

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – November 19, 2014

7:00 PM

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 7:00 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. DiBella read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Dansky; Mr. DiBella; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Mrs. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Mrs. Heitman, and approximately ten members of the public.

Mrs. Buckley arrived at 7:25 PM
Mr. Busteed was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Summer Enrichment Program Report - Chris Armen

- Chris Armen, the Director of the program, thanked the Board of Education, the administrators, his clerical assistant, the secretaries, Mr. Lyons, the custodians, the volunteers, and the teachers who contributed to the success of this program. This was Mr. Armen's ninth year of directing this program. He reviewed the enrollment, general information, financial data and offered some recommendations for next year's success. Mr. Armen showed video clips of the students during their time at the Enrichment Program.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- There are 46 families that have not completed re-registration and 18 families that have started but not completed it. A letter will be sent to individual families requesting a final opportunity to re-register. If not completed by the date indicated in the letter, a tuition contract will be sent to those families and then possible dis-enrollment.
- There are several leave replacement requests on tonight's agenda. There are a total of 12 requests so far this school year. Dr. Ben-Dov is busy looking for leave replacements to fill these spots and will try to use the teachers we have already used for the teachers that will be leaving for maternity within the next few months.
- District and School goals will be on the December 3rd agenda.
- Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Kuruc spoke about and explained the Corrective Progress Targets Action Plan for Students with Disabilities.
- Eden Consultants may be replaced with Re-think. Re-think supports curriculum and deals with data collections, curriculum, goals and objectives, and professional development.
- December 11th will be a Parents Night Out for Building Bridges and Building Connections.
- Dr. Ben-Dov and the administrators saw a presentation on curriculum resources for Math and Language Arts for better PARCC alignment. Mr. Feldman will also bring in another presenter with other resources.
- Literacy Night will be on Thursday, November 20th in Reading and Writing for grades K-2 and on Wednesday, December 10th there will be a Math Night for parents of grades K-2.
- Dr. Ben-Dov is thinking of having PARCC workshops for parents in January or February.
- The new edition of R.E.A.C.H. is now live. An e-blast will be sent to parents.
- Dr. Ben-Bov and John Lyons met and went over some security issues. The official door to be used for board meetings in Cherry Hill School will be the Library exit door and Roosevelt School will have a monitor and buzzer in the library for the board meetings at that school.
- There will be a Technology Meeting on Wednesday, December 10th at 3:00 PM in the Cherry Hill Library.
- Each classroom in the District will have a number posted on the window for security reasons.

PRINCIPALS

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Veteran Day Celebrations took place on Tuesday, November 11th at Memorial Park. It was more musical this year than in the past. It was a warm and touching ceremony.

- First grade students visited the River Edge Fire House to learn about fire prevention last week. Mrs. Heitman thanked Tom Smith for all of his assistance.
- Mr. Joe Magueri spoke to the Cherry Hill School fourth grader students about Veteran's Day.
- An author will visit Cherry Hill School this Friday for grades 1-6.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 4th.
- Our Musically Talented program will perform for our senior citizens on November 24th.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated the bond sale was complete. There is a \$393,000 future savings over the next 18 years. Refinancing our bonds is a good way to bring about savings to the taxpayers without impacting our operational budget or students.
- On tonight's agenda there is a motion to approve the 2015 Board of Education Meeting Dates.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mr. Alfred Annunizata will attend the December 17th board meeting to go over Board-Self Evaluations.
- There will be a Tri-District Meeting on Wednesday, December 10th.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a Bergen County School Boards Meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd at Northern Highlands Regional High School.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

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

2. That the Board of Education approve the 2015 Board of Education Meeting Dates as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>School</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| January 7, 2015 | Roosevelt School |
| January 21, 2015 | Cherry Hill School |
| February 4, 2015 | Roosevelt School |
| February 18, 2015 | Cherry Hill School |
| March 3, 2015 | Roosevelt School |
| March 18, 2015 | Cherry Hill School |
| April 1, 2015 | Roosevelt School |
| April 22, 2015 | Cherry Hill School |
| May 6, 2015 | Roosevelt School |
| May 20, 2015 | Cherry Hill School |
| June 3, 2015 | Roosevelt School |
| June 24, 2015 | Cherry Hill School |

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

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

BUILDING & GROUNDS

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated November 2014 totaling \$401,002.66 including checks #36777 through #36861. Payrolls dated October 15, 2014 and October 31, 2014, totaling \$1,050,980.21 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

Further, we certify that as of September 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 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. (Addendum)

4. That the Board of Education approve the Summer Enrichment Program Report for the 2014 Summer Program.
5. That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$2,120.43 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

| | | November 19, 2014 | |
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| Service | Vendor | Amount | PO# |
| Architects Fees CHS Roof | DiCara/Rubino | \$2,120.43 | 14000247 |

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Lisa Patrocinio to commence on, or about May 4, 2015 through May 22, 2015, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective May 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Kristin Karam to commence on, or about May 18, 2015 through June 19, 2014, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective June 22, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Ashley Adimando to commence on, or about April 20, 2015 through June 12, 2015, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective June 15, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Brianne Angerame to commence on, or about March 26, 2015 through May 7, 2015, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective May 8, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Donna (Wagner) Lindsay to

commence on, or about March 23, 2015 through May 1, 2015, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective May 4, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated November, 2014 totaling \$879,826.73 including checks #63309 through #63443.
2. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Morgan Educational.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1613 | C.P. Center Fairlawn | \$219.42 (with aide) |

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Morgan Educational.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1834 | Community Lower/Anna Scott | \$184.93 (with aide) |
| 1953 | C.P. Center Clifton | \$248.98(with aide) |
| 1966 | E.C.L.C. | \$218.47(with aide) |
| 1984 | Clifton C.P. Elementary | \$175.74(with aide) |
| 1989 | Holmstead School | \$186.80 |
| 1991 | Bergen Center for Child Dev. | \$191.37(with aide) |
| 2027 | Byran/Merritt | \$148.01(with aide) |
| 2032 | Valley/Harrington Pk. | \$148.01(with aide) |
| 2037 | Springboard Paramus | \$148.01(with aide) |
| 2038 | C.T.C./Fairlawn | \$137.84(with aide) |

4. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for Morgan Educational.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 2077 | Bergen Voc. Teterboro | \$137.00 |
| 2122 | Concordia/St. Joseph | \$229.00(with aide) |
| 2123 | Ridgefield Memorial H.S. | \$176.00(with aide) |

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

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Q199 | River Dell H.S. | \$160.00 |

6. **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.

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| Natalie Wiggins | Psychologist |
| Adam Krass Consulting | Assistive Technology services |
| Patrick Gallagher | Teacher of Handicapped |
| Lucy Trotter | Teacher of Handicapped |
| Kerrie O'Hagan | Behaviorist |

7. That the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Transportation Jointure Agreement between River Dell Regional (Host) and River Edge (Joiner).
8. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------|----------|
| 1213 | Nova North Emerson | \$131.47 |

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1120 | Nova North/Emerson | \$172.91 |
| 1276 | Bleshman | \$215.33(w/aide) |
| 1277 | Smith School/Maugham | \$186.97(w/aide) |
| 1303 | Forum School | \$197.70(w/aide) |
| 1304 | Villano Memorial/Emerson | \$165.46 |
| 1524 | H.Smith/Visions Jr.Sr. | \$257.11(w/aide) |
| 1532 | Valley H.P./OLV | \$269.51(w/aide) |
| 1533 | Gateway | \$155.66 |
| 1538 | Washington South | \$228.87(w/aide) |
| 1541 | Bleshman | \$230.92(w/aide) |
| 1544 | Forman School | \$211.33(w/aide) |
| 1616 | Pascack Hills H.S. | \$159.08 |
| 1630 | Paterson School of Trade | \$105.20(w/aide) |
| 1742 | Sage Day/Mahwah | \$160.74(w/aide) |
| 1814 | I.E.A. | \$114.92(w/aide) |
| 1819 | Cresskill House | \$144.00(w/aide) |

10. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------|----------|
| 1830 | Park Academy | \$107.64 |

11. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
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| 1731 | Hackensack M.S/H.S. | \$128.85 (w/aide) |

12. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1857 | Valley H.P./OLV | \$170.80(w/aide) |
| 1858 | Valley Norwood | \$187.96(w/aide) |
| 1899 | Godwin School | \$178.01(w/aide) |
| 1900 | ECLC | \$159.17(w/aide) |
| 1964 | Brownstone | \$197.00(w/aide) |
| 1963 | Valley HP Public/St.Andrew's | \$175.55(w/aide) |
| 1968 | Valley OLV | \$167.95(w/aide) |
| 1993 | Northern Valley Demarest | \$123.87(w/aide) |
| 2028 | BOCES/West Nyack | \$106.77 |
| 2035 | CTC/Midland Park | \$329.65(w/aide) |

13. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1293 | Epic/David Gregory | \$179.18(w/aide) |

14. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation.

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|---------|-------------|------------------|
| 1821 | Tri Valley | \$114.91(w/aide) |

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

| Route # | Transporter | Per Diem |
|---------|-------------|------------------|
| Q168 | Bleshman | \$194.75(w/aide) |

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The board members spoke about removing the primary elections out of our schools.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION- None**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Ms. Walker

That the Board of Education convened into closed session at 8:10 PM to discuss Non-tenured Administrator Review.

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

RECONVENE

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

That the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 10:10 PM.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

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

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

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator