

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

***“Building Bright Futures Together”*
Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 22, 2014**

8:00 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

Ms. Dansky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Walker read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busteed; Ms. Dansky; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker; also present were Dr. Bendov, Ms. Salvati, and approximately seven members of the public.

Mr. DiBella arrived at 8:05 PM

Mrs. Myers arrived at 8:15 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 7:05 PM to discuss residency and contractual matters.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Mr. Busteed
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 8:00 PM.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Claudia O'Neil, River Edge Parent, asked a question regarding the District Data Coordinator position. Dr. Ben-Dov answered her question.

Accept PTO Gifts for the 2013-2014 School Year

Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the wonderful items provided to the Cherry Hill School, Roosevelt School and New Bridge Center by the PTO. She is truly grateful for all that the PTO has done for the students in all three schools. Dr. Ben-Dov announced some of the categories of gifts provided by the PTO. She thanked and commended the PTO on all of their hard work and said the students would benefit directly from them.

Review 2013-2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Gary Higgins, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP

Gary Higgins of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins presented the districts audit report to the Board Members. There were no audit recommendations and we received the highest level of attestation. He complimented the district on the audit results. He also spoke about the district's surplus in excess of 2% and the need to reduce our use of surplus as a source of revenue. He suggested that the district utilize breakage from retirements as a way to reduce the budget.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- A Roosevelt student was hospitalized on Friday due to respiratory problems. The district took precautions and cleaned the entire school over the weekend. The child is doing better and is expected to return to school next week. A letter regarding this situation was emailed to parents along with Enterovirus D68 information. Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Kossoy, and the nurses were available to meet with parents on Monday and Tuesday morning. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked the school nurses and custodians for all of their hard work to ensure a healthy and safe environment for River Edge students.
- Parent Academy Mathematics Night for parents of third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students was held on Monday, October 20th. It was very well attended. Parents learned about the math curriculum that was revised over the summer by Tri-District. They also learned about the resources and technology being used. A math newsletter will follow.
- A Second Cup of Coffee was held on Tuesday, October 21st at Roosevelt School and it was well attended.
- Re-registration is running smoothly and we are in the process of our fifth session. Friday morning will be our last session. By the end of tonight, we will have registered approximately 500 families. After the re-registration is complete there are two categories of follow up. If families cannot prove residency tuition statements will be sent out. Many families are grateful and complimenting the district for this process.
- There was a DEAC (District Evaluation Advisory Committee) meeting today at 3:00 PM. They spoke about the summary of last year, SCIP (School Improvement Panel) and the State's revisions of the evaluation system. Dr. Ben-Dov stated it was a productive meeting.
- There will be a Professional Development Day on Tuesday, November 4th. There will be workshops on Math Curriculum, Language Arts Link It (our benchmarking system). It will be a full day of Professional Development.

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- Cherry Hill, Roosevelt, and New Bridge Center all had an exciting start to the school year.
- Week of Respect was from October 6th to October 10th. It week went very well; many activities were planned and was very successful in both schools.
- Ms. Kossoy thanked the PTO for the exciting Laser Team Anti-Bulling Program on Tuesday, October 7th.
- School Safety Week will be October 20th to October 24th.
- The Halloween parades are scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2014. Cherry Hill and Roosevelt's parades start at 1:10 PM and New Bridge Center starts at 2:00 PM.
- Cherry Hill and Roosevelt's Halloween Parties will be on Friday, October 24th

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The Bond Refunding is proceeding. Ms. Salvati will be interviewed by Standard and Poon's on Monday, October 27th in order to receive a rating for our bonds.
- Extraordinary Aid will be carried over from the 2013-2014 school year to the current school year and will be used to pay for out-of-district tuition costs.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers asked the board members their thoughts on starting closed sessions at 7:00 PM when necessary.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky spoke about the Tri-District Board meeting, on October 15th, which dealt with a safety report for Tri-District.
- Ms. Walker spoke about the River Edge Mayor and Council meeting she attended on Monday, October 13th.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of September 17, 2014.

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

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of September 23, 2014.

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

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for October 2014 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
4. That the Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills:

Class	Date	Time
Pre-k 3	October 14, 2014	9:50 AM
Building Bridges (Elem Class)	October 14, 2014	10:00 AM
Building Bridges (Primary Class)	October 14, 2014	10:30 AM
Building Connections (Primary and Elem Class)	October 14, 2014	10:40 AM
Pre-k 4	October 14, 2014	12:15 PM

5. That the Board of Education approve the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2014-2015 school year.
6. That the Board of Education approve the revised 2014 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between River Edge Elementary Schools and River Edge Law Enforcement Officials for the 2014-2015 school year.
7. That the Board of Education approve the revised class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
10/24/14	Cherry Hill	3	Sterling Mine Ogdensburg, NJ	\$1,042.00

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

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. That the Board of Education approve the Math Curriculum- Grades K-6.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2014 totaling \$948,888.87 including checks #36603 through #36776. Payrolls dated September 15, 2014 and September 30, 2014, totaling \$1,046,634.54 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mr. Busted

2. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending August 31, 2014.

Further, we certify that as of August 31, 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 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.

3. That the Board of Education accept the Roosevelt, New Bridge Center, and Cherry Hill Schools PTO Gifts for the school year 2013-2014. (Addendum)
4. That the River Edge Board of Education accept the 2013-2014 Audit and approve the submission of the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) submitted by the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins with the following recommendations:

- I. Administrative Practices and Procedures
There are none
- II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
There are none
- III. School Purchasing Program
None
- IV. School Food Services
None

- V. Student Body Activities
None
- VI. Application for State School Aid
None
- VII. Pupil Transportation
None
- VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets
None
- IX. Miscellaneous
None

5. That the Board of Education approve the closing of the following bank accounts at Capital One Bank: the Capital Projects Account, the Capital Reserve Account, and the Petty Cash Bank Account. All funds will be consolidated with the General Fund Bank Account and has been pre-approved by the District auditors.
6. That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$312.00 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

		October 22, 2014	
Service	Vendor	Amount	PO#
CHS Roof	Roof Group Consultants	\$312.00	15000178

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Karen Horn, Part-time Clerical Aide, effective October 14, 2014.
2. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Samantha Blanco Galvin, ABA Aide, effective October 17, 2014.
3. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Margaret Ranone-Nelson, Part-time Aide, effective October 31, 2014.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Yvonne Bell, Part-time Clerical Aide, starting, October 23, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Casey Aday to commence on, or about April 3, 2015 through May 11, 2015, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective May 12, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kyle Aug, Substitute Custodian, starting, October 23, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Wendy Rosenoff, District Data Coordinator, starting, October 23, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Michael Masangcay, Part-Time Computer Technician, for a maximum of 23 hours per week from October 23, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as a Substitute Teacher for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Nicole Best
Melissa Gustray
Antonio Lam
Maxine Martin-Rumsby

10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as a Student Teacher, from October 27, 2014 to December 11, 2014.

Nicole Best

11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Carolyn Grossi-Chann, Roosevelt School Lunch Aide, two (2) hours per day, five (5) days per week, from October 23, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

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

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

12. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Joe Hunter, Physical Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2015.

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

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2014 totaling \$655,229.10 including checks #63169 through #63308.
2. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Jacoup's Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q192	Paterson School of Trade	\$97.00

3. **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.

4 Diamond Transportation	Transporter
Talia Lipton Associates	Speech and Language Specialist
Judy Caliendrillo	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Mary Jo Christensen	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Lorraine Cella	Reading Specialist

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION -None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. Busted

That the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 9:05 PM.

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

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

