

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – January 21, 2015

6:30 PM Confidential Session (Review of non-tenured personnel)

7:30 PM Public Meeting

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Walker read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Danahy; Mr. DiBella; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; and Ms. Walker. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Mrs. Heitman, Mrs. Kuruc, Mr. Lyons and approximately eight members of the public.

Mr. Busted arrived at 7:30 PM
Ms. Dansky was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 6:30 PM for a review of non-tenured personnel.

Ayes: Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 7:30 PM.

Ayes: Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Vito Acquafredda, River Edge Resident, asked the board members if they would consider nominating a liaison to attend the Mayor and Council Meetings.

Budget Development - 2015-2016

Budget Overview- Dr. Tova Ben-Dov and Patricia Salvati
Capital Projects – John Lyons
Building Bridges Program-Rosemary Kuruc
Technology – Denise Heitman

Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Salvati spoke about the budget development process and the financial predictions of the 2015-2016 school budget. Mr. Lyons spoke about the list of Capital Projects he is recommending. Ms. Kuruc spoke about Special Education and the needs of the Building Bridges Program, and Ms. Heitman spoke about the technology needs of the district. All questions were answered by the administrators.

Re-organization of Committees

Mrs. Myers spoke to the Board about the 2014-2015 Board Committee Assignments. She gave the board the option of keeping the committees with eight committees and three members, as in the past, or having three committees with two members and the Board President on each committee. The board discussed the options and agreed to the three committees.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

- Re-registration is down to the last family that needs to bring in their affidavit. They will bring it in by the end of this week.
- Support work continues with PARCC for teachers. January 28th will be a half day Professional Development Day for teachers that will include PARCC Professional Development. Infrastructure trial will start next week.
- The Ninth Annual Young Artists Exhibition will be held from January 27th to February 14th. Dr. Ben-Dov said it's a rich and inspiring event and she invited everyone to attend.
- The Mayor's Book Club, to promote literacy for first graders, in River Edge, will start on Monday, February 2nd.
- Cat in the Hat will come and visit Roosevelt School on Tuesday, February 4th.
- Kelly Wendrychowicz, 1st Cherry Hill School teacher, proposed the idea of having a "Soup"er-bowl fundraiser where all students and faculty donate one can of soup during the week of the Super bowl and give it to those in need.
- The River Edge Korean Parent Network (REKPN) met and encouraged parents to communicate with the community in every possible way.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Mr. Dan Guttman visited Roosevelt School on Friday, January 16th.
- The Roosevelt 5th and 6th Grade Geography Bee was today. The results are not in yet. Cherry Hill will have their Geography Bee on January 30th.
- Kindergarten Registration was held on Tuesday, January 13th and Thursday, January 15th.
- Cherry Hill Talent Show is scheduled for this Friday, January 23rd, at the River Dell Middle School.
- International Day will be on Thursday, February 5th in Cherry Hill School. We will be featuring five countries.
- Firefighter Phil will visit Cherry Hill School on Wednesday, February 11th to teach the children about fire safety.
- 6th Grade Parent Orientation at River Dell Middle School was re-scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th.

BOARD SECRETARY

- On tonight's agenda there is a motion to approve the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Waiver.
- Ethics and Financial Disclosure forms are now available online. Board members should have received an email with instructions for completing them.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers asked the board if they wanted to discuss Mr. Acquafredda's request tonight regarding nominating a board member to become a liaison for the Mayor and Council Meetings. A discussion was held regarding the matter.

COMMITTEES

Committees had nothing to report at this meeting.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of November 12, 2014.

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None
Abstained: Ms. Danahy

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mr. Sim

2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of November 19, 2014.

Ayes: Mr. Busteded, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None
Abstained: Ms. Danahy

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Walker

3. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of December 3, 2014.

Ayes: Mr. Busteded, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None
Abstained: Ms. Danahy

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Danahy

4. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of December 17, 2014.

Ayes: Mr. Busteded, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None
Abstained: Ms. Danahy

Motion by Ms. Danahy
Seconded by Mr. Busteded

5. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for January 2015 including relevant mileage reimbursement.
(Addendum)
6. That the Board of Education approve the River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. (Addendum)
7. **WHEREAS**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-16, and

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Edge Board Of Education hereby authorized the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes: Mr. Busteded, Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2015 totaling \$483,890.37 including checks #36967 through #37063. Payrolls dated December 15, 2014 and December 23, 2014, totaling \$1,086,046.44 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None
Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mr. Sim

2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2014-2015 as of November 30, 2014. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending November 30, 2014.

Further, we certify that as of November 30, 2014 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 accept the list of donations in memory of Erika Steinbauer for the Building Bridges Program in the amount of \$25.00. (List is on file in the Board Office)
5. That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$95,400.00 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

		January 21, 2015	
Service	Vendor	Amount	PO#
CHS Roof	Laumar Roofing	\$95,400.00	15000414

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Walker

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Jennifer Novegrad, Cherry Hill School Lunch Aide, (2) hours per day, five (5) per week, from on or about February 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Melissa Ceppaglia
Benjamin Ciccarelli
Alexandra Gleason
Gregory Kupchak
Jennifer Novegrad
Joanna Pedalino
Ryan Schmid

3. That the Board of Education approve the following individuals for movement on the step guide effective February 1, 2015 based on educational credentials.

Noy Sapir	from	BA	to	BA+15
Nevin Werner	from	BA	to	BA+15

4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Deborah Falla, from part time Aide to full time ABA Aide, starting January 22, 2015, Step E.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Emi Yamaski, Long Term Substitute for ESL, to be paid based on Step 1-2 of the salary guide.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Debbie Michels, Instructional Technology Coach, starting on or about February 9, 2015, BA+15, Step 6.
7. BE IT RESOLVED that the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Patricia Salvati as the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the River Edge School District for the period beginning on or about July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the 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 Patricia Salvati for the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary 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 Superintendent to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Patricia Salvati.

Ayes: Mr. Busteded, Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Ms. Danahy

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2015 totaling \$717,910.00 including checks #63578 through #63722.
2. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Alpha Care.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q198	Ridgefield Memorial H.S.	\$165.00 (w/aide)

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Alpha Care.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1955	Sheppard H.S. Morristown	\$138.24

4. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for St. Jude Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2121	Phoenix Center	\$248.00 (w/aide)

5. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for S&D Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1853	Chapel Hill	\$153.94
1975	Washington South	\$120.97 (w/aide)

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Destiny 23.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2030	Reyerson School	\$189.55 (w/aide)
2033	South Bergen Lodi	\$122.54 (w/aide)
2071	New Alliance Academy	\$132.20

7. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Pro Trans Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2072	South Bergen/Lodi	\$122.03
2074	YCS/Ft. Lee	\$132.20

8. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Radiant Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2031	Stepping Stone/Westbridge	\$197.62 (w/aide)

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Mayor Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q182	Camp Sunshine	\$160.00 (w/aide)

10. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Radiant Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q194	Sawtelle/Montclair	\$165.00 (w/aide)

11. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Mayor Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q196	West Bergen Mental Health	\$175.00

12. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Destiny 23.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q195	Chancellor Academy	\$119.00

13. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Destiny 23.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q197	TCI High School	\$169.00 (w/aide)

14. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Destiny 23.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q186	Washington South/Montesano	\$119.00 (w/aide)

15. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for EZ Ride Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q183	Gateway	\$84.00

16. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for Destiny 23.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2051	New Bridges/Ridgewood	\$149.00 (w/aide)

17. That the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region II (Host) and Region V (Joiner).

18. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGION V COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION WILL PROVIDE SHARED SERVICES FOR ITS MEMBER DISTRICTS AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION,** upon recommendation of the Superintendent,, approves the following Region V Shared Services Consultants, Psychologists, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants, Social Workers, Speech Language Specialists, Occupational and Physical Therapists, Translators to provide evaluations, direct services and consultation, to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2014-2015 school year.

Jane A. Petrozzino	Psychologist
Tamar Shtrambrand	Occupational Therapist
Corinne Pochter	Teacher of Handicapped
Jamie Weiss	Occupational Therapist

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Christine O'Keefe, 4th grade Roosevelt School teacher, asked of the job description of the new Instructional Technology Coach. Dr. Ben-Dov answered her question.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 9:10 PM made by Mr. Busted and seconded by Mr. DiBella.

Meeting returned to Public Session at 10:00 PM.

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Danahy, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:00 PM made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Sim.

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator