

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Building Bright Futures Together”

REVISED AGENDA
June 1, 2022
7:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING

Roosevelt School Media Center
711 Summit Ave
River Edge, NJ 07661

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, June 1, 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/82646283001?pwd=aExxRUkyWnVZYnRFemVHQmJtRVppUT09>

Meeting Access Code / ID: 826 4628 3001

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

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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. Honor Retirees:

Mark Jentz
Rosemary Kuruc
Sheryl Lloyd
Marlene Rhodes
Victor Tee

C. Reception for Retirees to take place in the Old Gym
There will be a 10 minute ZOOM recess during this time.

D. Demographic Study Presenters -

Richard S. Grip, Ed.D (Statistical Forecasting LLC)
Joe Di Cara (DiCara and Rubino Architects)

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Mark Jentz

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Motion by
Seconded by

WHEREAS, Mark Jentz has announced his retirement after thirty-seven years of dedicated service to the River Edge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, his cheerfulness, sense of humor and work ethic contributed to a positive school culture for staff, students and their families; and

WHEREAS, he continued to help maintain the building using his hands on approach; and

WHEREAS, he led by example and showed his coworkers that the job of a school custodian matters to the students he serves; and

WHEREAS, he supported the PTO and was always happy to move a table, do the heavy lifting and provide endless support for PTO sponsored events so they always ran smoothly; and

WHEREAS, he shared a special place in his heart for all of the children in River Edge and especially at Roosevelt School; and

WHEREAS, his attention to detail and pride in his work allowed Roosevelt teachers, administrators, secretaries, paraprofessionals and support staff to do their job well knowing schools were clean, safe and well maintained; and

WHEREAS, after his years of faithful service to the River Edge School District he wishes to retire, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this First Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty Two, spread upon its Minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for his valued service, and

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

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Rosemary Kuruc

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Motion by
Seconded by

WHEREAS, Rosemary Kuruc has announced her retirement after nineteen years of dedicated service to education and the River Edge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, her thoughtful, caring and warm efforts, have embraced all students as the Supervisor of Special Education, passing through the halls of Roosevelt School, Cherry Hill and especially New Bridge Center, demonstrating her outstanding leadership and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Kuruc has shared her love and expertise of instruction, using her knowledge and innovation for the creation of the Building Bridges and Building Connections Program, especially in mainstreaming several children in the general education classes, creating life skills strategies, while scheduling field trips for all BB and BC students and bringing hands-on experiences such as Liberty Science, to her students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Kuruc has been a leader, great administrative colleague, mentor, confidante, a member of the Region V Council for Special Education and the creator of the Social Emotional Learning PDIA for many students, working closely with her Child Study Team, and her secretary, Cheryl Maguire; and

WHEREAS, her communication with River Edge families, positively impacted the accomplishments for those she has touched; collaborating with the I & RS Team, and the Pupil Assistance Counselors, helping to formulate the WIN ("What I Need") Period for students, implementing in-class support in Grades five and six, training paraprofessionals, and finding meaningful professional development for all; and

WHEREAS, after her faithful service to River Edge schools, she wishes to retire; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this First Day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty Two, spread upon its Minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for his valued service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the River Edge community offers its best wishes to Rosemary Kuruc for a long, happy, healthy and productive retirement and its gratitude for her years of service to the school district.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Marlene Rhodes

Motion by
Seconded by

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WHEREAS, Marlene Rhodes has announced her retirement after fifteen years of dedicated service to the River Edge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, her years of experience and knowledge of childhood development have enabled the River Edge District to provide exceptional service to our students and valuable support to parents and teachers, and

WHEREAS, she has been an essential part of the Related Services Department and a valuable resource for the entire school community, and

WHEREAS, her dedication, expertise, wisdom, and compassionate manner will be remembered by those lives she has touched for years to come, and

WHEREAS, after her many years of faithful service to education and the River Edge community, she wishes to retire;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this First Day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty Two, 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 Marlene Rhodes for a long, happy, healthy and productive retirement and its gratitude for her years of service to the district.

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREE

Honor Retiree Victor Tee

Motion by
Seconded by

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***WHEREAS,** Victor Tee has announced his retirement after twenty years of dedicated service to Technology education for the River Edge Public Schools; and*

***WHEREAS,** his vision for technology at Roosevelt, Cherry Hill and New Bridge Center involved the collaboration of technology coaches, technicians, teachers, administrators, families and his skill using technology applications ranging from PreK-6 grade curriculum: and*

***WHEREAS,** his expertise provided technical assistance and provided on-site technological consultation to our schools and departments on the instructional and administrative uses of several devices, tablets, a multitude of peripherals and their related hardware and software; and*

***WHEREAS,** Victor Tee has been an intrical part of PARCC, NJSLA, WIDA and DLM assessments throughout his years in River Edge and a member on the District Technology Committee and the Technology Task Force work; and*

***WHEREAS,** his knowledge of First Class, Google Administration, Business Office Applications, district copiers, cameras, phones, network, and troubleshooting has been essential; and*

***WHEREAS,** after his faithful service to River Edge schools, he wishes to retire; and*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this First Day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty Two, spread upon its Minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for his valued service, and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the River Edge community offers its best wishes to Victor Tee for healthy and productive retirement and its gratitude for his years of service to the school 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 May 4, 2022. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) District and School Grade Report for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following workshops, as noted, with all hotel, meals and travel reimbursed at the statutory rates per NJ OMB Guidelines:

Name/Title	Conference	Registration Fee
Cathy Danahy Superintendent	Summer Inclusion Leadership Conference Kenilworth, NJ June 28, 2022	\$0
Dr. Evan Jaffe Director of Special Services	Summer Inclusion Leadership Conference Kenilworth, NJ June 28, 2022	\$0
Louise Napolitano Business Administrator	NJASBO Conference Atlantic City, NJ June 7 – June 10, 2022	\$275.00

5. That the Board of Education approve the following class trip(s): (Addendum)

School	Grade	Destination	Cost To District
Cherry Hill School	1	River Edge Public Library	0
Roosevelt School	1	River Edge Police Department	0
Roosevelt School	1	River Edge Public Library	0
Roosevelt School	6	River Edge Public Library	0

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

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	5/25/2022 Evacuation Drill 5/31/2022 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	5/20/2022 Fire Drill 5/26/2022 Evacuation Drill

7. That the Board of Education approve discarding unused textbooks as per the attached (Addendum)
8. That the Board of Education approve the following District Goals for the 2022-2023 School year.

Goal #1

By June of 2023, the district will have a comprehensive technology plan that includes a solution for increased connectivity and that recommends a new staff and student device so that we can improve educational technology, instructional practices and ensure an equitable distribution of technological resources.

Goal #2

By June of 2023 the district will ensure all facilities and school security procedures including cybersecurity, physical school building environments, school grounds and instructional spaces provide an optimal learning environment for all students. .

Goal #3:

By June of 2024 provide enrichment educational opportunities for all students and for students who are identified as academically exceptional. Establish a plan to reform our current approaches, programs, and practices based on a needs assessment.

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

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the refusal of funds for American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth Application for Fiscal Year 2022 (ARP-HCYII) in the amount of \$1,263.
2. **WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education advertised for bids for a project that included Boiler Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School and Roosevelt Elementary School (“Project”); and
WHEREAS, on May 26, 2022, the Board received one bid for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the base bid submitted for the Project by C.J. Vanderbeck & Son in the amount of \$1,600,000 which is substantially in excess of the cost estimates prepared by the Architect for the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby rejects the bid received for the Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(a), as the bid substantially exceeds the cost estimate and, as such, are unreasonable as to price on the basis of the Architect's cost estimate prepared on behalf of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to re-advertise the Project, in the best interests of the School District.

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

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Michael Masangcay, as Technology Technician and Website Manager, beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at a salary on file in the Board Office.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Chelsea Wallschleger, ABA Aide, beginning September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, BA Step E.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Diana Maurice, Teacher, beginning September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, BA Step 6.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kelly Seidler, School Psychologist, beginning September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, MA 30, Step 1.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Elena Kim, leave replacement Teacher, beginning September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, MA Step 2.
- *6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Laura Rinaldi, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, MA+30, Step 16.
7. That the Board of Education, accepts with regret, the resignation of Leeann Cameron, Mental Health Clinician, effective June 30, 2022.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a leave of absence without pay for employee #011851, whose name is on file in the Board Office, to commence on August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Tenured Staff in the REEA for the 2022-2023 school year as per the list on file in the District Office.
- *10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Tenured Administrators and Supervisors in the REASA for the 2022-2023 school year.

Denise Heitman
Michael Henzel
*Rosemary Kuruc
Nevin Werner

11. That the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 School Year salaries of the non-represented employees. (Addendum)
12. That the Board of Education approve the salary guide for part-time/hourly Employee Salary Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. (Addendum)
13. That the Board of Education approve the salary guide for ABA Aides 2022-2023 school year. (Addendum)
- *14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of ABA Aides for the Building Bridges and Building Connections Extended School Year Program, from July 5, 2022 to July 29, 2022, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Francisco Benitez	Megan Lai Chen
Jane Gonzalez	Mary Bastable
Kathleen Lawler	Sandy Ofshinsky
Thelexiopi Lekkas	Amanda Deluca
Wendy Manning	Debbie Connors
Lisa Spinetti	Laura Yphantides
Helen Belits	Chris Watson
Cathy Nyan	Tammy Valentine
Joanna Rivera	Alexandria Blackwell
Amanda Sanzari	Justin Centro
Debbie Falla	Jarae Satterfield
Adam Grosso	Lisa Benitez
Nicolette Ferrigno	Deanna Wallace
Michele Campos	Rhonda Copozzi
Julie Fitzpatrick	*Diana Maurice
Ozen Akdemir	
Sarah Brading	

- *15. The following instructional aides for the Summer Resource Center Program from June 27 - to July 22, 2022*, 4 hours per day at their contractual rate:

Name	Hours
Julia D'Antonio	8:30 – 12:30
Jacob Palamattom	8:30 – 12:30 (Region v/Delta T employ)

16. The following instructional aides for the Extended School Year Preschool Program, from July 5 – July 29, 2022 at their contractual rate.

Name	Hours
Donna Meyers	8:30 – 12:30
Patty Rodriguez	8:30 – 12:30

17. Teachers at their contractual hourly rate for the Summer Resource Center Program, June 27 – July 22, 2022, 8:30 – 12:30 (4 hrs per day 5 days per week)

Name

Jessica Barbo
 Noy Sapir
 Abby Burns-Paterson
 Kelly McCabe
 Reem Halabi

Gina Duprey Speech Services 8:30 – 12:30 (4hrs per day up to 3 days per week)

July 5 – July 29, 2022 ESY BC/BB Program

Laura Linder 8:30 – 12:30 (4 hrs per day up to 4 days per week)

- *18. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Child Study Team staff for summer hours beginning July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 up to 10 days for Child Study Team Meetings and Evaluations at their contractual rate:

Name

Abby Burns-Paterson
 Susan Cole
 Kellie McClain
 *Laura Rinaldi

19. 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, 2022 to August 31, 2022

20. That the Board of Education post-approve the following Aide for Cycle IV (SEL) of the Post Dismissal Instruction Academy for the 2021-2022 school year, as per contract:

Roosevelt School

Eugenia Taveras

21. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following school nurses for 10 hours of summer work in preparation of student health records and paperwork, for the 2022-2023 school year, at an hourly rate of \$50 per hour:

Sabrina Johnston
 Tara Vernieri
 Shauntea Weaver

22. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Employee #009296, whose name is on file in the Board Office, to commence on or about November 14, 2022 through December 23, 2022, followed by a Federal/State Family leave of absence to commence on or

about January 3, 2023, through March 24, 2023 and to continue with a Child Care leave of absence through June 30, 2023.

- *23. That the Board of Education, accepts with regret, the resignation of Katie O'Brien, Resource Room Teacher, effective June 30, 2022.

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

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the contract with Bergen County Special Services School for 192/193 services to non-public schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1132	We Care Transportation	\$232.92
1133	We Care Transportation	\$264.53
2900	Town & Country	\$302.60
2901	All Points Transportation	\$225.91
2904	All Points Transportation	\$147.15
2928	N&Y Transportation	\$304.67
2936	RC Prime Transportation	\$206.22
2939	All Points Transportation	\$259.08
2940	All Points Transportation	\$174.10
2943	All Points Transportation	\$212.44
2944	All Points Transportation	\$300.53
2957	First Care Medical	\$299.49
2961	Joshua Tours	\$459.09

2971	American Star Transportation	\$326.11
2973	RC Prime Transportation	\$240.30
2979	RC Prime Transportation	\$249.67
2984	Shaddai Transportation	\$229.29
2991	RC Prime Transportation	\$324.07
2992	Shaddai Transportation	\$168.15
3004	All Points Transportation	\$321.01
3005	All Points Transportation	\$417.83
3008	American Star Transportation	\$667.51
3011	J&W Financial	\$504.45
3013	J&W Financial	\$453.49
3016	We Care	\$433.11

2. That the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between the West New York School District (Host) and Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Joiner).
3. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between the West New York School District (Host) and Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Joiner).
4. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Ridgefield Park Public School District (Host) and Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Joiner).
5. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Leonia Public Schools (Host) and Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Joiner).
6. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between the Education Service Commission of Morris County (Host) and Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Joiner).
7. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Franklin Township Public School (Host) and Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Joiner).
8. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Host) and Bayonne Board of Education(Joiner).
9. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Host) and Collingswood Public School District (Joiner).
10. That the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge Public Schools (Host) and Leonia Public School District (Joiner).
11. 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 contract 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, approve the contract 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:

That the Board of Education post approve Care Finders Total Care LLC for the 2021-2022 school year:

Agency	Service	Rates
Care Finders Total Care LLC	Nursing Services	Public/Nonpublic RN: \$52/hr. Public/Nonpublic LPN: \$42/hr. Public/Nonpublic Health Aide: \$24/hr

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Board Meetings

June 22, 2022

July 27, 2022