

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – July 28, 2021 – 7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Multi-Purpose Room, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661 and conducted this meeting through a Zoom Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Kang called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Kang read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Dansky; Mr. Herbst; Ms. Juskeliene; Mr. Sim; and Ms. Kang. Also present were Dr. Brockel, Mrs. Napolitano, and approximately 34 members of the public.

Ms. Brown was absent

Ms. Doyle was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION

That the Board of Education convenes into closed session at 7:35 PM for a legal matter.

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

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

That the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 7:48 PM

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brockel reported on the following:

- Dr. Brockel indicated that it was stated in a document by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Department of Health that schools will reopen in September requiring all students and staff to be in person for a full day of school. No virtual instruction will be allowed. The document also said districts should do what they can regarding distancing, sanitizing and ventilating. The inability to implement all modifications should not interfere with the requirement that all students and staff return in person for a full day, including lunch. This document was released this month.
- We've been able to guarantee lunch in school. Lunches will begin at 11:00 AM and extend through 1:30 PM. Large spaces will be used at Roosevelt School and large spaces and some classrooms will be used at Cherry Hill School. All groups, whether large or small, will be supervised by a certified aide or teacher including recess. Distancing is planned for whenever possible. If masks become more restrictive, we can use our tri-fold barriers during lunches. Schedules will not be the same in each school due to enrollment differences,
- Dr. Brockel thanked the parents who applied to be lunch aides. He said without them we would be in a difficult position regarding lunch.
- Dr. Brockel stated yesterday the CDC recommended masking for both unvaccinated and vaccinated people indoors. Most recently, New York City is mandating masks for its students indoors. Our Governor stated that masking should be recommended for unvaccinated individuals when indoors, but has not made it mandatory. His administration is reviewing this position due to the increased spread of the Delta Variant. For that reason; the Board and Dr. Brockel agree he cannot make a definitive statement on masking tonight.
- Dr. Brockel stated we encourage our students to mask indoors even if masking is optional. Their vaccines will not be available until mid to late fall. He also stated that masking outdoors is not required, but optional.
- Dr. Brockel will send home a letter to parents tomorrow regarding what he reported on tonight. He asked the board members and audience to understand that the situation remains fluid. We are encouraged that the vaccination rate among those eligible in River Edge is 86%; however, our local Department of Health has reported the number of cases is slowly rising
- Dr. Brockel thanked everyone for their continued understanding and support for all our efforts.

PRINCIPAL

No Principal report at this meeting

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BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Napolitano reported on the following:

- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (B1) to approve the schematic plans for the Electrical Upgrade at Cherry Hill School. This was part of our budget process.
- There are motions on tonight's agenda (B2-B7) to approve Dual Room Usage. This needs to be approved by the Board of Education and inspected by the County.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (D7) for a donation of 2000 bottles of hand sanitizer. Mrs. Napolitano thanked the Korean Parents Network for facilitating this donation from ABLE C&C for our schools.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (D8), this is the second of the resolutions that the Board will vote on in regards to refunding a 2012 Bond that will be callable on February 1st. However 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 would result in a taxpayer's savings in debt service of over \$400,000 over the next nine years.
- There is a motion on tonight's agenda (G2), this is the Region V budget approved by the Superintendent's Council and is affirmed by the River Edge Board of Education.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Kang reported on the following:

- Ms. Kang thanked Dr. Brockel, Mrs. Napolitano, Mrs. Heitman, Mr. Tee, Mr. Masangcay, and our custodians for making tonight's board meeting possible for both in person and virtual.
- Ms. Kang gave an update on our Superintendent Search. She stated R-Pat received 27 resumes. Over the last two weeks the board members have reviewed and interviewed some candidates. The board has decided to extend our search. The deadline to apply is Friday, August 13th. She thanked the parents, staff, and community members for filling out the survey.

COMMITTEES

Ms. Kang stated the Curriculum/Instruction Committee met tonight before the board meeting. They discussed Policy 6140, Curriculum Adoption. Ms. Moran shared with the committee the work she has been doing with the teachers on the new mandate and curriculum work.

Mr. Sim stated the Personnel and Management Committee met on June 23rd. They had a presentation of our current staff and current ratio. It was a district report on the ratio of teachers/students and racial diversity. They also spoke about second languages and positions that need to be filled in the district.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of June 23, 2021.
2. That the Board of Education approve the Board Retreat Minutes of July 10, 2021.
3. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 14, 2021.
4. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 15, 2021.
5. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 23, 2021.
6. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 24, 2021.
7. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedule for July 2021 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

Motion by: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Ms. Juskeliene

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

Nays: None

8. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	June 10, 2021 Fire Drill June 17, 2021 Shelter in Place
Roosevelt School	June 11, 2021 Fire Drill June 22, 2021 Active Shooter
Cherry Hill School	June 30, 2021 Fire Drill (Summer School) July 16, 2021 Shelter in Place (Summer School)

9. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Student Accident Insurance Policy through Eifert, French, & Co, Inc., underwritten by Pan American Life Insurance Company and United States Fire Insurance Company, for the period commencing August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 at a cost of \$3,377.
10. BE IT RESOLVED that N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.5 requires school districts to evaluate business processes annually to ensure that a strong control environment exists in which sound segregation of duties are in place and allocated amongst available resources appropriately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.6 requires school districts to establish standard operating procedures for each task or function of the business operations of the district and that district employees are aware of such procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a standard operating procedures and internal controls manual for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as recommended by the Superintendent.

11. That the Board of Education approve the following to attend virtually the NJSBA Fall Conference on October 26 -28, 2021.

River Edge Board Members
 Dr. Richard Brockel
 Louise Napolitano
 Administrators

12. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is meeting in public session on July 28, 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 July 28, 2021 and August 25, 2021 subject to final approval of the Board at the next Regular Public Meeting.

13. That the Board of Education approve the authorization of the submission of the ESEA application for Fiscal Year 2022, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon the subsequent approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 ESEA Application.

Grants
Title 1 \$59,390
Title II River Edge-\$7,995 Non-Public-\$6,812 Total-\$14,807
Title III River Edge-\$14,978 Non-Public-\$2,595 Total-\$17,573
Title IV River Edge-\$5,400 Non-Public-\$4,600 Total-\$10,000

14. That the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
1330	Use of School Facilities
6145	Extracurricular Activities

15. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
6140	Curriculum Adoption

16. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the 2021-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance.

Motion by: Ms. Juskeliene Seconded by: Ms. Dansky

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

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Whereas, The Board of Education of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AT CHERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RIVER EDGE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. This project is designated "Other Capital" and the Board is not seeking state funding.

Section 2. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2. That the Board of Education approve for dual use of room 103 in the Roosevelt School for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. That the Board of Education approve for dual use of room 11 in the Roosevelt School for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. That the Board of Education approve for dual use of room 023 in the Cherry Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. That the Board of Education approve for dual use of room 131 in the Cherry Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. That the Board of Education approve for dual use of room 137 in the Cherry Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year.

7. That the Board of Education approve for dual use of room 111 in the Cherry Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Ayes: Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeleiene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang
Nays: None

C. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June 2021 totaling \$263,709.70 including checks #44545 through #44595. Payrolls date June 15, 2021, June 23, 2021 and June 30, 2021 totaling \$1,328,354.20 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list to be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated July 2021 totaling \$595,669.96 including checks #10001 through #10015. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2020-2021 as of June 30, 2021. (Addendum)
4. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending June 30, 2021.

Further, we certify that as of June 30, 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)

5. That the Board of Education approve the results of the bids for instructional Supplies from Educational Data Service for the 2021-2022 school year. (Addendum)
6. That the Board of Education approve a petty cash fund for the 2021–2022 school year as per the Standard Operating Procedures Manual with cash on hand not to exceed \$300.00 with no single reimbursement over \$125.00.
7. That the Board of Education accept the donation of 2000 500ml bottles of hand sanitizer by ABLE C&C US, INC valued at approximately \$23,980. Thank you to the Korean Parents Network for facilitating this donation.

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

Ayes: Ms. Dansky, Mr. Herbst, Ms. Juskeleiene, Mr. Sim, Ms. Kang
Nays: None

8. **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 (the "2012 Refunding School Bonds"); and

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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, the Board introduced a refunding school bond ordinance (the "Refunding Bond Ordinance") on first reading by resolution of the Board on June 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Board held a public hearing on the Refunding Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to issue and sell such Refunding School Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize certain actions in connection with the sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds.

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

SECTION 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 2. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, subject to the limitations contained herein and in consultation with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Board ("Bond Counsel"), and Phoenix Advisors, LLC, as Municipal Advisor to the Board (the "Municipal Advisor"), the power with respect to the Refunding School Bonds, which may be sold in one or more series, to determine and carry out the following:

- a) the sale of the Refunding School Bonds at private sale, provided that the purchase price paid by the purchaser thereof shall not be less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds so sold;
- b) the principal amount of Refunding School Bonds to be issued, provided that (i) such amount shall not exceed \$5,800,000, and (ii) such amount shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the costs of issuance associated with the Refunding School Bonds and to fund the deposit to the escrow fund as set forth in the Escrow Deposit Agreement (as defined herein) in an amount that, when invested, will be sufficient to provide for the timely payments required for the Refunded Bonds;
- c) the maturity dates and the principal amount of each maturity or sinking fund redemption amount of the Refunding School Bonds, provided that no Refunding School Bonds refunding the Refunded Bonds shall mature later than the maturity date of the respective Refunded Bonds;
- d) the interest payment dates and the interest rates on the Refunding School Bonds, provided that the true interest cost on the Refunding School Bonds shall produce a present value debt service savings of at least three percent (3%) of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds;
- e) the denomination or denominations of and the manner of numbering and lettering the Refunding School Bonds, provided that all Refunding School Bonds of like maturity shall be identical in all respects, except as to denominations, amounts, numbers and letters;
- f) provisions for the sale or exchange of the Refunding School Bonds and for the delivery thereof;

- g) the form of the Refunding School Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Refunding School Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, ("DTC") and the Purchase Contract (as defined herein);
- h) the direction for the application and investment of the proceeds of the Refunding School Bonds;
- i) the terms of redemption of the Refunding School Bonds, if any;
- j) the determination to issue such Refunding School Bonds on a current or forward basis;
- k) the determination to issue such Refunding School Bonds on a taxable or tax-exempt basis;
- l) the determination to sell the Refunding School Bonds to a purchaser (the "Purchaser") as selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Municipal Advisor after a solicitation process conducted by a placement agent (as selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary) or by the Municipal Advisor, in accordance with the a commitment letter on a current or forward delivery basis, if required, to be entered into by and between the Purchaser and the Board pursuant to this resolution;
- m) the determination to sell the Refunding School Bonds via a public offering to an underwriter(s) (the "Underwriter") to be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in consultation with the Municipal Advisor; and
- n) any other provisions deemed advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary not in conflict with the provisions hereof.

In addition, the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within ten (10) days of the date of the closing on the Refunding School 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) this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant to 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall execute a certificate evidencing the determinations or other actions taken pursuant to the authority granted hereunder, and any such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the actions or determinations of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as to the matters stated therein.

SECTION 3. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute by manual or facsimile signature the Refunding School Bonds in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Refunding School Bonds.

SECTION 4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve a Bond Purchase Contract (the "Purchase Contract"), if required, for the Refunding School Bonds, to be dated the date of sale of such Refunding School Bonds and to be executed by the Purchaser. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Purchase Contract.

SECTION 5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to apply and qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance and to approve a Commitment for Municipal Bond Insurance (the "Commitment") setting forth the terms and conditions (including premium charges) upon which a bond insurer proposes to issue its bond insurance policy covering the Refunding School Bonds. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Commitment.

SECTION 6. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve the Escrow Deposit Agreement (the "Escrow Deposit Agreement") with an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") to be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds, to be dated the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Deposit Agreement in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Escrow Deposit Agreement. The Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to act as the agent and representative of the Board for the purpose of subscribing for the purchase of United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series to be held by the Escrow Agent. In the alternative, if United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series are not available, the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to seek bids for the acquisition of United States Treasury Securities – Open Market Securities.

SECTION 7. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to select a verification agent (the "Verification Agent"), if required, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds. The Verification Agent shall prepare the verification report required to verify the sufficiency of the escrowed monies to refund the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 8. It is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority to "deem final" (as defined under Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented), a Preliminary Official Statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement") and such official is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a certificate to the Underwriter evidencing the same. The preparation and distribution by the Board, in consultation with Bond Counsel, and counsel to the Underwriter, if any, of a Preliminary Official Statement for the Refunding School Bonds to be used in connection with the marketing of such Refunding School Bonds, is hereby approved and any previous actions undertaken by various representatives and officers of the Board with respect thereto are hereby ratified and confirmed. Upon the sale of the Refunding School Bonds to the Underwriter, the Preliminary Official Statement shall be so modified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, to reflect the effect of the pricing of the Refunding School Bonds and the Purchase Contract and any other revision not inconsistent with the substance thereof deemed necessary or advisable by Bond Counsel, and said Preliminary Official Statement as so modified shall constitute the final Official Statement (the "Official Statement"). The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Official Statement.

SECTION 9. The Board hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Certificate") which will set forth the obligation of the Board to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provision of the Rule. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver this Certificate evidencing the Board's undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Board to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Refunding School Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board to comply with its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 10. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary or any other appropriate officer or representative of the Board, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this resolution, the Purchase Contract, the Escrow Deposit Agreement and the Commitment, and for the authorization, sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds. The execution by such officials and officers of any such documents, with changes, insertions or omissions approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, as hereinabove provided, shall be conclusive and no further ratification or other action by the Board shall be required with respect thereto.

SECTION 11. The Board hereby covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") of the interest on the Refunding School Bonds. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the ability to designate the Refunding School Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.

SECTION 12. All other resolutions adopted in connection with the Refunding School Bonds and inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Ms. Juskeliene

Ayes: Ms. Dansky, 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 Christopher Lisi, ABA Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Step A.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lisa Benitez, ABA Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Step A.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Julia D'Antonio, Part-time Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Michelle Bressack, Lunch Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sophia Campos, Lunch Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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6. That the Board of Education , with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Marissa Muscarella, Lunch Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
7. That the Board of Education , with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Doris Mangazva, Lunch Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
8. That the Board of Education , with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Anjali Gidwani, Lunch Aide, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Motion by: Ms. Juskeliene Seconded by: Ms. Dansky

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

9. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Ashley Clark, Teacher, effective August 31, 2021.

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

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

10. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, post approve Alycia Campisi, Clerical Assistant, for a maximum of 200 hours at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, for the period of July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.
11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Diana Maurice, 10 Hours, for IEP Extended School Year Maintenance Hours, \$35.00 per hour from August 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021.
12. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Stephanie Rosenblum for summer hours beginning August 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021 up to 3 days for Child Study Team Meetings and Evaluations at her contractual rate.
13. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Laura Yphantides, from 35 hours to 40 hours, IEP Extended School Year Maintenance Hours, \$35.00 per hour from August 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021.
14. That the Board of Education approve, the following individuals for movement across the guide effective September 1, 2021 based on educational credentials pending documentation.

Alrick Douglas	from	MA	to	MA +15
Bianca Kim	from	MA	to	MA + 15
Megan Lubin	from	BA+15	to	MA

15. That the Board of Education approve the following individuals for Morning Supervision Duty as per Article XIII Section 13.3 of the River Edge Education Association Contract Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Gina Duprey
 Katelyn Mills
 Caitlin Ryan
 Gabrielle Sagala
 Ryan Schmid

16. That the Board of Education approve the following SCIP Committee Members for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Roosevelt

Michael Henzel
Kelly McCabe
Christine Moran
Marilena Puma
Heather Rothschild
Nevin Werner
Rosemary Kuruc

Cherry Hill

Denise Heitman
Eric James
Christine Moran
Susan Miele
Meagan Yorio
Cassandra McGovern
Jessica Barbo
Andrea Siclari

17. That the Board of Education approve the following Grade Level Chairs for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per contract:

Roosevelt

Nicole Colon
Marilena Puma
Kate Stehn
Nicole Campbell
Christine O'Keefe
Sandy Gerbino
Nichol Del Rosso

Cherry Hill

Deborah Auriemma
Alice Buttery
Kelly Wendrychowicz
Kristen Apreda
Gianna Hrnciar
Joanne Haggerty
Christopher Armen

18. That the Board of Education approve the following teachers for Cycle I of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per contract:

Roosevelt

Jason Funabashi
Sandy Gerbino
Kristen Marco
Alexandra McNeil
Colleen Poole

Cherry Hill

Kelsey Lapp
Jamie Lazor
Christine Morales
Gabrielle Sagala
Courtney Sweet

19. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve, Reem Bowers, Teacher in Charge, for Cherry Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year.
20. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Holly Fox, Teacher in Charge, for Roosevelt School for the 2021-2022 school year.
21. That the Board of Education approve Alrick Douglas for Roosevelt Student Council Advisor for the 2021-2022 School Year.
22. That the Board of Education approve Katherine O'Reilly for Cherry Hill School Student Council Advisor for the 2021-2022 School Year.
23. That the Board of Education approve Gina Duprey for Roosevelt School Safety Patrol Advisor for the 2021-2022 School Year.
24. That the Board of Education approve Rebecca DelPriorie for Cherry Hill School Safety Patrol Advisor for the 2021-2022 School Year.
25. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Colleen Poole, Editor of the River Edge Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2021-2022 school year.

- 26. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Gina Duprey, Assistant Editor of the River Edge Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 27. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nicole Krapels, Part-time Clerical Assistant, 19.5 hours per week for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 28. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as Full Time ABA Aides for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

- 29. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as Part Time Aides for the 2021-2022 school year.

Arjarasumpun, Thippawon	Lai-Chan, Megan
Bosch, Lynn	McGinley, Wendy
Chamberlain, Gina	Meyer, Donna
Chamberlain, Kimberly	Murtha, Kathleen
Cho, Nancy	Noel, Eleanor
Guinta, Lisa	Perry, Jacqueline
Hammer, Allison	Prestigiaco, Keri
Iannantuano, Dawn	Rodriguez, Patricia

- 30. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following, 504 Aides, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Sharon Bene	Patricia Higgins
Mary Ellen Cameron	Elaine Pepi
Alycia Campisi	
Sharon Francin	

- 31. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the employment of Mary Picardi, lunch aide for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 32. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve all salaries for Post Dismissal Instructional Academy at Cherry Hill School to be funded by the Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year pending final award of Title I funds.

33. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve SWING Education to serve as an agency to provide supplemental substitute personnel when those needs cannot be met through our approved substitute pool for the 2021-2022 school year as per the signed service agreement.
34. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Pritchard Industries for supplemental staffing as needed for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the following out of district tuition students into the Building Bridges/Building Connections Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

<u>School District</u>	<u>No. of Classified Students</u>
Rochelle Park	2
Hackensack	1
Ho-Ho-Kus	1
Oradell	1
New Milford	2

2. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Community Based Instruction Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. Dates subject to change. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve a student placement at Felician School for Exceptional Children for the 2021-2022 at a tuition rate of \$120,749.64. Transportation to be provided through Region V.
4. BE IT RESOLVED by the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") 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: Mr. Herbst Seconded by: Ms. Juskeliene

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

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated July 2021 totaling \$951,734.49 including checks #74815 through #74915 and \$4,784.22 including checks #60001 through #60004.

2. That the Board of Education approve Region V Budget for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. 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:

Company and/or Provider Name	Discipline	Area of Service	Hourly Rate/Rate Per Evaluation
Supreme Consultants	Translation	Direct Services	Interpreting Services \$47.00/hr minimum 2 hours Mileage reimbursement at .50/mile for travel one plus hours to service location.
Supreme Consultants	Evaluations	Evaluations	Bilingual Psychological, Educational, Speech & Language, OT \$750 per evaluation. Mileage reimbursement at .50/mile for travel one plus hours to service location.
Starlight Home Care Agency, Inc. d/b/a Star Pediatric Home Care Agency	Nursing Services	Direct Services	RN - \$60/hr LPN - \$48/hr
Home Care Therapies LLC d/b/a Horizon Healthcare Staffing Horizon")	Nursing Services	Direct Services	RN – health office coverage/field trips \$56/hr RNs – 1:1 \$58/hr Specialty RN 1:1 for medically fragile \$60/hr RN Certified School Nurse \$64/hr RN Overnight School Trips \$59/hr LPN \$50/hr LPN for medically fragile \$52/hr CNA \$27/hr Student Transportation ONLY (2 hour minimum each way)* \$75/hr

4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent rescind the approval of the following Region V consultants:

Company and/or Provider Name	Discipline	Area of Service	Hourly Rate/Rate Per Evaluation
Yaffa Markovich, OT LLC	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr
Tobana Professional Corp (Meryl Schreiber)	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services & Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350/Evaluation
Corinne Pochter	Teacher Consultant	Direct Services	Non-public \$82/hr

5. That the Board of Education approve the following Addendum Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q974	American Star Transportation	\$205.00
S905	American Star Transportation	\$210.00
S905	American Star Transportation	\$300.00
S916	All Points Transportation	\$175.00

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Route	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Aide
S900	Shaddai Transport	\$360.00	-
S901	NJ Transportation	\$213.00	-
S905	American Star Transportation	\$210.00	-
S906	RC Prime	\$225.00	\$35.00
S907	Sun Transportation	\$169.00	-
S908	Valley Transportation	\$350.00	\$50.00
S909	American Star Transportation	\$220.00	\$45.00
S909	All Points Transportation	\$175.00	\$35.00
S911	NJ Transportation	\$209.00	-
S912	All Points Transportation	\$168.00	-
S913	Kids Choice Inc.	\$269.00	-
S914	Sun Transportation	\$169.00	-
S916	All Points Transportation	\$175.00	-
S917	RC Prime	\$165.00	-
S918	Valley Transportation	\$300.00	\$55.00
S919	RC Prime	\$215.00	-
S920	Sun Transportation	\$139.00	-
S921	Shaddai Transport	\$170.00	\$45.00
S922	Sun Transportation	\$139.00	-
S923	All Points Transportation	\$205.00	\$45.00
S924	NJ Transportation	\$209.00	-
S925	All Points Transportation	\$210.00	\$40.00
S926	N&Y Transportation	\$189.00	-
S927	American Star Transportation	\$260.00	\$40.00
S928	All Points Transportation	\$390.00	\$50.00

7. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Edgewater School District (Joiner).

Motion by: Ms. Juskeliene Seconded by: Ms. Dansky

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

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OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sim stated he is very upset with the auditing firm in regards to the Region V audit. They repeatedly gave the same recommendations year after year and the board did not receive the audit reports in a timely manner. He asked if the board members can have a presentation on the audit.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Sebastian Muscarella (781 5th Avenue): if there is no mandate for masks come September, do we think we will require masks or will it be a suggestion. Dr. Brockel stated we always try to follow what the CDC and Governor states. We are going to wait and see what they recommend. If there is no mandate, we will strongly suggest students wear a mask indoors because they are not vaccinated.

Joe Carrabs (848 Bogert Road): do we have medical advice as it relates to the children wearing masks in school? Who is giving us that advice? Are there any long term effects on our children wearing masks? Dr. Brockel stated we do not have an analysis of the mental health, but we all agree there is some of that going around with the children. We fall under the recommendation of the State Department of Health as well as our local Department of Health. We follow what they believe is the way to go.

Kirsten Apa (175 Voorhis Avenue): has phonics been impacted with wearing a masks? Dr. Brockel stated it has been impacted but not aware to what extent. Ms. Kang stated we do have clear masks for the teachers so the students can see their mouths.

Dimitrios Papiris (330 Taft Road): it is important to point out that the number one thing we should focus on is we have a full day of day for the students and the students can have lunch in school. What is going to happen if a student needs to quarantine and there is no virtual learning anymore? Dr. Brockel stated as far as he knows the quarantine rules still exist from last year. We will have to see and look into virtual learning for students who need to quarantine.

Taylor Minervini (181 Wales Avenue): asked the community who are fighting to take away the masks to consider those who may need to wear a mask due to health reasons.

Lauren Thiffault (159 Greenway Terrace): if there is a positive case in a classroom will the whole class need to quarantine and is there something planned when a student needs to quarantine? Dr. Brockel stated as far as he knows the quarantine rules are still in effect from last year. We haven't dealt with the quarantine issue yet and it is something we will deal with before the start of the school year.

Joe Carrabs (848 Bogert Road): have we considered making it optional to wear a mask in school in the event there is no mask mandate. Dr. Brockel stated that has been the idea we have been discussing as a board and administration. We just cannot state that at this point.

Taylor Minervini (181 Wales Avenue): stated her concerns of having masks optional for families

Dimitrios Papiris (330 Taft Road): what percentage of our teachers are vaccinated? Dr. Brockel stated we have not come up with a system to gain that information. We need to see the legality of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Dansky to adjourn the regular public meeting at 8:48 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

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