

# RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

## Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – February 4, 2015

### 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, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Mr. DiBella read the Mission Statement.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were; Ms. Danahy; Ms. Danksy; Mr. DiBella; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Ms. Kossoy and one member of the public.

Mr. Busteed arrived at 8:15 PM.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

#### **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Presentation of the Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget – Dr. Ben-Dov and Patricia Salvati

Ms. Salvati began the presentation with an introduction of where we are with the budget. Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Salvati presented the anticipated revenue and proposed appropriations in each of the categories for the 2015 – 2016 Proposed Budget. Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Salvati answered all questions asked by the board members and the audience.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov complimented the Custodial Staff on all of their hard work with snow removal. The district has used two snow days, one early dismissal and one delayed opening so far this winter. Half day Professional Development that was scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled to another day.
- Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Heitman attended the Techspo Conference on January 29<sup>th</sup>-January 30<sup>th</sup>. There were workshops on teacher support and equipment. Dr. Ben-Dov and Mrs. Heitman met and spent a lot of time with the districts Link-It representative.

- There are two PARCC Presentations scheduled for Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be joint meetings for parents of River Edge and Oradell. The meeting for the 19<sup>th</sup> is in Oradell Public Schools and the meeting for the 24<sup>th</sup> is at Cherry Hill School.
- There is an important Building and Grounds meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Board Office Conference Room. A REEF meeting is scheduled for the same night at 8:00 PM in the Project Room.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- The Cat in the Hat came to Roosevelt School on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kossoy thanked the NJEA for sponsoring this event. She also thanked Mr. Perrone who applied for Roosevelt to be one of the applicants to win this visit.
- Roosevelt and Cherry Hill's first and second graders are looking forward to a visit from Firefighter Phil on February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Our fifth graders in Roosevelt and Cherry Hill School began DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) at the end of January.
- Roosevelt's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders competed in the Women's Club Regional Spelling Bee. Cherry Hill had their Spelling Bee yesterday and also had their Geography Bee on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- International Day for Cherry Hill School is Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Cherry Hill's first grade will be enjoying the Mayor's Book Club. The "kick-off" is scheduled for Monday at 1:45 PM with Fairleigh Dickinson University. The Mayor will come to Cherry Hill School on Monday to read a story to the students.

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Salvati had nothing to report at this meeting.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers sent the board an email of the 2015 committees list.
- There was a Personnel Committee Meeting tonight before the board meeting.
- There is a Building and Grounds Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>
- There is a Tri-District Meeting at Oradell on February 11<sup>th</sup>
- There will be a series of committee meetings scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Dansky spoke about the Personnel Meeting that was tonight at 6:30 PM.

**MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Mr. Busteed  
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes January 7, 2015.
2. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

<b>School</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Cherry Hill School	January 16, 2015 Lockdown Drill January 28, 2015 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	January 29, 2015 Fire Drill January 30, 2015 Lockdown Drill

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

**CURRICULUM/EDUCATION** - None

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – None

**FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Mr. DiBella  
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education establish the tuition rates per pupil for the 2015-2016 school year:  
  
Integrated Pre-School Program 3 half days per week \$2,350.00  
  
Integrated Pre-School Program 4 half days per week \$2,900.00
2. That the Board of Education accept a donation from the River Dell Lady Hawks in the amount of \$1,200.00 to be used for the River Edge Building Bridges program.

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

**PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mr. Sim  
Seconded by Ms. Walker

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Courtney Sweet, Full time ABA Aide, starting on or about February 5, 2015, Step C.

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

**RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION** - None

**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Ms. Walker  
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. **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.

Deborah Trainor	Project SCOPE Grant
Alisa Broizman	Speech Language Specialist
Kristi McHale	Speech Language Specialist
Sofia Trujillo	Speech Language Specialist

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

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Salvati updated the board on the status of a local donation and how it benefits the Building and Bridges Program.

Ms. Dansky reported on Second Chance Toys

Mr. Busted reported that Little League wants to partner with the school to fix the fields.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** - None

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 9:40 PM made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Busted

Motion to adjourn the Closed Session at 10:30 PM made by Mr. Busted and seconded by Mr. DiBella

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:31 PM made by Mr. DiBella and seconded by Mr. Busted