

# RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

*“Building Bright Futures Together”*

## Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – January 23, 2013

**6:30 Confidential Session**

**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**

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

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Walker read the Mission Statement.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; and Ms. Walker also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, Mrs. Heitman, Mrs. Kuruc, Mr. Di Cara, and approximately two members of the public.

Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:40 PM  
Mrs. Buckley arrived at 7:55 PM  
Ms. Dansky was absent

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

### **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Presentation of the Energy Audit Results - Joe Di Cara, Di Cara Rubino Architects

Joe Di Cara of Di Cara Rubino Architects presented the districts Energy Audit report to the Board Members. Mr. Di Cara said it is a great tool to review energy consumption and it is funded through a grant. The final report was issued in December. He concluded with some recommendations for the district to save more energy.

2013-2014 Special Education Budget Review – Debbie Trainor and Rosemary Kuruc

Mrs. Kuruc and Ms. Trainor reviewed the proposed Special Education budget for the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Trainor explained to the board what they budgeted for which was: Child Study Team salaries, Special Education Aides, Transportation, Evaluations for eligibility, Related Service O/T P/T, Related Service ABA and P/T Summer, Supplies O/T P/T, Integrated Pre-School, Autistic Classes, and Multiply Disabled Classes. Ms. Trainor and Ms. Kuruc proposed to add an additional MD class which will be funded by tuition from out of district students to the board. Ms. Trainor and Ms. Kuruc answered questions the Board had on the presentation.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov is dealing with some safety concerns. The district is exploring some tightening of protocols and physical improvements to the buildings. The prosecutor's office will do an independent survey of the buildings and Dr. Ben-Dov will know more when they come to go over it. The district is working with emergency services and continuing to work with the police. A safety training for all staff will take place on February 4, 2013.
- Our Stronge Evaluation Model is making great progress. Training for administrators will be held on January 28, 2013 and February 5, 2013. Training for pilot teachers will be on February 7, 2013. All of the finances will go through River Dell and they will bill us for our portion.
- The State of New Jersey is looking for every student to have a Student Growth Objective in September 2013.
- Dr. Ben-Dov received a memo stating that each district should have a Common Core State Standard implementation panel. Mrs. Myers volunteered to be on the panel to represent the Board of Education.
- Our Q-SAC date has changed due to the retirement of the Executive County Superintendent. Our new date is Thursday, February 28, 2013.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- This month lessons about Martin Luther King were being taught and there were good discussion on the topic in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's day.
- Our crossing guard, Joe Magueri, will turn 90 on Thursday, January 24, 2013. Fun activities are planned for the day and a brick was purchased for this milestone.
- The River Edge Cultural Center invited us to The Seventh Annual Young Artists Exhibition that will open up on January 30, 2013.
- Sheli Dansky spoke to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Cherry Hill School and Mary Kay Buckley spoke to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Roosevelt School regarding the Student Board Meeting on February 27, 2013.
- There will be a parent meeting at the middle school on Thursday, January 24, 2013 for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
- There was a great enrichment program held on at Cherry Hill. An author came to the school and met with grades 2-6 to discuss writing stories. He will be back at the end of May to perform one of the stories the children will write.
- Kindergarten Registration was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 and Thursday, January 17, 2013 and it went well.
- Mrs. Heitman had a PARCC Assessment Webinar today

## **BOARD SECRETARY**

- The Budget Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 9:00AM

## **PRESIDENT**

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ethics Training will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013

## **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Walker attended a Building and Grounds meeting on January 14, 2013 where they spoke about safety. There are two recommendations that the police suggested: (1) keep the doors locked for all of the classrooms and (2) add more cameras to the three buildings. We are waiting on estimates for panic buttons for the classrooms and bullet proof glass in the lobbies of the schools.

## **MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

### **ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of December 19, 2012 and January 2, 2013.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Busteed

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of January 2, 2013.

that the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for January 2013 including relevant mileage reimbursement.  
(Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the Updated 2012-2013 school year attendance of specific students at Cherry Hill or Roosevelt School which is other than their customary neighborhood school.(Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

**CURRICULUM/EDUCATION** - None

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – None

**FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2013 totaling \$426,315.34 including checks #34680 through #34772. Payrolls dated December 14, 2012 and December 21, 2012, totaling \$1,039,717.15 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2012-2013 as of November 30, 2012. (Addendum)

that the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending November 30, 2012.

Further, we certify that as of November 30, 2012 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)

that the Board of Education accept a donation from Craig and Andrea Horowitz in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used for the River Edge Building Bridges program.

that the Board of Education establish the tuition rates per pupil for the 2013-2014 school year:

Integrated Pre-School Program 3 half days per week      \$2,130.00

Integrated Pre-School Program 4 half days per week      \$2,650.00

that the Board of Education accept a donation for Library Birthday Books from Bonnie Schulman in the amount of \$100.00 in honor of Sheli Dansky-Danziger's Birthday.

that the Board of Education accept a donation from the River Edge Education Foundation (R.E.E.F.) in the amount of \$3,300.00 to purchase a Smart Board for the New Bridge Center.

that the Board of Education accepts a donation for Library Birthday Books from Erika Steinbauer in the amount of \$100.00 in honor of Sheli Dansky-Danziger's Birthday.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

## **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Deborah Trainor, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2013.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Michelle Van Buren, Part-time Instructional Aide, starting, January 24, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at a maximum of 23 hours per week.

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Stephanie Fand, Part-time Instructional Aide, starting, January 24, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at a maximum of 23 hours per week.

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kirsten Musciano, Part-time Instructional Aide, starting, January 24, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at a maximum of 23 hours per week.

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Dawn Gillies, Part-time Instructional Aide, starting, January 24, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at a maximum of 23 hours per week.

that the Board of Education approve the following individuals for the movement on the step guide based on educational credentials effective February 1, 2013.

Andrea Friedlander from BA to BA+15

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as a substitute clerical aide for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

Jo Ann Jennings

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Katherine Cruise, Student Teacher, from January 24, 2013 to May 3, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following as substitutes for the 2012-2013 school year.

Katherine Cruise

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Rita Scoccola, Part-time ESL Teacher, starting February 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteded, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

**RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION** - None

**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Mr. Busteded

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Town & Country Bus for the 2012-2013 school year. (Addendum)

Route #	School	Per Diem
2011	Hackensack M.S.	\$68.90

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for N&Y Transportation for the 2012-2013 school year. (Addendum)

Route #	School	Per Diem
1994	Stepping Stones/Westbridge	\$175.00

that the Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V/River Edge (Host) and East Windsor (Joiner). (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2013 totaling \$486,399.02 including checks #60582 through #60710.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteded, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 10:00 PM.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator