

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA
March 2, 2022
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, March 2, 2022 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/86928918166?pwd=L1p2Sk4zamN3eEp2QTIHRThiYXJPdz09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 869 2891 8166

Password: 410711

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

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

ROLL CALL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

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

CLOSED SESSION (When Necessary)

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- B. Preliminary Budget Discussion – Cathy Danahy and LuAnne Napolitano
- C. Analyzing Historical Data – Nevin Werner

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 February 16, 2022.

- *2. Whereas, Adrienne Doyle (Respondent) is a school official, as defined in the School Ethics Act (Act), serving as a member of the River Edge Board of Education (Board), located in Bergen County; and

Whereas, by decision dated August 30, 2021, the School Ethics Commission (Commission) found that Respondent failed to comply with the annual training mandate (deadline was December 31, 2020) in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33, N.J.A.C. 6A:11-3.1(a), and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-4.1; and

Whereas, the Commission recommended that the Commissioner of Education impose a penalty of removal, with such removal to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Commissioner of Education. However, if Respondent completed training before the Commissioner of Education adopted a final decision (which was forty-five (45) days after the Commission's decision was mailed), then the Commission recommended that the Commissioner of Education, in lieu of removal, impose a thirty (30) day suspension, with such suspension to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Commissioner of Education; and

Whereas, on October 14, 2021, the Commissioner of Education issued a decision removing Respondent from the Board; and

Whereas, following the issuance of the Commissioner of Education's decision, Respondent filed a motion for reconsideration claiming she never received notifications from the Commission and, therefore, never had the opportunity to respond to the Commission's Order to Show Cause or to the decision adopted on August 30, 2021; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education granted Respondent's motion for reconsideration; and

Whereas, following the filing of her motion for reconsideration, Respondent advised that her term expired on December 31, 2021; and

Whereas, Respondent did not complete the required training prior to the expiration of her term; and

Whereas, by decision dated February 9, 2022, the Commissioner of Education found that Respondent failed to timely honor an obligation placed upon board members by law. However, because Respondent is no longer a member of the Board, the Commissioner of Education found that the only penalty that can be imposed is censure; and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:28-10.12(d) provides that, for a penalty of censure, suspension or removal, a Resolution shall be adopted at the Commission's next meeting following issuance of the Commissioner's decision, and the Resolution shall be read at the next public meeting of the charter school following its adoption, and shall be posted in such places as the charter school posts its public notices for a period of no less than thirty (30) days; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Commission adopts this Resolution stating that Respondent is hereby CENSURED as a school official for having been found to have violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33 of the Act, and its implementing regulations, namely N.J.A.C. 6A:11-3.1(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-4.1; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board is ordered to read this Resolution at its next regularly scheduled public meeting following the Commission's adoption on February 25, 2022, and to post it in such places as the Board posts its public notices for a period of no less than thirty (30) days.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board shall provide the Commission with the minutes, once adopted, from the meeting at which it reads the within Resolution.

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

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	February 10, 2022 Fire Drill February 18, 2022 Shelter in Place
Roosevelt School	February 11, 2022 Fire Drill February 17, 2022 Evacuation Drill

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an out-of-district student, whose name is on file in the Board Office, for a tuition cost of \$1,180 per month, beginning on March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022,

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Rosemary Kuruc, Supervisor of Special Services, effective August 1, 2022. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Anne Marie Spiegel for additional work requested for the following months: (Addendum)

March 2022: 22 hours at a cost of \$110 per hour not to exceed \$2,420

May 2022: 6 hours at a cost of \$110 per hour not to exceed \$660

3. That the Board of Education approve the following teachers for **Cycle III (SEL)** of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021 – 2022 School Year, as per contract:

Cherry Hill School

Janel Blake
Leeann Cameron
Rebecca DelPriore
Kristen Karavitis
Gabrielle Sagala
Noy Sapir

Roosevelt School

Gina Duprey
Lauren Proda
Marisa Schussler

4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve professional day requests for the following staff members to attend workshops/conferences as noted and in accordance with appropriate statute:

Name/Position	Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Cost to District Excluding Mileage at State Rate
Eric James Assistant Principal	Montclair State University Spring 2022 Career and Internship Fair	3/16/2022	\$50.00
Stephanie Repetti LDTC	Regulations: Assessment, Legal and Social Emotional Challenges (Virtual)	4/8/2022	\$140.00
Nevin Werner Supervisor Math & Science	Rowan University Education Expo 2022	4/14/2022	\$225.00

5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Joi Jonas, Part-Time Clerical Aide, for 25 hours per week, beginning on or about March 21, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, due to job abandonment, terminates the employment of an employee, whose name is on file in the Board Office, effective immediately.

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

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

Route	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Diem Aide (if applicable)	Increase / Decrease Adjustment cost per Vehicle	Increase / Decrease Adjustment cost per Mile
3013	J&W Financial LLC	\$445.00	\$60.00	\$445.00	\$.01

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

Route	Transporter	Per Diem	Per Diem Aide (if applicable)
Q037	Sun Transportation	\$425.00	\$50.00
Q038	Sun Transportation	\$399.00	\$50.00
Q039	All Points Transportation	\$220.00	\$30.00

3. That the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and the Bayonne School District (Joiner).
4. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Region I (Joiner).
5. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region 1 (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
6. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Region II (Joiner).
7. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Region III (Joiner).

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

March 16, 2022

April 6, 2022