

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA
December 15, 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, December 15, 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. 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/89046931904?pwd=b2h6MmVhb1JOeVI3Y3ZXTXZraXNrdz09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 890 4693 1904

Password: 410711

The Meeting Agenda will be available on the District Website at www.riveredgeschools.org

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

ROLL CALL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

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

Special Item- Swearing in New Board Member – Dimitrios Papiris

CLOSED SESSION (When Necessary)

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- B. Honor Retiree Kathleen Grado

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Kathleen Grado

Motion by
Seconded by

***WHEREAS**, Kathleen Grado has announced that she is retiring from the River Edge Board of Education after nineteen years of dedicated service as the Secretary to the Superintendent; and*

***WHEREAS**, her loyal service to the Board of Education and the Administration has created a welcoming place for colleagues and all members of the River Edge community; and*

***WHEREAS**, she has participated in the organization and collaboration of Teacher of the Year, Sixth Grade Board Meetings, Fun Run, and SwiftReach Messaging; and*

***WHEREAS**, her professional skills combined with her friendly, helpful, and witty personality has made her an essential part of the Board of Education Office Team; and*

***WHEREAS**, after her years of faithful service to the River Edge Community, she wishes to pursue her retirement; now therefore,*

***BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this Fifteenth Day of December, Two Thousand Twenty One spread upon its Minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for her valued service; and*

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

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 December 1, 2021.
2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for December 2021 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the 2022 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the River Edge Elementary Schools and the River Edge Law Enforcement Officials for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. That the Board of Education approve for dual use of room 105 in the Roosevelt School for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December 2021, totaling \$850,999.59 including checks #10386 through #10453. Payrolls dated November 15, 2021 and November 29, 2021, totaling \$1,294,854.21 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 October 31, 2021 and November 30, 2021. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending October 31, 2021 and November 30, 2021.

Further, we certify that as of October 31, 2021 and November 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 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)

4. That the Board of Education approve to recycle 200 Chromebooks to Green Wave Electronics in the amount to be determined upon completion of assessing the devices.

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

E. PERSONNEL

- *1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Jacqueline Frontauria, Part-time Aide, starting on December 16, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- 2. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Sharon Francin, 504 Aide, effective December 31, 2021.
- 3. That the Board of Education authorize the payment due to the following employees for unused sick days.

Sharon Francin
Kathleen Grado

- 4. That the Board of Education post approve Courtney Sweet for Cycle II, Math, of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per contract.
- 5. That the Board of Education post approve Lynn Bosche (as an aide) for Cycle II, Math, of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year, at her hourly rate.
- 6. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Lauren Jackson for Student Field Experience to consist of 30 hours of classroom observation to commence on or about January 3, 2022 through January 21, 2022 pending criminal history review.
- *7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Daphne Caplis, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, starting January 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

- 1. That the Board of Education approve Dr. Sameh Ragheb to conduct in person Psychiatric Evaluations for the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed \$850.00.

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

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

- 1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December 2021, totaling \$921,675.57 including checks #60274 through #60368.
- 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:

Consultant	Discipline	Area of Service	Hourly Rate/Rate Per Evaluation
Lincy Aprigliano	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Evaluations	\$350 Evaluation
Taryn Corrigan	Occupational Therapist	Direct Services	OT Home Services \$100/hr*
Edyta Oldakowska	School Psychologist	Direct Services and Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, \$350 Evaluation

*consultant previously approved, approval of additional rate for home services

- 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:
Aveanna	Substitute RN/LPN	Previously Approved: Sub RN/LPN \$60/hr.
Bayada	Substitute RN/LPN	Previously Approved: Sub RN \$60/hr/LPN \$50/hr.
Priority Nursing	Transport RN	Previously Approved: Transport RN \$120/hr.

- That the Board of Education rescind the following Addendum Contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

Route	Transporter	Per Diem
1819	Valley Transportation	\$858.54

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

Route	Transporter	Per Diem
1819	Valley Transportation	\$1015.31
2907	First Student , Inc.	\$580.41
2909	First Student , Inc.	\$614.37
2940	All Points Transportation	\$256.26
3018	Valley Transportation	\$325.00

6. 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
Q028	Morgan Transportation	\$299.00	\$86.00	\$385.00

7. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Palisades Park Board of Education (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
8. **WHEREAS**, a consultant whose name is on file in the Board office has a contract with a seven (7) day notice provision; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator of Region V Council for Special Education has recommended that the Board invoke the seven (7) day notice provision to terminate said consultant's contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby invokes the seven (7) day notice provision of the above referenced consultant's contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator shall provide the consultant with notice of the Board's action as set forth in this Resolution forthwith.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

January 5, 2022 Re-Organization Meeting
January 19, 2022