

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

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 19, 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

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 Mrs. Buckley; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor; Ms. Rosen and approximately two members of the public.

Mr. Busteed was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A moment of silence took place for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

2013-2014 School Year Budget Presentation of Mandatory items

Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Trainor discussed the items included in the mandatory section for the 2013-2014 budget. Mandatory items are those mandated by the state to run a school district or those that are essential to implement the REEA contract. Ms. Trainor stated the revenue is the same as the 2012-2013 School Year and the local tax levy is capped.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov stated we face a challenge to strike the proper balance between normalcy and safety in our elementary schools due to the aftermath of the fatal shootings that took place in the Sandy Hook Elementary School. Dr. Ben-Dov said our staff and teachers did a wonderful job with the implementation of new stricter protocols and all communications. We have increased our security and the police are monitoring the schools more frequently. Dr. Ben-Dov will meet with the chief of police on Thursday, December 20, 2012 to receive any recommendations of safety they may have. Following the meeting, the Building and Grounds committee will meet on January 8, 2013 to discuss recommendations and any actions that may need to take place.
- Our new Q-SAC date is March 6, 2013
- Dr. Ben-Dov announced the Fifth Grade in Roosevelt School is closed and any new students will attend Cherry Hill.
- There are two HIB Incidents to report on. The first one involved two Roosevelt 6th graders (Student A) made verbal comments to another Roosevelt 6th grader (Student B). It was investigated and found to be HIB related. The families were notified and action against Student A took place. Student A had two recess detentions, had to write a letter of apology to Student B, and had to have sessions with the Pupil Assistance Counselor. The second one involved two Cherry Hill 6th graders (Student A) made 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 A took place. Student A had two recess detentions, had to write a letter of apology to Student B, and had write an essay about racial comments and how they affect others.
- Changes were made to the lunch arrangements in Cherry Hill School. Cherry Hill first graders will eat lunch in the project room due to the noise level and over- crowding that has occurred in the Multi-purpose Room.
- Training for administrators for the Stronge Evaluation Model is January 28, 2013 and February 5, 2013. Training for pilot teachers will be held in early February.
- Dr. Ben-Dov wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Rosen reported on the following:

- The Winter Concert at Cherry Hill School will be on December 20, 2012 at 1:30pm
- Friday, December 21, 2012 will be a one session day
- Ms. Rosen wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- The Re-Organization Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 and Antoinette Kelly, School Treasurer, will be attending to discuss the Elements of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report.

- Ms. Trainor gave the board members the tentative 2013 School Year Board of Education Meetings Dates.
- Ms. Trainor showed the board the Historic Documents that were found in the lock box. They will go in the safety deposit box at the Borough Hall.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo informed the board that School Boards has an article stating a law may come into effect that would allow the Superintendent to call a Board Meeting at any time.
- Ms. Di Maulo suggested a presentation to the board about safety in our building. She also thanked the administration and staff for a quick response regarding our security in the schools.
- Ms. Di Maulo stated we need to pick a date for Ethics Training. The board picked March 6, 2013 and April 3, 2013 as some possible dates.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky and Ms. Walker attended a Mayor and Councils Meeting. The topics they spoke about were repairs from the storm and NJ Transit.
- Ms. Dansky informed the board there will be a Bergen County Meeting on January 24, 2013 at the Mahwah High School.
- Mrs. Myers would like to meet with the Tri-District Curriculum Director to learn about what is discussed at the Tri-District meetings.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of November 28, 2012 and December 5, 2012 Board Meetings.

that the Board of Education approve the confidential minutes of November 28, 2012 Board Meeting.

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

RESOLVED, the PPA/HEART/WRERA Amendment to the River Edge Public Schools 457 Plan (the Amendment) is hereby approved and adopted and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the amendment.

that the Board of Education approve the River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2013-2014 school year as presented. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December, 2012, totaling \$674,609.85 including checks #34591 through #34679. Payrolls dated November 15, 2012 and November 30, 2012, totaling \$1,017,790.65 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, 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 the Budget Transfers for the school year 2012-2013 as of October 31, 2012. (Addendum)

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

Further, we certify that as of October 31, 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 authorize Daniel E. Riordan of On-Tech Consulting, Inc., an authorized agent, to represent the district in connection with completion of our application for the E-Rate for Funding Year 2013-2014.

that the Board of Education accept a donation from the New Bridge Center PTO in the amount of \$3,345.00 to be used for the Freestanding Sign with Announcer Sectional.

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Pam Lobley, Part-time Instructional Aide, starting, January 2, 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 Christine Taryla, Student Teacher, from January 22, 2013 to May 3, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lucia Moran, Student Teacher, from January 22, 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.

Christine Taryla
Lucia Moran

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Gina Chamberlain, Part-Time Instructional Aide, starting, December 20, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at a maximum of 23 hours per week.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Janet Boyd, Library Trustee/ Representative of the River Edge School District, effective January 2, 2013.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION -None**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December, 2012 totaling \$529,187.56 including checks #60479 through #60581.

that the Board of Education approve the following Summer Quote Contract for N&Y Transportation. (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q140	LCEC	105.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for N&Y Transportation. (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1947	New Bridges Rockleigh	\$260.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for N&Y Transportation. (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2004	Berkley School	\$83.00

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, inservice to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2012-2013 school year.

Marilyn Layton	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Sharon Luberto	Physical Therapist
Emerald Health Care Services	Nursing

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

That the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 9:45 PM.

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator

