

# **RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

*“Building Bright Futures Together”*

## **Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 3, 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**

Ms. Danksy called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Mr. Busted read the Mission Statement.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Mrs. Myers arrived at 8:05 PM.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

### **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- We are at the tail end of Re-registration. At this point, there are eight families that have not shown up and five families that have started but not completed it. These families will be given one more chance to come and re-register. On Friday, tuition statements will be sent to their homes and if they do not pay the tuition by December 16<sup>th</sup>, dis-enrollment proceedings will occur at the December 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- On Monday, the entire staff from grades 2-6 took the PARCC tests. Dr. Ben-Dov is still collecting feedback. The feedback she has received focused on both the content areas and technology. At the December 10<sup>th</sup> Technology meeting, there will be a discussion on the technology feedback. On December 15<sup>th</sup> there will be PARCC training and also again in January.

- The academic goals for the District are on tonight's agenda and the non-academic goals came from Mr. Alfred Annunizata from the Community Planning Meeting. Some of those goals are multi-year ones.
- Dr. Ben-Dov thanked Ms. Janet Boyd for her service for the last five years as the Superintendent's liaison to the Public Library Board. Ms. Julie Rabinowitz is on tonight's agenda to be appointed as the new District Liaison to the Board of the River Edge Public Library.
- There was much activity last month in Professional Development, coordinated through Tri-District for River Edge and Oradell.
- Parent Academy is continuing to go strong. Literacy Night was held on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in Reading and Writing for grades K-2 and on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be Math Night for parents of students in grades K-2 dealing with math fluency.
- There have been many safety and security workshops going on in Bergen County. Mrs. Heitman and Dr. Ben-Dov attended a workshop on Tuesday and Dr. Ben-Dov will attend another one on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Tom Smith is working with the district to come up with new emergency protocols for each school.
- The mayor of River Edge started a book club to promote literacy for first graders. Cherry Hill School joined the club and will be rewarded for reading a thousand books.
- On Monday, November 24, 2014 the Cherry Hill chorus performed a fabulous and spirited concert for the senior citizens with Ms. Dent. It was a wonderful experience.
- The Winter Concert at Cherry Hill School will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> and Roosevelt's will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- Report cards were distributed on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent Academy in Mathematics for grades K-2 will be held at Roosevelt School on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 PM.

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The application for state aid is due at the end of the week.
- Ms. Salvati stated the budget process is under way.
- The 2015-2016 Budget Calendar is in each board members packet tonight.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Myers reported on the following

- Tri-District is meeting on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in Oradell.
- Governance Training has to be completed by the end of this month.

## COMMITTEES

- Ms. Walker attended a Building and Grounds Meeting tonight before the Board Meeting.
- Ms. Walker and Mr. Sim attended a Bergen County School Boards Association Meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Northern Highlands Regional High School.

## MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

### ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. Busted  
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the following District Goals for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

**Goal #1:** At the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year, 80% of students in grades Kindergarten through two will increase their assessment score in fluency of adding and subtracting based on grade level specific CCSS expectations.

- Kindergarten will increase fluency in adding and subtracting within the number five by 30% improvement compared to the fall assessment
- Grade one will increase fluency in adding and subtracting within the number ten by 31% improvement as compared to the fall assessment.
- Grade two will increase fluency in adding and subtracting within the number twenty by 33% improvement as compared to the fall assessment.

**Goal #2:** At the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year, 75% of River Edge students in grades 3-6 will increase their Reading Informational Text Assessments score as follows:

- 75% Students in grades 3 and 4 will increase their *Reading Informational Text* assessment score by 12%, as compared to the Fall Assessment.
- 75% of River Edge students in grades 5 and 6 will increase their *Reading Informational Text* assessment score by 9%, as compared to the Fall Assessment

**Goal #3:** To promote active engagement of all community members in the education of the youth of River Edge.

**Goal #4:** To develop an Interim plan that will serve as a basis for a long-term plan that will address the increasing enrollment in the district in five-year increments (up to 15 years).

2. That the Board of Education approve the following School Goals for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

### Roosevelt School

**Goal #1:** To develop knowledge of the attributes of high-quality student achievement for Reading-Informational Text.

At the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, students in grades three through six will increase their average assessment score for Reading Informational Text on Link It.

- Grade Three: 80% of students will achieve an 80% or higher on the end of year Link It assessment. **This represents approximately 10% growth**
- Grade Four: 80% of students will achieve an 80% or higher on the end of year Link It assessment. **This represents approximately 10% growth**
- Grade Five: 80% of students will achieve a 90% or higher on the end of year Link It assessment. **This represents approximately 6% growth**
- Grade Six: 80% of students will achieve a 75% or higher on the end of year Link It assessment. **This represents approximately 10% growth**

**Goal #2:** At the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, students in grades one through two will increase their assessment score in fluency of adding and subtracting.

- Grade one: 80% of students will achieve an 80% or higher on the end of year post assessment **This represents approximately 35% growth**
- Grade two: 80% of students will achieve an 85% or higher on the end of year post assessment. **This represents approximately 35% growth**

### **Cherry Hill School**

**Goal #1:** To develop knowledge of the attributes of high-quality student achievement for Reading- Informational Text.

At the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year, 75% of students in grades three through six will increase their assessment score for Reading Informational Text.

- 75% of students in grades three and four will show an increase in student growth by **13.5%** on the Spring Assessment.
- 75% of students in Grades five and six will show an increase in student growth by **12%** on the Spring Assessment.

**Goal #2:** At the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year, 80% of students in grades one through two will increase their assessment score in fluency of adding and subtracting.

- 80% of students in grade one will increase fluency in adding and subtracting to show a student growth of a **27% increase** on the Spring assessment.
- 80% of students in grade two will increase fluency in adding and subtracting within the number twenty to show a student growth of **31% increase** on the spring assessment.

### **New Bridge Center**

**Goal #1:** At the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, 80% of students in Kindergarten will master 20/25 words on the WISD List in their Reading.

**Goal #2:** Students in Kindergarten will increase fluency in adding and subtracting within the number five by 30% improvement to the fall assessment.

**Goal #3:** Create and support teacher professional learning in Math and ELA Common Core State Standards (CCSS) implementation.

**Goal #4:** Train and support Third and Fourth Grade Teachers and Students in Conflict Resolution strategies to provide knowledge to make appropriate and positive choices as Digital Citizens.

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Goals for the Sub Group of Students with Disabilities for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

**Goal #1:** The Students with Disabilities in the River Edge School District will demonstrate the following percentage growth gains on the 2015-2016 statewide assessment measure. Target growth scores are individually determined by the Department of Education.

- Cherry Hill School Students with Disabilities will demonstrate 19.5% growth in Language Arts Literacy.
- Cherry Hill School Students with Disabilities will demonstrate 18.9% growth in Mathematics.
- Roosevelt School Students with Disabilities will demonstrate 23.8% growth in Language Arts Literacy.
- Roosevelt School Students with Disabilities will demonstrate 11.7% growth in Mathematics.

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

Motion by Mr. DiBella  
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

4. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of October 1, 2014 as amended.

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

Motion by Mrs. Buckley  
Seconded by Ms. Walker

5. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of October 22, 2014.

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

Motion by Mrs. Myers  
Seconded by Ms. Walker

6. That the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of October 22, 2014.

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

Motion by Ms. Walker  
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

8. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

<b>School</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Cherry Hill School	November 24, 2014 Lockdown November 25, 2014 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	November 25, 2014 Fire Drill November 26, 2014 Lockdown

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

**CURRICULUM/EDUCATION** - None

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** -None

**FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Ms. Dansky  
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education accept a gift from the Roosevelt PTO for an eColor Poster Printer in the amount of \$5,400.
2. That the Board of Education accept a gift from the Cherry Hill School PTO and New Bridge Center PTO for an eColor Poster Printer in the amount of \$5,200.

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

**PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mr. Sim  
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Alyson Herrick, Part-time Aide, effective December 12, 2014.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Julie Rabinowitz, as the District Liaison to the Board of the River Edge Public Library.

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

**RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION** - None

**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Mr. Busteed  
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

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

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q182	Camp Sunshine	\$164.00 (with aide)

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

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q189	New Bridges/Ridgewood	\$158.00 (with aide)

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

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q191	Tenafly Middle School	\$166.00

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

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q193	Comm. Steps to Independence	\$160.00

5. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for EZ Ride Transportation.

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
2034	Children's Institute/Verona	\$182.41 (with aide)
2036	Midland Pk. High School	\$129.14

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Glorious Transportation.

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q185	Allegro School	\$174.00 (with aide)

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

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS** - None

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. Raimondi, Roosevelt Parent, expressed his satisfaction with the leadership at Roosevelt School.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 8:50 PM made by Mr. Busteed and seconded by Mr. DiBella.

Meeting returned to Public Session at 9:50 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 9:55 PM made by Ms. Dansky and seconded by Ms. Walker.

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator