

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – September 3, 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, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. DiBella read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Busted was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 7:50 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

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

RECONVENE

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 8:40 PM.

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

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Joe Manzelli, River Edge Parent, asked the Board a question regarding the Change Order resolution. Ms. Salvati answered his question.

Annual Violence and Vandalism Report

Dr. Ben-Dov read the following Violence, Vandalism and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying report: As reported to the state, our reporting period 2 for Violence and Vandalism indicates no reports.

Harassment Intimidation and Bullying indicates one report. This HIB incident occurred at the Roosevelt School and was affirmed by the Board of Education. Dr. Ben-Dov stated to the board the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Training Report, the existing programs and what is planned for the 2014-2015 school year.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- The hiring for the 2014-2015 school year is almost complete. The position that still needs to be filled is a part time gifted and talented teacher.
- New Teacher Orientation was very successful and it was held on Wednesday, August 27th and Thursday, August 28th.
- Today was a Professional Development Day for all teachers. Professional Development was conducted in several areas: Math Curriculum, Informational Reading, Link It, Benchmarking, and Specialists worked on Social Studies Integration.
- New Teacher Reception will be held at the September 17th board meeting. Mr. Alfred Annunziata will attend to report on the goals the board established in June.
- Dr. Ben-Dov would like to set up a meeting to discuss the best way to memorialize Erika Steinbauer. The total amount received in her fund was \$3,138.00.
- There was a meeting with the architect on August 26th regarding the district's space challenges. The architect will attend the October 1st board meeting and give a report on their findings and propose some options.
- Dr. Ben-Dov met with the Tri-district Presidents and Superintendents to discuss Tri-District. The Prosecutor's office together with the River Edge and Oradell Police had done a Risk Assessment study in our buildings. They would like to discuss the reports with the Tri-District boards on October 15th.

- Dr. Ben-Dov is working out final details regarding re-registration.
- Dr. Ben-Dov has nominated Sheli Dansky as Board Member of the Year.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Mrs. Heitman welcomed everyone back and is excited for the 2014-2015 school year to start.
- The teachers and custodians did an excellent job with preparing the school for the start of the school year.
- Today was a Professional Development day and she received good feedback from it.
- The administrators worked very hard during the summer working on the schedules.
- The PTO had a wonderful breakfast for the staff on September 2nd. They also provided welcome back gifts for the teachers. Mrs. Heitman thanked the PTO for their kindness.
- Kindergarten had a positive visit to New Bridge on September 2nd. The children are excited to start the school year.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated there is a motion on tonight's agenda to approve the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC. She explained the services they provide to the district.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers attended the Welcome Back Assembly on September 2nd. She said it was a nice assembly.
- On tonight's agenda there are motions to approve the Annual School Boards Convention in Atlantic City.
- Mrs. Myers attended the meeting with the Tri-district Presidents and Superintendents tonight before the board meeting.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky stated some of the upcoming School Board events: September 20th is a Preparing for Bargaining and September 27th is Advanced Boardmanship.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of July 30, 2014.

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

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Ms. Walker

2. That the Board of Education amend the resolutions 1B to 1H to read "That the Board of Education approve River Edge Board Members to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference on October 28-30, 2014".

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

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

3. That the Board of Education approve River Edge Board Members to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference on October 28-30, 2014.

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

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

4. That the Board of Education approve Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent and Patricia Salvati, Business Administrator to attend NJSBA Fall Conference, October 28-30, 2014.

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

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

5. That the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
4119.26/4219.26	Electronic Communication by School Staff
5111	Admission
5113	Attendance, Absences, and Excuses
5118	Nonresidents
5131.6	Substance Abuse

6. That the Board of Education approve the dual use of rooms 114 and 131 in the Cherry Hill School for the 2014-2015 school year.
7. That the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for September 2014 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
8. That the Board of Education approve the annual reporting period two for Violence & Vandalism and HIB Incidents for the 2013-2014 school year.
9. That the Board of Education approve the annual subscription renewal with the Schoolboardnet service for the 2014-2015 School Year in the amount of \$2,360.00.
10. That the Chapter 192/193 resolution of July 30, 2014 be rescinded and replaced with the following; that the Board of Education authorize Bergen County Special Services to provide Chapter 192 Home Instruction and ESL Services and Chapter 193 Speech/Evaluations for St. Peter's for the 2014 – 2015 school year, with services to start no later than December 3, 2014.
11. That the Chapter 192/193 resolution of July 30, 2014 be rescinded and replaced with the following; that the Board of Education authorize Region V to provide Chapter 192 Compensatory Education and Chapter 193 Supplemental Instruction for St. Peter's for the 2014 – 2015 school year, with services to start no later than December 3, 2014.
12. That the Board of Education approve the Special Milk Pricing at a rate of \$.37 per day for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Sinai School at RYNJ to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. That the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Yeshiva of North Jersey to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. That the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the FY2015 NCLB Grant in the following amounts.

<u>Title III Immigrant</u>	
River Edge	\$ 777
St. Peter's Academy	\$1,813
Yeshiva of North Jersey	<u>\$2,589</u>
Total	\$5,179

5. That the Board of Education approve the Technology Curriculum- Grades K-6.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve Change Order # GC-01 and GC-02 from Laumar Roofing for Renovations at Cherry Hill School.

<u>Change Order</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GC-01, GC-02	Replace six (6) window lintels	\$13,800

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

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

1. Approve the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC to conduct the Continuing Disclosure Survey and to provide disseminating services for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, 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, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sharon Fadini, Part-time Basic Skills Teacher, starting, September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, MA, Step 10-11.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Maria Garcia, Spanish Teacher, starting, September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, MA+15, Step 10-11.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Noy Sapir, Teacher, September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, BA, Step 1-2.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Whitney White Castelvi, Teacher, September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, BA, Step 1-2.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Caroline Church, Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2014 to December 23, 2014, BA, Step 1-2.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Leah Taylor, Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2014 to December 23, 2014, BA, Step 1-2.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Daniel DeVincenzo, Full-time Custodian, effective September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014, Step 1.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Domenico D'Ulisse, Part Time Custodian, effective September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014, Step 1.
9. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Kaitlin Keelan, Part-time Technology Assistant, effective August 15, 2014.
10. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Kate Castellvi, Part-time Clerical Aide, effective August 29, 2014.
11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Frank Perrone as Webmaster, as per contractual stipend, for the 2014-2015 school year.
12. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following full-time Building Bridges Instructional ABA Aides for the school year 2014-2015

Samantha Blanco Galvin	Step F	w/BA
Amy Casaburro	Step E	w/BA
Gregorio Espinosa	Step C	
Laura Moskowitz-Vaccaro	Step C	

13. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following Part-time Aides for the school year 2014-2015

Colleen Mary Kalan
Nicole Marie Hjelm

14. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the re-employment of the following lunch aide, for Cherry Hill School, two (2) hours per day, five (5) days per week.

Donna Cirino

15. That the Board of Education approve the following individual for movement on the step guide effective September 1, 2014 based on educational credentials.

Frank Perrone from BA to MA

16. WHEREAS, on or about August 7, 2014, an employee of the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), whose name is on file with the Superintendent of Schools' Office, was notified by the Superintendent of Schools that said employee was suspended with pay pursuant N.J.S.A. 18A:25-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall continue the suspension of the employee with pay pending a further investigation by the Superintendent of Schools and, thereafter, a determination by the Board as to what further action, if any, shall be taken.

17. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Barbara Oliveri, Part-time Aide, effective August 29, 2014.
18. That the Board of Education appointment Dr. Urian Kim, School Physician, for the 2014 – 2015 school year at a cost of \$3,500.
19. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Nicole Colon to commence on, or about February 2, 2015 through April 15, 2015, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective April 16, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

20. That the Board of Education approve the agreement with the River Edge Extended Day Care Program from September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

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

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Community Based Instruction Schedule for the 2014-2015 school year. (Addendum)

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

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for First Choice Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1747	Banyan/New Beginnings	\$224.50 (with Aide)
1977	Garden Academy	\$190.49 (with Aide)

2. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for First Student 1310.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
0798	River Dell M.S.	\$176.01
0829	Bleshman	\$212.07 (with Aide)
2086	Hackensack H.S.	\$291.12
1598	Sage Day School	\$205.05 (with Aide)

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for Four Diamond Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2166	Bergen Tech/Paramus	\$150.00
2117	Wash. So. Montessano	\$205.00 (Aide Inc.)

4. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for St. Jude's Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1735	Windsor School Pompton Lks.	\$219.90 (with Aide)
1737	North Street School	\$166.85
1748	Wash. So. Ridgewood	\$266.11 (with 2 Aides)
1750	Windsor School Pompton Lks.	\$211.26 (with Aide)

5. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for John Leckie Inc.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
0771	Felician School	\$201.96 (with Aide)
1023	Holmstead School	\$156.18
1772	New Bridges @ Cherry Hill	\$212.55 (with Aide)
1907	Sawtelle	\$143.97 (with Aide)
1967	Slocum/Skewes	\$202.36 (with Aide)
2048	Bergen Co. Academies	\$87.00

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for Rinaldi Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1406	Valley Demarest	\$246.97 (with Aide)
1529	New Bridges Ridgewood	\$230.12 (with Aide)
1662	Bleshman	\$196.22 (with Aide)

7. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for First Student 1309.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1594	Sage Day Rochelle Park	\$154.32
1902	Bryan/Merritt	\$271.94 (with Aide)
1909	New Bridges/Ridgewood	\$198.29 (with Aide)
1985	Springboard	\$157.85
2041	Valley @ Tenafly M.S.	\$194.55 (with Aide)
2075	Bleshman	\$198.81 (with Aide)
2076	Bleshman/CTC Mid Pk.	\$222.89 (with Aide)

8. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for Jacoup's Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2069	River Dell H.S./M.S. + N.M.H.S.	\$100.00
2073	Berkley School	\$86.44

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Summer Contracts for Ace Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
S910	Phoenix Center	\$480.45
S913	Concordia (St. Joseph's)	\$347.62

10. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for Durham School Services.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1536	Transition Center	\$211.47 (with Aide)
1117	Hip @ Union Street	\$210.50 (with Aide)
1132	Stillman-AM	\$125.08 (with Aide)
1133	Stillman-PM	\$121.16 (with Aide)
0553	Community Lower	\$139.89

11. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid results from the August 12, 2014 Bid.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2077	Morgan Educational	\$137.00
2121	St. Jude's Transportation	\$248.00 (with Aide)
2122	Morgan Educational	\$229.00 (with Aide)
2123	Morgan Educational	\$176.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q187	Calais School	\$177.00 (with Aide)

13. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for First Choice Transportation.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q184	Hackensack H.S.	\$47.00

14. 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.

Anne Avigdor	Teacher
Jamie Kagan – Heit	Social Worker
B.E.S.T. for Education	Teacher of Handicapped
Marilynn S. Friedman	Psychologist
Stratapult Advisors LLC	Occupational Therapist
Deborah Rogoff	Learning Disability Teacher Consultant
CK Physical Therapy LLC	Physical Therapist
Andrea Sue Gaynes	Speech and Language Specialist
Sylvia A. Cosentino	Teacher
Sandra Block	Occupational Therapist
Christine Eisen	Behaviorist
Serena Fernandez-Cos	Speech and Language Specialist
Epic Health Services	Nursing Agency

15. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for D&M Tours.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1986	Barnstable Academy	\$186.80
1992	LCEC	\$181.60

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Myers stated evaluations regarding the Superintendent's goals need to be completed by the September 17th board meeting.
- Ms. Dansky stated on September 27th NJSBA is offering a program called Committee Structure and she will be participating in teaching this program.
- Mr. Sim stated that REEF would like to present information to parents at back to school night regarding their organization. Dr. Ben-Dov said that she spoke to Mr. Gant regarding that matter.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Joe Manzelli, River Edge Parent, asked when the Technology Curriculum will be posted on the district website. Dr. Ben-Dov answered his question.

Michael Doss, River Edge Parent, and his lawyer spoke to the board in regards to their tuition contract and residency situation.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education convened into closed session at 9:30 PM to discuss a legal matter.

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

RECONVENE

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 10:40 PM.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:46 PM.

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

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator