

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

***“Building Bright Futures Together”*
Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 17, 2012**

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

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

MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Myers read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busteed; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, Mrs. Heitman, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Feldman and approximately four members of the public.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mrs. Manzelli, 789 Sixth Avenue River Edge, asked the Board a question regarding the Elementary Education Teacher/ESL Coordinator position. Dr. Ben-Dov answered her question.

Presentation of River Edge 2012 NJ ASK Results

Dr. Ben-Dov presented the results of the 2012 NJ ASK testing. Attached is a copy of the power point presentation. During her presentation, Dr. Ben-Dov explained grades 3-6 take the NJ Ask test and it includes all students of the district. A new segment was added this year which is called District-Wide Assessments for Children with Disabilities. Grades 3, 5 and 6 are tested in language arts and math. Grade 4 is tested in language arts, math and science. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked the instructional and administrative staff for all of their hard work with the NJ Ask testing and she also thanked Mr. Frank Perrone and Ms. MaryAnn Durante for the PowerPoint presentation. Trends resulting from NJ Ask were discussed. It was noted that River Edge students did very well when compared to the “I” District factor group. Exiting 6th graders did an excellent job longitudinally when their four years of testing were compared. Students appeared to receive excellent preparation for middle school.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- There was one HIB Incident to report on. On Friday, October 5, 2012 one Cherry Hill 6th graders (Student A) had verbal comments to another Cherry Hill 6th grader (Student B). It was investigated and found to be HIB related. The families were notified and action against Student B took place. Student B had two recess detentions, had to write an

essay on his comments, and had two sessions with the Pupil Assistance Counselor.

- Dr. Ben-Dov attended a Cherry Hill assembly on Wednesday, October 17, 2012. At the assembly there was a mock election where the children got to vote for a Presidential Candidate in an authentic way, using actual election machines. This was a superb civic lesson for the students.

PRINCIPALS

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Respect week went very well
- In honor of Fire Prevention week, Cherry Hill had an assembly on Thursday, October 11, 2012. After the assembly a fire drill took place.
- An email was sent out to the parents regarding Stranger Danger and the principals spoke to the children about it
- On Wednesday, October 17, 2012 Cherry Hill and Roosevelt had an assembly where we had voting machines in the schools and the children were able to vote for a Presidential Candidate. Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan met with the students to discuss the importance of voting and participating in the election process. On November 5, 2012, the results will be announced to the school population. Mrs. Heitman said it was a teachable moment.
- Thursday, October 18, 2012 is picture day for Cherry Hill
- Star Assessment, which is a diagnostic tool that the teachers will use to identify weaknesses in Math and Reading, will start on Monday, October 22, 2012. Students in grade 2 through 6 will take the assessment in the computer lab. The results will be used to inform the teaching.
- The Halloween parade at Cherry Hill is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at 1:10 PM

Ms. Rosen reported on the following:

- Ms. Rosen announced how happy she was to be working here in River Edge
- Pick up and drop off is working well
- The children are adjusting beautifully to a full day of Kindergarten
- PALS assessment for Kindergarten will meet on Monday, October 22, 2012 with Ms. Diminich to review the results. I Rover had training on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 with Mr. Tee.
- Ms. Rosen met with the NBC Liaisons to Cherry Hill and Roosevelt Schools
- The Halloween parade for NBC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 2011 at 2:00pm.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- The fall convention is on October 23, 2012 through October 25, 2012. Business cards were placed in the board members folders to bring with them to the convention. Ms. Trainor will email all of the board members a copy of the NJSBA Convention receptions and make arrangements for meals together.
- The board will review and adopt the budget calendar at the November 7, 2012 Board Meeting.

- Ms. Trainor attended a presentation at the Region V Business Administrators meeting on advertising as a revenue source. The three ways that advertising is provided is on the school bus, physical assets, and banner ads on the website.
- Ms. Trainor reported that the Safety Deposit Box contents include the deeds to the property. A discussion was held with the Borough Administrator regarding moving the contents to Borough Hall.

PRESIDENT

Ms. DiMaulo reported on the following:

- The new field service Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association is attending the November 7th board meeting to introduce himself and to help the board write their goals for the year.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Busted attended a Policy Committee on October 17, 2012
- Ms. Walker asked the board to consider forming an Allergy Policy
- Ms. Dansky said the NBC drop off and pick up went very well on Ms. Rosen's first day
- Ms. Dansky attended a Bergen County School Boards Association meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 where they discussed Bi-Laws.
- Ms. Dansky announced that River Edge will be hosting a Bergen County Meet Up Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012
- Ms. Dansky met with the New Executive Director at NJSBA
- Mr. Sim has done some research on the new roof

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of October 3, 2012 Board Meeting.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the confidential minutes of August 1, 2012, August 8, 2012, August 29, 2012 and October 3, 2012 Board Meetings.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Sim

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approves the staff development training as per the schedules for October 2012 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approves the annual report of Violence & Vandalism for the 2011-2012 school year.

that the Board of Education approves the Five Year Maintenance Plan ending in fiscal year 2013. (Addendum)

Further, certify that to the best of our knowledge, the district's planned and completed maintenance activities are reasonable to keep the districts' schools open and safe for use in its original condition and maintain the validity of their warranties.

that the Board of Education approves the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M1 School Facilities Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheet ending in fiscal year 2013.

that the Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills:

School	Date	Time
NBC/Cherry Hill	October 5, 2012	11:15 AM
NBC/Cherry Hill	October 5, 2012	12:15 PM
NBC/Cherry Hill	October 5, 2012	1:05 PM
NBC/Cherry Hill	October 5, 2012	1:15 PM
NBC/Cherry Hill	October 5, 2012	1:35 PM
NBC/Cherry Hill	October 5, 2012	1:50 PM

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve the following Tri-District Curriculums:

21st Century Life and Career Education Grades K-6
Mathematics for Grades 1-6

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

Nays: None

BUILDING & GROUNDS - None**FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approves the bills & claims dated October, 2012 totaling \$801,040.40 including checks #34314 through #34446. Payrolls dated September 14, 2012 and September 28, 2012, totaling \$1,007,747.43 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

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

that the River Edge Board of Education approves the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending August 31, 2012.

Further, we certify that as of August 31, 2012 after review of the secretary' 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 over expended 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.

that the Board of Education approves the contracts between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy, Yeshiva of North Jersey, and Sinai at RYNJ to provide Non-Public Technology Materials as per the 2012-2013 School Year State Aid Allocation.

that the Board of Education approves the contracts between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy, Yeshiva of North Jersey, and Sinai at RYNJ to provide Non-Public Textbook Materials as per the 2012-2013 School Year State Aid Allocation.

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education approve the Elementary Education Teacher/ESL Coordinator Job Description (Addendum)

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Pamela Lobley, P/T Lunch Aide, for the 2012-2013 school year.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Meghan Luterzo, Part-Time Aide, effective October 12, 2012.

that the Board of Education approve Andrea Meher and Kate Arena as the Primary Project Aides for the 2012-2013 School Year.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Joseph Belger, Student Teacher, from October 29, 2012 to December 21, 2012.

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

Joseph Belger

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Chelsea Schubart, Graduate Student from Fairleigh Dickinson University, to work with our RTI Program from October 22, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Jesse Vorasitthanuk, Graduate Student from Fairleigh Dickinson University, to work with our RTI Program from October 22, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mr. Sim

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 to provide evaluations, direct services and consultation, to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2012-2013 school year.

Krista Faller	Consultant
Michelle Dailey	Social Worker
Elizabeth Church	Consultant

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2012 totaling \$413,757.29 including checks #60303 through #60387.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

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

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator

