

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
"Building Bright Futures Together"

REVISED AGENDA  
September 22, 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, September 22, 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.

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Meeting Access URL

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Password: 410711

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## **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. Welcome New Staff Members

Denise Beck- Cherry Hill School – 6th Grade Teacher  
Elizabeth Bovino - Cherry Hill School – ESL Teacher  
Carrie Bryer - Roosevelt School – Resource Teacher  
Leanne Cameron - District – Mental Health Clinician  
Alrick Douglas – Roosevelt School – Pupil Assistance Counselor  
Silvia Farinella – Cherry Hill School – P/T Resource Center Teacher contracted by  
Region V  
Jason Funabashi – Roosevelt School – 3rd Grade Teacher  
Lara Kane- Cherry Hill School-Part time Interventionist  
Kelsey Lapp- Cherry Hill School-3rd Grade Teacher  
Steven Luca- Cherry Hill School-Leave Replacement Teacher-1st Grade  
Kristen Marco-Roosevelt School-Instructional Technology Coach  
Kellie McClain-District-Psychologist  
Claritza Rodriguez-District-Spanish Teacher  
Marisa Schussler-Roosevelt School-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Shauntea Weaver-New Bridge Center-Nurse

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## 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 of August 25, 2021.
2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of August 30, 2021.

3. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of September 13, 2021.
4. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for September 2021 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
5. That the Board of Education approve the list on file in the district office of pupil records maintained in the district for the 2021-2022 school year. (Addendum)
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act completed by each school's safety team.
7. That the Board of Education approve the Student Safety Data Report on incidents of Violence; Vandalism; Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (HIB) and HIB training and programs for Reporting Period 2 (January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021).
8. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
5141.10	Face Coverings
5141.11	Vaccines and Testing

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

**B. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None**

**C. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 school year attendance of specific students at Cherry Hill or Roosevelt School which is other than their customary neighborhood school, as on file in the District Office.
2. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Yeshiva of North Jersey to provide Non-public Nursing Services 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 September, 2021 totaling \$572,441.42 including checks #10079 through #10176. Payrolls dated August 13, 2021, and August 31, 2021 totaling \$270,132.46 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 Budget Transfers for the school year 2021-2022 as of July 31, 2021. (Addendum)

3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2021.

Further, we certify that as of July 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 authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for services in connection with the cooperative bidding for supplies and other categories as mutually agreed upon for the 2021-2022 school year at a fee of \$3,140.00 (Addendum).
5. That the Board of Education accept the grant for Alyssa's Law Compliance and School Security Grants in the amount of \$64,113.

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

**E. PERSONNEL**

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Kristen Karavitis, Teacher, effective on or before November 2, 2021 through June 30, 2022, MA+30, Step 5.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Travis Smith, Leave Replacement Teacher, effective on or about November 8, 2021 through April 4, 2022, BA, Step 1.
3. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Christine Morales, Teacher, effective October 31, 2021.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year:  

Michael Anesini  
Travis Smith
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Luis Cruz, Cherry Hill and Mark Jentz, Roosevelt as Lead Custodians for the 2021-2022 school year, as per contract.
6. That the Board of Education designate Denise Heitman, Attendance Officer, for a yearly stipend of \$500.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. That the Board of Education approve Rosemary Kuruc, Mental Health Liaison, for the River Edge School District for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Rosemary Kuruc, or Designee, as the Division of Child Permanency and Protection Liaison for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. That the Board of Education appoint Michael Henzel as District School Safety Specialist per state law (P.L. 2017 c.162) for the 2021-2022 school year.

10. That the Board of Education approve Eric James, ESL Coordinator, for the River Edge School District for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Maryann Crudello for Home Instruction, 10 hours a week \$50.00 per hour, for the 2021-2022 school year.
12. That the Board of Education recind Christine Morales for Cycle I, ELA, of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year.
13. That the Board of Education approve Steven Luca for Cycle I, ELA, of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year.
14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Dara Burns, Region V Administrative Assistant, starting on or about October 7, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
15. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, post approve the employment of the following staff member for IEP Extended School Year Maintenance Hours, \$35.00 per hour from August 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

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16. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Ryan Berman, River Dell High School student, for a senior internship one day per week as part of a School Sponsored Structured Learning Experience to commence on October 5, 2021 through January 18, 2022.
17. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Samantha Gentles for student Fieldwork to consist of observation for a maximum of 20 hours to commence on or about September 27, 2021 through December 10, 2021.
18. That the Board of Education approve the following teachers for Cycle I, SEL, of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per contract:

**Roosevelt**

Michelle Attardi  
Alrick Douglas  
Colleen Poole  
Lauren Proda

**Cherry Hill**

Reem Bowers  
Leeann Cameron  
Leah DelGuidice  
Rebecca Delpriore  
Risa Louda  
Gabrielle Sagala

- \*19. BE IT RESOLVED that the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Catherine Danahy (hereinafter referred to as "Danahy"), as the Superintendent of Schools for the River Edge School District effective on or about December 6, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Danahy for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment, which Employment Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Danahy.

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

**F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve Jamie Lee to conduct Psych-Educational Evaluations in Korean for the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed \$600.00.

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

**G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated September, 2021 totaling \$123,554.33 including checks #60065 through #60102.
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>
Andrea Gaynes	Speech Language Therapist Consultant	Direct Services and Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr and \$350 Evaluation
Ekaterina Shevchuk	Occupational Therapist Consultant	Direct Services and Evaluations	Public \$75/hr, Non-Public \$82/hr and \$350 Evaluation

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1120	Valley Transportation	\$188.53
1132	We Care Transportation	\$228.76
1133	We Care Transportation	\$259.58
1277	Valley Transportation	\$203.55
1304	Valley Transportation	\$204.71
1524	Valley Transportation	\$279.23
1529	Rinaldi Transportation	\$250.53
1541	Valley Transportation	\$251.38
1544	Valley Transportation	\$230.07
1616	Valley Transportation	\$198.62
1742	Valley Transportation	\$173.56
1814	Valley Transportation	\$125.10
1819	Valley Transportation	\$187.28
1834	Morgan Educational Services	\$200.70
1857	Valley Transportation	\$185.96
1858	Valley Transportation	\$204.63
1899	Valley Transportation	\$193.73
1900	Valley Transportation	\$173.28
1963	Valley Transportation	\$191.11
1989	Valley Transportation	\$234.82
2028	Valley Transportation	\$138.97
2035	Valley Transportation	\$266.25
2163	Pro Trans School Transportation	\$251.82
2219	Valley Transportation	\$177.79
2221	Valley Transportation	\$122.83
2228	We Care Transportation	\$271.52
2235	We Care Transportation	\$288.74
2901	All Points Transportation	\$221.68
2310	Valley Transportation	\$181.60
2311	Valley Transportation	\$155.33
2327	Pro Trans School Transportation	\$136.11
2332	Valley Transportation	\$252.10
2402	Valley Transportation	\$186.38
2409	Valley Transportation	\$155.49
2414	Valley Transportation	\$209.81
2472	Valley Transportation	\$724.22
2475	Valley Transportation	\$74.88

2480	Swift Transportation	\$222.59
2493	Valley Transportation	\$129.63
2554	We Care Transportation	\$216.11
2640	Morgan Educational Services	\$227.67
2643	Morgan Educational Services	\$227.67
2655	Morgan Educational Services	\$342.03
2691	Morgan Educational Services	\$148.38
2900	Town & Country Transportation	\$296.93
2902	We Care Transportation	\$342.70
2903	All Points Transportation	\$294.90
2904	All Points Transportation	\$144.40
2906	First Student, Inc	\$344.73
2907	First Student, Inc	\$415.91
2908	First Student, Inc	\$436.25
2909	First Student, Inc	\$436.25
2911	Pro Trans School Transportation	\$339.64
2913	We Care Transportation	\$364.05
2916	All Points Transportation	\$216.60
2921	John Leckie, Inc.	\$325.40
2922	RC Prime Transportation	\$147.45
2923	John Leckie, Inc.	\$294.89
2924	RC Prime Transportation	\$207.45
2926	First Student, Inc	\$330.49
2927	Pro Trans School Transportation	\$376.25
2928	N&Y Transportation	\$298.97
2929	Kids Choice Transportation	\$309.14
2931	First Student, Inc	\$413.20
2932	John Leckie, Inc.	\$344.72
2935	First Student, Inc	\$371.17
2936	RC Prime Transportation	\$171.68
2937	John Leckie, Inc.	\$283.70
2938	Town & Country Transportation	\$141.35
2939	All Points Transportation	\$254.23
2940	All Points Transportation	\$170.84
2943	All Points Transportation	\$208.46
2944	All Points Transportation	\$294.90
2945	All Points Transportation	\$167.79
2946	All Points Transportation	\$177.96
2948	Pro Trans School Transportation	\$171.86
2950	Morgan Educational Services	\$266.43
2952	All Points Transportation	\$177.96



2963	All Points Transportation	\$152.54
2951	Morgan Educational Services	\$271.51
2954	John Leckie, Inc.	\$160.66
2955	Morgan Educational Services	\$199.31
2957	First Care Medical	\$293.88
2958	John Leckie, Inc.	\$303.03
2961	Joshua Tours	\$450.49
2962	John Leckie, Inc.	\$376.24
2967	John Leckie, Inc.	\$281.67
2969	First Care Medical	\$259.31
2970	Kids Choice Transportation	\$306.00

4. 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
2970	Kids Choice Transportation	\$237.00	\$69.00	\$230.00	\$2.00
2971	American Star Transportation	\$280.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2973	RC Prime Transportation	\$195.80	\$40.00	\$195.80	\$4.99
2974	Morgan Transportation	\$245.00	\$81.00	\$245.00	\$1.00
2975	RC Prime Transportation	\$180.00	\$25.00	\$180.00	\$4.99
2977	RC Prime Transportation	\$215.00	\$30.00	\$215.00	\$4.99
2979	RC Prime Transportation	\$195.00	\$30.00	\$195.00	\$50.00
2982	American Star Transportation	\$320.00	\$50.00	\$320.00	\$0.00
2983	Sun Transportation	\$209.00	\$40.00	\$209.00	\$2.99
2984	Shaddai Transportation	\$225.00	\$50.00	\$190.00	\$0.89
2985	American Star Transportation	\$320.00	\$48.00	\$322.00	\$2.00
2986	Sun Transportation	\$179.00	\$40.00	\$179.00	\$2.99
2987	Shaddai Transportation	\$170.00	\$45.00	\$165.00	\$0.89
2988	Kids Choice Transportation	\$193.00	\$49.00	\$193.00	\$0.00
2989	Kids Choice Transportation	\$259.00	\$55.00	\$259.00	\$0.00
2990	Valley Transportation	\$500.00	\$60.00	\$500.00	\$2.50
2991	RC Prime Transportation	\$318.00	\$30.00	\$322.99	\$3.99
2992	Shaddai Transportation	\$165.00	\$40.00	\$145.00	\$0.89
2993	Sun Transportation	\$169.00	\$40.00	\$169.00	\$2.99
2996	American Star Transportation	\$329.00	\$44.00	\$331.00	\$2.00
2996	Morgan Transportation	\$185.00	\$81.00	\$185.00	\$1.00

3000	Sun Transportation	\$149.00	\$40.00	\$149.00	\$2.99
3001	Shaddai Transportation	\$190.00	\$50.00	\$189.00	\$0.89
3002	All Points Transportation	\$245.00	\$30.00	\$245.00	\$2.99
3003	Sun Transportation	\$169.00	\$40.00	\$169.00	\$2.99
3004	Sun Transportation	\$169.00	\$40.00	\$169.00	\$2.99
3005	Horizon Transportation	\$224.00	\$50.00	\$224.00	\$2.99
3006	Shaddai Transportation	\$165.00	\$55.00	\$180.00	\$0.89

5. 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
Q001	Valley Transportation	\$151.00	N/A	\$151.00
Q002	American Star Transportation	\$348.00	\$48.00	\$393.00
Q005	American Star Transportation	\$330.00	\$48.00	\$378.00
Q009	American Star Transportation	\$270.00	\$48.00	\$318.00
Q010	We Care Transportation	\$329.00	\$59.00	\$388.00

6. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Educational Service Commission of Morris County (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
7. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region I (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
8. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Region I (Joiner).
9. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region II (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
10. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Region II (Joiner).
11. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Region III (Joiner).
12. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region III (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
13. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The SBJC (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
14. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and West New York School District (Joiner).
15. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Collingswood School District (Joiner).

16. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Warren County Special Services School District (Joiner).
17. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Edgewater School District (Joiner).
18. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Leonia School District (Joiner).
19. That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Jointure Transportation Agreement between The Region V (Host) and Ridgefield Park School District (Joiner).

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

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

October 6, 2021

October 27, 2021