

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 17, 2014

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 7:35PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Buckley read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:40 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None
2. Mary Kay Buckley, Board Member Recognition

The Following Resolution was Read:

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Buckley has served as a member of the River Edge Board of Education from 2004 to 2014, Board Vice President from 2005-2006, and Board President from 2006 to 2010, and

WHEREAS, in her leadership role she worked closely and continuously with all River Edge Constituencies to sustain and improve the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, her professional knowledge and expertise helped educate the public about the needs, operations, and challenges of the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, during her tenure of office she gave generously of her time and talents in fulfilling her responsibilities in this role and in the continuance of the tradition of educational excellence in the River Edge School District, and

WHEREAS, her dedication to the improvement of the educational programs, played an instrumental role in educating the public related to the successful Referendum, through the construction phase, and the opening of the New Bridge Center, and

WHEREAS, her distinguished service to the community and the River Edge School District earned her the NJSBA Archie F. Hay Award, and

WHEREAS, she has remained dedicated to the ideals of the role of the Board in the achievement of educational excellence,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this Seventeenth day of December, Two Thousand and Fourteen spread upon its minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for her valued service and leadership.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

3. Board Self Evaluations and Board Goals - Alfred Annunziata

Alfred Annunziata from New Jersey School Boards Association reviewed the board's self evaluations. Discussions were held regarding the results in each area. The River Edge Board of Education ranked high in all areas. Mr. Annunziata answered all questions asked by the board members.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Winter Concerts are taking place this month. Roosevelt's took place today. It was a fantastic concert and Cherry Hill's will be tomorrow at 1:30pm.
- Parent Academy is going strong. Mathematics Common Core and Fluency Night for grades K-2 was on Wednesday, December 10th. Forty people attended and Dr. Ben-Dov received excellent feedback.
- Tri-District is stepping up training regarding PARCC for teachers and staff. Training was held on Monday, December 15th and Tuesday, December 16th for grades 3-6 in literacy. Math training and Technology will be in January. Teachers also took the PARCC test two weeks ago. Dr. Ben-Dov attended the Superintendent's Roundtable and they had a discussion on PARCC. PARCC testing has a tentative schedule for this school year. The students must take the test between March 2 and March 27th. The students will all be tested in the morning.
- The Technology Committee met today after school. They discussed the results of the surveys from the River Edge teachers. Sixty teachers responded to the survey and many areas of strengths were listed: (1) many more teachers are using google applications (2) Benchmarking is done electronically (3) chrome books have been a huge asset (4) the

teachers are beginning to better understand the integration of technology into teaching. The areas they found in need are: (1) teachers need more computers for their instructional planning and all the activities we require of them to complete online (2) more planning time with the instructional coach (3) instruction and planning with benchmarking (4) PARCC presents challenges (5) more common planning time. The Biggest area in need is technology for teachers, instructional use, and planning.

- Dr. Ben-Dov wished everyone Happy Holidays.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Rosen reported on the following:

- On December 2nd, Mrs. Dent and her Music Club sang for the Senior Center. Mr. Levis transported them using the River Edge bus.
- On December 10th, additional Generation Text Online training was provided for the 3rd and 4th grade teachers.
- On December 22nd, the Music Club and Dance Troupe will perform for the Kindergarten students.
- Ms. Rosen wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated mice for 500 computers and 700 ear bud sets were ordered in preparation for PARCC. These supplies are being paid for by our State Aid.
- Ms. Salvati is working on the mid-year review by the County Executive Superintendent. It is due to the County on Friday. It is a three year analysis of key financial data and our per pupil costs.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers had nothing to report.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Walker attended a Tri-District meeting on December 10th.
- Mrs. Myers attended a Personnel Meeting tonight before the board meeting.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

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

2. That the Board of Education approve the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
4/14/15	Cherry Hill	5 & 6 Art Talented	Museum of Modern Art New York, NY	\$350.00

3. That the Board of Education approve Education Inc. as a provider of educational services for students confined to a medical facility at a rate of \$48 per hour.

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

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December, 2014, totaling \$834,580.78 including checks #36862 through #36966. Payrolls dated November 14, 2014 and November 26, 2014, totaling \$1,055,727.15 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky (abstain check # 36942), Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None: Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Ms. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2014-2015 as of October 31, 2014. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending October 31, 2014.

Further, we certify that as of October 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 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 approve the amendment to the FY 15 IDEA Grant for carryover funds in the amount of:

Basic IDEA Grant \$46,104
Pre-School IDEA Grant \$2,526

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Wendy Rosenoff, District Data Coordinator, effective December 1, 2014.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Rebecca DelPriore, School Library Media Specialist, December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, MA, Step 1.
3. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Danielle Rigg for a Child Care Leave of absence to commence on March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
4. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the extension for Nichol DelRosso, Leave Replacement Teacher through June 30, 2015.
5. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Leah Taylor, Leave Replacement Teacher to commence on or about February 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Krystal Morris as a Student Teacher, from January 26, 2015 to May 1, 2015.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Ayala Davatgar
Krystal Morris
Leah Taylor
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Alison Stephen, Part-time Aide starting December 18, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
9. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Rosanna Sasso, Roosevelt School Lunch Aide, (1) hour per day, five (5) per week, from on or about December 18, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
10. That the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Caroline Church, Leave Replacement Teacher through January 31, 2015.
11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Wendy McGinley, Part-time Aide, effective January 13, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

12. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as a Speech Intern, from January 12, 2015 to May 1, 2015.

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13. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Deborah Falla, Part-time Aide, effective January 5, 2015 to June 30, 2015.
14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Judith Albrizio, District Data Coordinator, starting, January 5, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION -None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December, 2014 totaling \$691,575.16 including checks #63444 through #63577.
2. **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.

Valley Hospital	Audiology
Catherine Cleenput	Teacher
Janelle Giresi	Physical Therapist

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Ace Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q200	Nu View Academy	\$271.00 (with aide)

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

CPR training for our staff was discussed.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bruce Julien and Mary Lou Hronic (River Edge Parents) spoke about the proposed development in town and expressed their concern for overcrowding in the schools.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 9:25 PM made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Busteed.

Meeting returned to Public Session at 10:15 PM.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:15 PM made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Buckley.

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator