

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

*“Building Bright Futures Together”*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – May 20, 2015 – 7:30 PM**

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the New Bridge Center Project Room, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers) called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker) read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed); David Jeong (Ms. Danahy); Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky); Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella); Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers); Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim); Priya Aggarwal (Wendy Walker) also present were Woohyun Kwen (Dr. Ben-Dov), Jiye Choi (Ms. Salvati), Esther Lee (Mrs. Heitman), Olivia Leonardo (Ms. Kossoy), Caitlin Nader (Mrs. Rosen), Emily Kim (Mr. Lyons), and approximately 50 members of the public.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Jiye Choi (Ms. Salvati) read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

**STUDENT BOARD MEETING**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students from Roosevelt and Cherry Hill Schools will  
serve as Trustees and Administrators**

Student Board Members

Kathleen Golden.....Paris Myers	Woohyun Kwen.....Tova Ben-Dov
Alex Usatine.....Sheli Dansky	Jiye Choi.....Patricia Salvati
Priya Aggarwal.....Wendy Walker	Esther Lee.....Denise Heitman
Noelle Kee.....Colin Busteed	Olivia Leonardo.....Marisa Kossoy
Jeremy Raguindin.....Gyuchang Sim	Caitlin Nader.....Beth Rosen
Samira Baez.....Anthony DiBella	Emily Kim.....John Lyons
David Jeong.....Cathy Danahy	

## **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items – None**

#### **Erika Steinbauer's Sharing Library**

Woohyun Kwen (Dr. Ben-Dov) announced the dedication of the Sharing Library of Children's literature to the River Edge School District students in memory of Erika Steinbauer. She shared a little bit about Ms. Steinbauer's life and thanked Ms. Steinbauer's family and those who came to honor her.

#### **Honor Board Member Sheli Dansky**

Motion by Noelle Kee (Mr. Busted)  
Seconded by Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella)

The Following Resolution was Read:

*WHEREAS, Sheli Dansky is recognized by New Jersey School Boards Association for her long standing years of service to the River Edge Board of Education; and*

*WHEREAS, during these twenty-five years of dedicated service she was nominated twice for the Archie Hay Award and the recipient of the Archie Hay Award in 2004; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. Dansky serves on numerous committees such as; Negotiations, Personnel, Policy, Finance, Bi-Boro/Tri-District, Public Relations, and Curriculum; and*

*WHEREAS, she served on the Bergen County Schools Board Association as Secretary, Vice President and currently serves as President; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. Dansky continues to serve and give generously of her time and talents in fulfilling her responsibilities in this role; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. Dansky demonstrates the value of education through her continual participation in School Boards training. She fulfilled requirements to be recognized as a Master Board Member, Certified Board Member, and Certified Board Leader, who has been successfully training numerous Board Members throughout the County and State. She provides insightful and practical knowledge to the River Edge Board; and*

*WHEREAS, she has made numerous contributions to the community and schools of River Edge Ms. Dansky has volunteered as a class mother, PTO member and officer, and is active in the River Edge Green Team and the Sustainable New Jersey Committee; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this Twentieth day of May Two Thousand and Fifteen, spread upon its minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for her valued service.*

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busted), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None, Abstained: Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky),

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Woohyun Kwen (Dr. Ben-Dov) reported on the following:  
(See Addendum A)

### **CHERRY HILL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Esther Lee (Mrs. Heitman) reported on the following:  
(See Addendum B)

### **ROOSEVELT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Olivia Leonardo (Ms. Kossoy) reported on the following:  
(See Addendum C)

### **NEW BRIDGE CENTER ASST. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Caitlin Nader (Mrs. Rosen) reported on the following:  
(See Addendum D)

### **BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Jiye Choi (Ms. Salvati) reported on the following:  
(See Addendum E)

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT**

Emily Kim (Mr. Lyons) reported on the following:  
(See Addendum F)

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers) reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers informed the board that Roosevelt's graduation will be held on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Hill's graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEES**

- Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella) attended a Mayor and Council Meeting on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker) attended the New Jersey School Board Delegate Assembly on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

### **ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed)  
Seconded by Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella)

1. That the Board of Education authorize Bergen County Special Services to provide non- public services under the provisions of Chapter 192/193 to the Yeshiva of North Jersey and Sinai @ RYNJ for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella)  
Seconded by Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim)

2. That the Board of Education authorize Bergen County Special Services to provide Chapter 192 Home Instruction and ESL services and Chapter 193 Speech and Evaluation services to St. Peter's for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim)  
Seconded by Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)

3. That the Board of Education authorize Region V to provide Chapter 192 Compensatory Education and Chapter 193 Supplemental Instruction to St. Peter's for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Seconded by Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky)

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

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
5/21/15	Roosevelt	1	World of Wings Teaneck, NJ	\$670.00

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky)  
Seconded by David Jeong (Ms. Danahy)

5. That the Board of Education approve the use of the Cherry Hill Field on June 18, 2015 and Roosevelt School Field on June 19, 2015 to hold the PTO Carnival with rain dates of June 19, 2015 and June 22, 2015.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim)  
Seconded by Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)

6. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for May 2015 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Seconded by Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky)

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Cost to District</b>
6/15/15	Roosevelt	6 Art Club	Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, NY	\$153.00

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

**CURRICULUM/EDUCATION** - None

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** - None

**FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by David Jeong (Ms. Danahy)  
Seconded by Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed)

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May 2015 totaling \$415,392.65 including checks #37299 through #37384. Payrolls dated April 15, 2015 and April 30, 2015, totaling \$1,077,802.38 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim),  
Nays: None, Abstained: Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)

Motion by Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed)  
Seconded by Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella)

2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2014-2015 as of March 31, 2015. (Addendum)

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella)  
Seconded by Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim)

3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending March 31, 2015.

Further, we certify that as of March 31, 2015 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)

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

### **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim)  
Seconded by Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Tenured Staff for the 2015-2016 school year as per the list, on file in the District Office. Salaries to be determined upon the ratification and approval of the negotiated REEA Agreement.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Seconded by Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky)

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Non-tenured Staff for the 2015-2016 school year as per the list, on file in the District Office. Salaries to be determined upon the ratification and approval of the negotiated REEA Agreement.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky)  
Seconded by David Jeong (Ms. Danahy)

3. That the Board of Education approve a revised stipend of \$3,500 for Chris Armen, as Director of the 2015 Summer Enrichment Program.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by David Jeong (Ms. Danahy)  
Seconded by Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed)

4. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Mary Anne O'Connell Rush, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2015.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

Motion by Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed)  
Seconded by Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella)

5. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Deborah Michels, Instructional Technology Coach, effective June 5, 2015.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

#### **RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION** - None

#### **REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella)  
Seconded by Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim)

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May 2015 totaling \$738,051.24 including checks #64199 through #64354.

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky) asked about recycling in the district. Mr. Lyons answered his question.

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Dr. Ben-Dov applauded the 6<sup>th</sup> graders for all of their hard work and dedication they put into this meeting. She explained to the students that the Board Members receive the agenda and backup documents the Friday before a Board Meeting. This allows for time to review and decide how they would like to vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting for a reception at 8:25 PM made by Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim) and seconded by Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)

Ayes: Noelle Kee (Mr. Busteed), David Jeong (Ms. Danahy), Alex Usatine (Ms. Dansky), Samira Baez (Mr. DiBella), Kathleen Golden (Mrs. Myers), Jeremy Raguindin (Mr. Sim), Priya Aggarwal (Ms. Walker)  
Nays: None

## RECEPTION

### CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion to adjourn the Closed Session at 9:40 PM made by Ms. Dansky and seconded by Ms. Danahy

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

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:40 PM made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

Jiye Choi (Patricia Salvati)  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator