

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
“Building Bright Futures Together”

AGENDA  
October 27, 2021  
7:30 PM Public Meeting

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the emergency orders and directives at the federal, State and local levels, the meeting of the River Edge Board of Education scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2021 will have a meeting conducted from the Roosevelt School Media Center. Details for how to access and participate through remote means are listed herein and will be posted on the District website at [www.riveredgeschools.org](http://www.riveredgeschools.org). You will be able to fully participate in this meeting including, providing public comment.

The Public may observe and participate in the meeting only via the methods listed below.

Please click the link below to join the Zoom Meeting:

Meeting Access URL

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82542208726?pwd=MIY4SVUzbVJTQTKyUlhVVnBKUkU5Zz09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 825 4220 8726

Password: 410711

The Meeting Agenda will be available on the District Website at [www.riveredgeschools.org](http://www.riveredgeschools.org)

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

MISSION STATEMENT

The River Edge School District is a partnership of students, parents, staff, and community members. We are dedicated to providing a supportive environment in which all students can reach their maximum academic potential, while developing as responsible citizens who respect individuality. Our goals will be achieved because:

- curriculum and instruction are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards
- all decisions reflect the academic, social/emotional and physical needs of pre-K to sixth grade students
- cooperation and on-going communication exist between the school district and the community
- school administrators and the Board of Education work together to assess and adjust procedures in response to new mandates and the changing needs of the community

**ROLL CALL**

## OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting, its date, time and place have been delivered to the Post Office, the Municipal Building, Town News, The Record and posted on the District website, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting.

**Closed Session** (when Necessary)

### SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- B. Spring 2021 Assessment Results & Overview Presentation - ACCESS for English Language Learners and Dynamic Learning Maps - Mr. James and Mrs. Heitman.

### REPORTS

- 1. SUPERINTENDENT
- 2. PRINCIPAL
- 3. BOARD SECRETARY
- 4. PRESIDENT
- 5. COMMITTEES

### MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

#### A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

- 1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of October 6, 2021.
- 2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedule for October 2021 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
- 3. **Whereas**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

**Whereas**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the River Edge Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

**Whereas**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the River Edge Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the River Edge Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

4. That the Board of Education accept the District Nursing Services Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. **WHEREAS**, Adrienne Doyle is a member of the River Edge Board of Education (“Board”); and

**WHEREAS**, all board members are required under the School Ethics Act to complete board member training in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33 and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-4.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Commission (“SEC”) determined that Trustee Doyle failed to timely complete her board member training and recommended a sanction of removal effective upon the adoption of the decision by the Commissioner of Education or in the alternative, a suspension for 30 days if Trustee Doyle completed the required training before the issuance of the Commissioner of Education’s final decision; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Doyle did not complete her board member training before the issuance of the Commissioner of Education’s final decision on or about October 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, as a consequence of Trustee Doyle’s failure to fulfill her training obligation as required by law, she is removed from the Board by Order of the Acting Commissioner of Education effective October 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is required to implement the Acting Commissioner of Education’s Order effective October 14, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. Trustee Doyle is removed from the Board by Order of the Acting Commissioner of Education effective October 14, 2021.
2. The Board hereby declares a vacancy created by the Order of the Acting Commissioner of Education.
3. The Board requests that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise the vacancy in accordance Bylaw 9113.
4. Following receipt of applications from interested parties the Board will proceed to fill this vacancy within the time required by law and in accordance with the procedures in Bylaw 9113.

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

**B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION** - None

**C. BUILDING & GROUNDS** - None

**D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2021 totaling \$976,468.02 including checks #10177 through #10313. Payrolls dated September 15, 2021 and September 30, 2021, totaling \$1,264,472.99 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2021-2022 as of August 31, 2021. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2021.

Further, we certify that as of August 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 overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Addendum)

4. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2021-2022 as of September 30, 2021. (Addendum)
5. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2021.

Further, we certify that as of September 30, 2021, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Addendum)

6. That the Board of Education award the contract for nonpublic school security services/competitive contracting report to Associates Security and Investigations, Inc. for the District for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**E. PERSONNEL**

1. That the Board of Education approve to terminate Dr. Richard Brockel's contract effective December 5, 2021, as per the thirty (30) day notice provision to coincide with the start date of the newly appointed Superintendent.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, post approve Megan Lai-Chan, ABA Aide, starting on or about October 25, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Step C.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, post approve Eugenia Tavarez, Part-time Aide, starting on or about October 25, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sarah Brading, ABA Aide, starting on or about November 11, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Step C.

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

Danielle Brown  
Anjali Gidwani  
Doris Mangazva

Marissa Muscarella  
Mary Picardi

6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Lynn Bosch  
Michelle Bressack  
Danielle Brown  
Alycia Campisi  
Kim Chamberlain  
Nancy Cho  
Sharon Francin

Lisa Guinta  
Allison Hammer  
Megan Lai-Chan  
Doris Mangazva  
Wendy McGinley  
Elaine Pepi  
Keri Prestigiacomo

7. That the Board of Education post approve Katelyn Mills as a Substitute Teacher for Cycle I of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year.
8. That the Board of Education approve Jason Funabashi and Nancy Jencsik for Cycle I, SEL, of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per contract.
9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, post approve the employment of Jessica Barbo for Home Instruction, 10 hours a week \$50.00 per hour, for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, post approve Nancy Hafers and Ashley Denn, for Odyssey of the Mind, not to exceed 113 hours, at their hourly contractual rate, for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. That the Board of Education approve the transfer of Daniel DeVincenzo, Custodian, from Cherry Hill School to Roosevelt School effective on or about October 28, 2021.
12. That the Board of Education approve the transfer of Timothy Lesko, Custodian, from Roosevelt School to Cherry Hill School effective on or about October 28, 2021.
13. That the Board of Education designate Michael Henzel as the Affirmative Action Officer/ Human Resource Officer and Susan Cole-Klepper as the Secondary Human Resource Officer, for the River Edge School District for the 2021-2022 school year.
14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Pauline Sheridan, Region V Temporary Clerical Assistant, not to exceed 125 hours, starting on or about October 28, 2021 through February 28, 2022.

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

**F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

1. 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 Addendum to 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 Addendum to the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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

**G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2021 totaling \$610,519.82 including checks #60103 through #60184.
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>Consultant</b>   | <b>Discipline</b>                        | <b>Area of Service</b>                        | <b>Hourly Rate/Rate Per Evaluation</b>             |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| Nicole Elmera       | Behavior Consultant, BCBA                | Behavior Analyst, Parent Training Coordinator | \$80/hr  |
| Leslie Fishbein     | Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant | Direct Services and Evaluations               | Public \$75/\$350 Evaluation                       |
| Jeanne Gannon Smith | School Psychologist                      | Direct Services and Evaluations               | Public \$75/hr, \$350 Evaluation                   |
| Deanna Wallace      | ABA Therapist                            | Direct Services                               | Home ABA \$75/hr, Parent Outreach Training \$75/hr |

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following rates that are part of already established contracts.

| Agency  | Service                | Rates:   |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| ITG     | BCBA, Paraprofessional | Previously Approved:<br>Additional Rates: BCBA \$75/hr<br>paraprofessional \$30/hr |
| Delta T | Paraprofessional       | Previously Approved: Additional Rates:<br>paraprofessional \$23/hr                 |

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following nursing agencies, which are previously approved by the Board, be approved at the rate of \$80/hr. This \$80/hr rate is to provide 1:1 nurses and substitute nurses (RN and LPN) in cases where a nurse cannot be secured at the previously approved rates. This is necessary due to the current shortage of nursing professionals in order to remain compliant with student's Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). In each situation the permission of each member district will be obtained before entering into an agreement.

Bayada  
Priority  
Aveanna  
Horizon Healthcare  
Star Pediatrics

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

| Route # | Transporter                   | Per Diem  |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1132    | We Care School transportation | \$ 228.56 |
| 1819    | Valley Transportation         | \$ 156.77 |
| 2228    | We Care School transportation | \$ 264.09 |
| 2235    | We Care School Transportation | \$ 289.57 |
| 2643    | Morgan Educational Services   | \$ 235.84 |
| 2901    | All Points Transportation     | \$ 221.68 |
| 2928    | N&Y Transportation            | \$ 298.96 |
| 2929    | Kids Choice                   | \$ 253.21 |
| 2936    | RC Prime Transportation       | \$ 202.36 |
| 2970    | Kids Choice Transportation    | \$ 237.00 |

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

| Route # | Transporter                     | Per Diem   |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1529    | Rinaldi                         | \$ 539.06  |
| 1819    | Valley Transportation           | \$ 283.54  |
| 1834    | Morgan Transportation           | \$ 170.71  |
| 2028    | Valley Transportation           | \$ 231.94  |
| 2035    | Valley Transportation           | \$ 1009.21 |
| 2163    | Pro Trans School transportation | \$ 301.82  |
| 2402    | Valley Transportation           | \$ 211.38  |
| 2472    | Valley Transportation           | \$ 385.00  |
| 2493    | Valley Transportation           | \$ 213.76  |
| 2480    | Swift Medical Services          | \$ 445.18  |

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|------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 2900 | Town & Country                  | \$ 476.93 |
| 2902 | We Care School Transportation   | \$ 401.70 |
| 2927 | Pro trans School Transportation | \$ 226.25 |
| 2928 | N&Y Transportation              | \$ 253.96 |
| 2929 | Kids Choice Transportation      | \$ 330.00 |
| 2936 | RC Prime Transportation         | \$ 374.72 |
| 2957 | First Care Medical              | \$ 587.36 |
| 2961 | Joshua Tours                    | \$ 330.00 |
| 2977 | RC Prime Transportation         | \$ 245.00 |
| 2985 | American Star Transportation    | \$ 416.00 |
| 2990 | Valley Transportation           | \$ 350.00 |
| 2991 | RC Prime Transportation         | \$ 368.01 |
| 2996 | American Star Transportation    | \$ 768.00 |

7. That the Board of Education post approve the following Bid Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

| Route | Transporter                  | Per Diem | Per Diem Aide | Increase / Decrease Adjustment cost per Vehicle | Increase / Decrease Adjustment cost per Mile |
|-------|------------------------------|----------|---------------|---|--|
| 2979  | RC Prime                     | \$195.00 | \$50.00       | \$195.00  | \$50.00                                      |
| 2989  | American Star Transportation | \$280.00 | \$48.00       | \$0.00  | \$0.00                                       |
| 2996  | American Star Transportation | \$350.00 | \$50.00       | \$2.00  | \$2.00                                       |
| 3004  | All Points Transportation    | \$275.00 | \$40.00       | \$275.00  | \$2.99                                       |
| 3005  | All Points Transportation    | \$370.00 | \$40.00       | \$370.00  | \$2.99                                       |

8. That the Board of Education post approve the following Quote Contracts for the 2021-2022 school Year.

| Route | Transporter                   | Per Diem | Per Diem Aide | Total Per Diem |
|-------|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| Q010  | We Care Transportation        | \$449.00 | N/A           | \$449.00       |
| Q011  | American Star Transportation  | \$300.00 | \$ 50.00      | \$350.00       |
| Q015  | Morgan Transportation         | \$218.00 | \$ 81.00      | \$299.00       |
| Q017  | Morgan                        | \$281.00 | N/A           | \$281.00       |
| Q021  | Sun Transportation            | \$279.00 | N/A           | \$279.00       |
| Q021  | Morgan Educational Services   | \$436.00 | N/A           | \$436.00       |
| Q022  | We Care School Transportation | \$160.00 | N/A           | \$160.00       |
| Q023  | Horizon Transportation        | \$209.00 | \$ 40.00      | \$249.00       |
| Q024  | Valley Transportation         | \$400.00 | \$ 65.00      | \$465.00       |

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



**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

November 10, 2021

November 17, 2021