

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

*“Building Bright Futures Together”*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – November 12, 2014**

**7:30 PM**

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busted; Ms. Danksy; Mr. DiBella; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Ms. Kossoy, and approximately fifteen members of the public.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Dansky  
Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 7:35 PM to discuss a Residency Matter.

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

**RECONVENE**

Motion by Ms. Walker  
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

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

## **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Presentation of River Edge 2013 NJ ASK Results

Dr. Ben-Dov presented the results of the 2013 NJ ASK Results. She stated this is the last year of students taking the NJ ASK and it will be replaced by PARCC. Dr. Ben-Dov explained that all students in grades 3-6 take the NJ ASK test. Grades 3, 5 and 6 are tested in language arts and math and grade 4 is tested in language arts, math, and science. She went over each slide and explained the scores and percentages. Dr. Ben-Dov highlighted the various areas of academic growth and explained how the NJ ASK data along with benchmarking data collected locally is used to facilitate informal instruction and individual student improvement. At the end of the presentation, Dr. Ben-Dov thanked MaryAnn Durante and Frank Perrone for their help with the presentation and thanked the instructional and administrative staff for all of their hard work with the NJ ASK testing. Dr. Ben-Dov answered all questions by the board members and the audience.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Re-registration has concluded its official sessions as of October 24th. There were two additional weeks of re-registration by appointment only. As of today, there are 79 families that did not show for re-registration and 20 families that attended, but need to come back with additional information. The next step is to send out individual letters to those families that did not show and outline the consequences if they fail to re-register.
- Parent Academy is going strong. Literacy Night will be held on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. It is for parents of kindergarten, first, and second graders. They will have individual grade workshops for those parents.
- Student Growth Objectives are completed and Dr. Ben-Dov is in the process of reviewing them.
- Dr. Ben-Dov attended and spoke at the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11th at Memorial Park. It was well attended by parents and students. This year was one of the best ceremonies Dr. Ben-Dov has attended. There was a lot more music this year and more veterans in attendance. It was a very meaningful and "feel good" ceremony.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- Ms. Kossoy thanked the Roosevelt PTO for the Monster Mash Party that was held on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Roosevelt PTO sponsored S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The students were able to circulate around the new gym for hands on experience with S.T.E.M. The really enjoyed the 3D printer and the robot.
- First grade students visited the River Edge Fire House to learn about fire prevention last week.

- There was a district wide fundraiser today to raise money for the veterans. It was called Jeans for Troops. The faculty wore jeans and donated money. The money will be sent to the G.I. Go Fund.
- The Roosevelt PTO Book Fair will be the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The Bond Sale took place today with excellent results. The new bonds will produce savings to the taxpayer of \$21,000-\$24,000 every year for a total of \$393,000 over the next 18 years.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers spoke about the NJSBA Fall Conference.
- Board member training requirements must be completed by the end of the year.
- The Board Self-evaluations are completed and Mr. Alfred Annunizata would like to come to a board meeting in December to review them.
- There will be a Tri-District Meeting on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Myers congratulated Ms. Dansky on her re-election and congratulated Ms. Danahy on becoming a new board member on the River Edge Board of Education.

### **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Dansky spoke about the NJSBA Fall Conference and stated there will be a Bergen County School Board Association meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Northern Highlands Regional High School.
- Mr. Sim and Ms. Walker spoke about the NJSBA Fall Conference and the seminars they attended.
- Mr. Busteed spoke about the Building and Grounds Meeting that took place tonight before the board meeting.

### **MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

#### **ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Mr. Busteed  
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approves the staff development and travel as per the schedules for November 2014 including relevant mileage reimbursement.  
(Addendum)

- That the Board of Education approves the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Fire Drills	Security Drills
Cherry Hill School	October 8, 2014	October 29, 2014 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	October 14, 2014	October 27, 2014 Lockdown

- Whereas**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

**Whereas**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the River Edge Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

**Whereas**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the River Edge Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the River Edge Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

### **CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

### **FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

- That the Board of Education approve the appropriation Extraordinary Aid and Non-public Transportation Aid to the General Fund for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Extraordinary Aid \$105,416  
Non-public Transportation Aid \$2,535

### **PERSONNEL**

- That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve June Karpowich and Stacy Colucci, Co-Editors of the River Edge New, Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2014-2015 school year.
- That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Donna Schwartz, Part-time Aide, effective November 13, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

### **RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

## **REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

1. That the Board of Education approve the following Addendum Contract for Town and County.

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
1855	Leonia H.S./Evergreen	\$338.26 (with aide)

2. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for First Choice Transportation.

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q190	Bergen Co. Child Dev.	\$149.00

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

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Salvati asked the board for feedback on the budget process last year and for suggestions going forward.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Busted  
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education convened into closed session at 9:50 PM to discuss Contractual Matters.

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

### **RECONVENE**

Motion by Mr. DiBella  
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 10:02 PM.

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

### **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mr. DiBella  
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

3. That the Board of Education approve the submission of the following Superintendent Merit Goals to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2014 - 2015 school year. These two Quantitative Goals replace numbers #1 and #2 previously approved on 9/17/14.

#### **Quantitative:**

1. **Specific Goal Statement:** To create and implement a Parent Academy that will offer at least six sessions of parent education to River Edge parents in targeted areas of the curriculum. The following sessions are planned: Math (Separate sessions for Primary grades and upper with focus on implementation of CCSS and new Tri-district

Curriculum), ESL, Literacy (Early Literacy, and upper grades, promoting an understanding of LA and CCSS), Technology, Character Education, and PARCC. This will represent growth in the number of parent education sessions from past years (three per year were typically offered) as well as a hands-on approach to understanding CCSS in lab-like settings. As follow-up to sessions at least three LA and three Math curriculum newsletters will be sent to parents of specific grade level students.

2. **Specific Goal Statement:** To create and implement an expanded, New Teacher Mentoring Process that will integrate new River Edge Teachers into the educational community and will prepare them for success. The mentoring activities planned will exceed State Mandates for new teachers and the general expectations for mentoring of **all teachers new to River Edge**. At least 10 sessions/workshops, as well as on-going curriculum, expert support will be offered throughout the year. The specific mentoring sessions will be held at lunch and after school for all new teachers regardless of teaching experience elsewhere, including Novice, experienced, and Leave Replacement Teachers. The sessions will be conducted by the Superintendent, Principals, Tri-district Supervisor, colleagues, and Curriculum Coaches and Supervisors.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley  
Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 10:10 PM.

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

Patricia Salvati  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator