

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661***"Building Bright Futures Together"***Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 3, 2012****7:30 PM**

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

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

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Busted read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busted; Ms. Dansky; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Mrs. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, Mr. Vouvalides, and approximately two members of the public.

Ms. Di Maulo arrived at 8:15 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Mr. Manzelli, 789 Sixth Avenue River Edge, asked the Board a question regarding the dual use of rooms in the Cherry Hill School that is on the agenda. Dr. Ben-Dov answered his question.

Accept PTO Gifts for the 2011-2012 School Year

Dr. Ben-Dov spoke about the wonderful items provided to the Cherry Hill School, Roosevelt School and New Bridge Center by the PTO. She is truly grateful for all that the PTO has done for the students in the schools. She thanked and commended the parents for all of their hard work and said the students would benefit directly from them. The PTO Gifts will be posted on the website.

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. On January 27, 2012 a verbal HIB incident occurred and was reported as a possible HIB Incident. An investigation was conducted and according to protocol it was concluded that the incident was not ruled an HIB Incident.

In the late summer, the Student Code of Conduct was revised for greater clarity. It was reviewed and communicated to staff and students in September and is on our website.

The Commissioner of Education about Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse had a memo that stated the total number of incidents reported by districts increased 50.4 percent and increase of 8,753 incidents from 17,386 in 2010-2011 to 26,139 in 2011-2012. This is directly related to the new law.

2013-2014 School Calendar Discussion

Dr. Ben-Dov proposed two drafts of the 2013-2014 school calendars to the Board members. A discussion took place regarding the February Winter Recess. One draft offers the School Calendar with February Winter Recess for one week and other draft offers the School Calendar with February Winter Recess for two days. It will be further discussed at the Tri-District meeting held on October 18, 2012.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- ESL evening was on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. Approximately 40 people attended. Ms. Schnee and Ms. Kim held a presentation on social English and academic English. There has been tremendous growth to the ESL program.
- Dr. Ben-Dov would like to appoint a .4 teacher for ESL due to the growth of the program.
- Our monitoring date for QSAC is Wednesday, December 12, 2012. All forms need to be signed and handed in by Thursday, November 15, 2012. On Friday, October 5, 2012 there will be a full QSAC committee meeting. The Program and Instruction portion is the largest and will require much work and documentation. A lot of work has been done with the implantation of the Common Core Curriculum Standards and it is being documented.
- Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the update of the Evaluation System and the New Tenure System. On Tuesday, October 30, 2012 Tri-district will choose a system. On Monday, October 1, 2012 there was a legislative update meeting. They discussed some of the new tenure laws that were signed into effect on August 6, 2012. Some highlights of the meeting are tenure teachers with two ineffective years mandate that the superintendent file tenure charges. Non tenured teachers who started their work after August 6, 2012 have four years to do it. New teachers to the district have to be mentored.
- We do not qualify for Race to the Top Grant
- There will be a Professional Development afternoon held on Monday, October 8, 2012
- Dr. Ben Dov said C.R.E.A.T.E. (Children of River Edge in Academically Talented Education) is a complex system and has a rich program. It will be implemented starting in the second part of October.
- 2nd Cup of Coffee was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. It was well attended.
- NJ ASK results will be presented to the public at the October 17th Board Meeting

- There were some nice publicity about our district in the Towns News and the Bergen Record recently.
- School Visitation Day was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012
- Respect week is from October 1 – October 5, 2012

PRINCIPAL

Tony Vouvalides reported on the following:

- Back to School Night was Thursday, September 20, 2012 and it was well attended
- Ms. Fleming and Ms. Rosenzweig hosted a meeting for Librarians across the county to share ideas and talk. Approximately 32 Librarians attended this meeting.
- Parent Visitation was on October 3, 2012 and there was positive feedback from it. One hundred and fifty three people attended.
- Respect week is from October 1 – October 5, 2012
- There will be a Fire Department assembly this month in honor of Fire Prevention Month. Two ways out is the theme.
- On Wednesday, October 17, 2012 both Cherry Hill and Roosevelt will get voting machines in the schools and the children can vote for a Presidential Candidate. Mr. Vouvalides is very excited about this.
- There will be a Halloween Fund Raiser in memory of Emma Rabinowitz
- There will be an upgrade to the weather station. We will be able to study the weather in-depth and online.
- Greatschools.org is a website where you get a synopsis of different schools. Both Cherry Hill and Roosevelt schools received great feedback from parents on the website.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor had nothing to report on

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo stated we need to add another Board Meeting in November. The Board Members decided to add a meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.
- Ms. Di Maulo is inviting the new field service Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association to the November 7th board meeting to introduce himself.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky reported there will be a Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Sheli Dansky or Wendy Walker will attend.

- Ms. Walker stated the Building and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. They discussed the Capital Reserve Funds and upcoming building maintenance projects.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 19, 2012 Board Meeting.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Dansky

Motion by Mr. Busted

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)

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve Wendy Walker, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 23-25, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve Mary Kay Buckley, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 23-25, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mrs. Buckley

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve Gyuchang Sim, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 23-25, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Sim

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve Paris Myers, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 23-25, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mrs. Myers

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education approve Sheli Dansky, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 23-25, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Dansky

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve Colin Busted, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 23-25, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Busted

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent and Deborah Trainor, Business Administrator to attend NJSBA Fall Conference, October 23-25, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

WHEREAS, state of New Jersey N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29 mandates that a Week of Respect be observed beginning with the first Monday of October

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education recognizes the importance of character education focusing on the prevention of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying as defined by N.J.S.A 18A:37-14

WHEREAS, the staff members of River Edge Schools are committed to providing age-appropriate education experiences for the River Edge students that promote respect for others and nurture an environment free if HIB

THEREFORE, the River Edge Board of Education establishes the week of October 1 - October 5, 2012 as a "Week of Respect."

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

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approves the following emergency drills:

| School | Dates |
|--------------------|---|
| Cherry Hill School | September 7, 2012 Fire Drill September 25, 2012 Evacuation Drill |
| Roosevelt School | September 7, 2012 Fire Drill September 19, 2012 Lock Down |

that the Board of Education approves the following class trip:

| Date | School | Grade | Destination | Cost to District |
|----------|-------------|-------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 10/18/12 | Roosevelt | 3 | Sterling Mine Ogdensburg, NJ | \$869.00 |
| 10/25/12 | Cherry Hill | 3 | Sterling Mine Ogdensburg, NJ | \$1,012.00 |

that the Board of Education approve the revised 2012 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between River Edge Elementary Schools and River Edge Law Enforcement Officials for the 2012-2013 school year.

that the Board of Education approves for dual use of rooms 114, 130 and 131 in the Cherry Hill School for the 2012-2013 school year.

that the Board of Education approves the following change to the Mission Statement:

From

- curriculum and instruction are aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards

To

- curriculum and instruction are aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and the Common Core State Standards

Curricula

that the Board of Education approve for the 2012-2013 school year, all current curriculum guides that have been developed in accordance with New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and Common Core Curriculum standards.

that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Plan for 2012-2013. (Addendum)

Designation District Anti-Bullying Coordinator

FURTHER, that the Board of Education designate Beth Rosen, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator, for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve the contracts between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy, Stepping Stone Learning Center and Yeshiva of North Jersey to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2012-2013 school year.

that the Board of Education approves the Tri-District Technology Curriculum 2012 Grades K-6.

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

Nays: None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education approve the Change Order to the contract for the Additions and Renovations to Cherry Hill Elementary School Toilet Renovation.

| Company | School | Change Order # | Credit Dollar Amount |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| TM Brennan | Cherry Hill | GC-03 | \$1,073.09 |
| TM Brennan | Cherry Hill | GC-04 Final | \$4,181.51 |

that the Board of Education accept the Roosevelt and Cherry Hill Schools PTO Gifts for the school year 2011-2012. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Meghan Luterzo, P/T Aide up to 23 hours effective October 4, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Valerie Bobetski-Cadmus, P/T Aide up to 23 hours effective October 4, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Christine Pfeiffer, P/T Aide up to 23 hours effective October 5, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Barbara Oliveri, P/T Aide up to 23 hours effective October 4, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sandra Gotiangco, P/T Aide up to 23 hours effective October 4, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the change in the starting date from November 1, 2012 to October 8, 2012 for Beth Rosen, Assistant Principal, October 8, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, complete the agreement with Kevin Mc Grath, Part-Time Interim Assistant Principal, as of October 11, 2012.

that the Board of Education approve the annual report for the year of 2012-2013 of persons employed in school aide positions, and

Further, provides information in compliance with the State Board of Education rules for persons employed as school aides (NJAC 6A:32-4.7).

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Margaret Belger, Part –Time Clerical Aide, up to 23 hours effective October 4, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Tara Benevento, DYFS Liaison, for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approves a River Edge Preschool student be placed out of district for the 2012-2013 school year in the Bergen County Board of Special Services Hearing Impaired Program in the Godwin School in Midland Park at a tuition rate of \$55,440, transportation is not needed.

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

Nays: None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION - None**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** - None**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education convened into closed session at 9:15 PM to Contract Matters.

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

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

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

Nays: None

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Mrs. Walker

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:05 PM.

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator