direct Services	Non-Public \$82/hr
Dr. Jane Petrozzino	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Jessica Landa OT Services, LLC	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Jessica Lazarus Inc.	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Joseph J. Cafaro	School Psychologist Consultant	Evaluations	\$350/Evaluation
Kids Clan Services, Inc.	OT, PT, and Speech Language Therapist Consultants	Direct Services & Evaluations	OT \$85/hr, PT \$88/hr, Speech \$75 hr, Evaluations: OT/PT \$260, Speech \$295
LDS Therapy (Lauren Spallone)	Physical Therapy Assistant Consultant	Direct Services	\$60/hr
LRG7 Corp, Laurie Gopin	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Let's Schmooze, LLC (Ronni Rich)	Speech Language Therapy Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr
Madeline Koransky	Teacher Consultant	Direct Services	Non-Public \$82/hr
Manny Diaz	Behaviorist & Home Instructor	Direct Services	Home Support Coord. \$75/hr Home ABA \$75hr Home Instruction \$55/hr Parent Outreach Training \$75/hr
Mary Menditto	School Social Worker Consultant	Evaluations	\$350/Evaluation
Melissa Murphy LLC	Occupational Therapist Assistant Consultant	Direct Services	\$60/hr
Norma Reyes	School Psychologist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
PF Speech Therapist, LLC (Pessie Finkelstein)	Speech Language Therapy Consultant	Direct Services	Nonpublic \$82/hr
Pnina Fessel, SLP LLC	Speech Language Therapy Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Power of Speech & Language LLC (Stephanie Jurkovic)	Speech Language Therapy Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Robin Oliff	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
S.A.I.L. Dinah Braude Kremberg, Ph.d., LLC	School Psychologist Consultant/Behaviorist Consultant	Direct Services and Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Silvia Farinella	Teacher of Students with Disabilities, Elementary Teacher and Social Studies Teacher Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr
Solace OT, LLC (Allison Schwartz)	Occupational Therapy Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr



Stacy Goldfarb	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Stacy Horowitz, LLC	Speech Language Therapy Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
The Stepping Stones Group, LLC	CST, Teacher, Behaviorist, Paraprofessional and Nurse Consultants	Direct Services & Evaluators	School Psychologist, LDTC \$78/hr Social Worker \$62/hr Special Ed Teacher \$67/hr Teacher of the Visually Impaired/TOD \$73/hr BCBA \$95/hr Applied Behavior Analyst \$39/hr Behavior Technician \$35/hr Paraprofessional/Instructional Aide \$29/hr School Certified RN \$62/hr RN \$58/hr LPN \$48/hr FBA \$1295
Sylvia Cosentino	Teacher Consultant	Direct Services	Non-Public \$82/hr.
Talk Time Therapies, LLC (Christine Higgins)	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services and Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Taryn Corrigan	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services and Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Tobana Professional Corp (Meryl Schreiber)	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
VP Performance (Eric Van Pelt)	Physical Therapist Assistant Consultant	Direct Services	\$60/hr
Victoria Wozniak	School Social Worker	Evaluations	\$350/Evaluation
Vivian Genn, OTR/L	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Walk This Way Physical Therapy (Gisele Winkler-Brown)	Physical Therapist Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr
Wings Behaviorism, LLC (Jaclyn Mulligan)	Behaviorist Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr
Yaffa Markovich, OT LLC	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following agencies be awarded contracts to provide Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy Services to public schools and non-public schools for member districts and non-member districts upon request for the 2021-2022 school year:

Agency	Service	Rates:
Delta T	PT, PTA, OT, COTA, SLP Direct Services and Evaluations	OT, PT, SLP Direct Services: \$75/hr COTA, PTA Direct Services \$60/hr OT, PT, SLP Evaluations: \$400 Bilingual Evaluations: \$475
Innovative Therapy Group (ITG)	PT, PTA, OT, COTA, SLP Direct Services and Evaluations	OT, PT, SLP Direct Services: \$75/hr COTA, PTA Direct Services \$60/hr OT, PT, SLP Evaluations: \$350
The Stepping Stones Group, LLC	PT, PTA, OT, COTA, SLP Direct Services and Evaluations	OT, PT, SLP Direct Services: \$73/hr COTA, PTA Direct Services \$60/hr SLP Evaluations: \$350 OT & PT Evaluations: \$300

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following agencies be awarded contracts to provide Nursing services to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2021-2022 school year:

Agency	Service	Rates:
Loving Care Agency, Inc d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare	Nursing Services	Public/Non-Public Certified School Nurse: \$51/hr Public/Non-Public RN: \$51/hr Public/Non-Public LPN: \$41/hr Yearly rate for Certified School Nurse & RN 183 days, 6.5 hours/day \$60,664.50 Yearly rate for LPN 183 days, 6.5 hours/day \$48,769.50 Yearly rate for Certified School Nurse & RN 183 days, 8 hours/day \$80,520.00 Yearly rate for LPN 183 days, 8 hours/day \$60,024.00 Per Diem Rate Over Night Field Tripsn(based on 16 hr day) Certified School Nurse/RN: \$816 LPN: \$656
Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.	Nursing Services	Public/Non-Public Certified School Nurse: \$55/hr Public/Non-Public RN: \$55/hr Public/Non-Public LPN: \$46/hr Yearly rate for Certified School Nurse & RN 183 days, 6.5 hours/day \$65,422.50 Yearly rate for LPN 183 days, 6.5 hours/day \$54,717.00 Yearly rate for Certified School Nurse & RN 183 days, 8 hours/day \$80,520.00 Yearly rate for LPN 183 days, 8 hours/day \$67,344 Per Diem Rate Over Night Field Trips Certified School Nurse/RN: \$55/hr LPN: \$46/hr
Eastern Nursing Services I, DBA Priority Nursing Services	Nursing Services	Public RN: \$52/hr Non-Public RN: \$46/hr Public/Non-Public LPN: \$42/hr Public/Non-Public CHHA: \$24/hr Per Diem Rate Over Night Field Trips RN: \$1,040, LPN: \$840, CHHA: \$480

5. That the Board of Education approves the following Bid Contracts for the 2020-2021 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
2943	All Points Transportation	\$175.00	\$30.00
2946	All Points Transportation	\$175.00	\$30.00
2952	All Points Transportation	\$175.00	\$30.00
2969	First Care Medical	\$210.00	\$45.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
1528	Rinaldi Transportation	\$204.25	\$38.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2946	All Points Transportation	\$205.00
1132	We Care Transportation	\$224.76
Q902	We Care	\$261.00
1858	Valley Transportation	\$201.23
Q953	American Star Transportation	\$220.00

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

Route	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
Q957	American Star	\$220.00	\$48.00
Q974	American Star Transportation,	\$205.00	\$0.00

9. That the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Collingswood School District (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
10. **WHEREAS**, Sun Transportation has a contract to provide transportation services for certain route including Route Q972 for the period from March 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Sun Transportation was made aware of these complaints and failed to take corrective action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board attorney served a formal notice on Sun Transportation that they were in breach of contract and that their contract for Route Q972 was being terminated in accordance with the termination provisions of the contracts issued for this route.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby ratifies and reaffirms the termination of Sun Transportation's contract for Route effective June 3, 2021.

**Motion by: Ms. Dansky Seconded by: Mr. Sim**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeliene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang

Nays: None

## **OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Kang stated there will be a Board Retreat for the Board Members on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 PM in the Cherry Hill School Multi-Purpose Room.

Ms. Doyle stated our students mental health is needed now more than ever. If students are allowed to take off their masks for health reasons this should include mental health.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Sebastian Muscarella (781 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue): what elements of the EDI presentation are going to be incorporated into the curriculum? What are the demographics of the EDI Committee? Ms. Brown responded there was the presentation and also the committee that met afterwards. The Committee came together to share ideas and share common goals. More substantial information will come in the fall. We will need to get back to you to answer your question. Ms. Brown stated the demographics of the Committee are a nice healthy mix.

Lauren Thiffault (159 Greenway Terrace): we are always following guidelines and this is just guidance not mandatory. It's very frustrating to speak up at a board meeting and then the board is silent and moves on to the next item. It's very unfortunate that our board behaves like this. Can the board change that behavior? How are the committees and parents selected? Ms. Kang responded we can only speak of what our district does and an executive order is an executive order from the Governor. Our district goes by what our Executive County Superintendent lets us know and the executive order. Ms. Kang stated the school committees are organized by the Administrators. The board does not choose this committee.

Ariana Hastings (107 Adams Avenue): we want information on the EDI curriculum prior to the school year as parents, not in September when it is already being implemented. Ms. Kang responded it depends on what is being implemented. This is a question for our Curriculum Supervisor.

Kiersten Eng (921 Bogert Road): why are candidates still being interviewed next month if Dr. Brockel is staying with us until 6/2022? I attended the Superintendent Search Meeting and was just wondering if Dr. Brockel is staying why we can't table it until we get through the plan for next year etc. Ms. Kang responded we are moving forward with our permanent Superintendent search because the board members feel that is what is best for our district to have a permanent person in place. Dr. Brockel will stay as the interim until we find a permanent person.

Kirsten Apa (175 Voorhis Avenue): at the last board meeting the zoom option was discussed and supported by a few board members. Why was that taken off the table? I prefer in person but it's a terrific tool for community members who can't attend. Follow up to Lauren T. how come the member of the committees aren't published? Ms. Kang responded it is not taken off the table, we are exploring the options to make it accessible to all. We are looking at our policies to make sure it is updated to include this option. We are working on it. The Pandemic Response Team was published. There will be more of an introduction in September through a newsletter of who is on the committees.

Dana Hosey (219 Voorhis Avenue): was anything implemented for your staff and students regarding mental health? Ms. Kang responded mental health is something that has been on the forefront of our board and administrators for our students and staff. We hired a Mental Health Clinician that is starting in September.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made by Mr. Herbst, seconded by Mr. Sim to convene into closed session at 10:05 PM.

**Motion by: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Mr. Sim**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeiene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

**RECONVENE**

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Dansky to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:25 PM.

**Motion by: Mr. Sim Seconded by: Ms. Dansky**

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeiene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang  
Nays: None

Louise Napolitano  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator