

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

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 5, 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. Di Maulo called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Mrs. Myers read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Ms. Danksy; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, Ms. Heitman, and Mr. Lyons

Mrs. Buckley arrived at 7:55 PM

Mr. Busteed arrived at 8:20 PM

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

**SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Budget Development 2013-2014 School Year-Special Projects Technology and Facilities

Mrs. Heitman presented to the Board the River Edge School District Technology Plan. She read the four Technology Goals which are:

1. Literacy
2. Capacity Building
3. Connectivity
4. Social and Ethical Responsibility

She explained the Technology projections are part of a 5 year plan. Ms. Heitman reviewed to the board what we currently have in the 2012-2013 school year for instructional technology in district. She concluded with recommendations for Projected New Technology and they are: (1) Purchase 8 Smart Boards for Kindergarten classrooms (2) Purchase 2 document cameras per school (3) Purchase 1 laptop cart for Roosevelt and 1 laptop cart for Cherry Hill School.

## Budget Development 2013-2014 School Year

Dr. Ben-Dov and Mr. Lyons reported on the Facility needs. These projects concern Cherry Hill School only. The two projects are Roof Replacement sections and the Asbestos Abatement. The money in the capital reserve and surplus will pay for one of these projects.

## 2013-2014 School Calendar Discussion

Dr. Ben-Dov proposed a revised draft of the 2013-2014 school calendar to the Board members. A discussion took place regarding the Holiday Recess. The draft offers the last day of school before the recess to be December 20<sup>th</sup>. The board members discussed the last day to be a half day on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Ben-Dov will speak to the REEA representatives about it and it will be discussed at the next board meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- On Monday, December 3, 2012 the Cherry Hill chorus performed a fabulous and spirited concert at SCORE with Ms. Dent. It was a wonderful experience.
- Parent Math Night was held on Monday, December 3, 2012. Nancy Shultz, a math expert, was the key note speaker and she did a superb job. After the presentation, hands-on workshops were taking place in some of the classrooms representing various grade levels. The event enjoyed exceptional attendance with 68 people present.
- Dr. Ben-Dov announced an update in the enrollment dilemma. She followed up with information on the suggested increase in maximum class size from 23 to 24 in second grade in both schools.
- Dr. Ben-Dov informed the board about the responsibility of the elementary school regarding defibrillators. She stated that public and non-public schools need an external defibrillator and an emergency plan for cardiac events which is known as Janet's Law. Our nurses are engaging in creating such a plan.
- The NBC PTO would like to purchase a Bulletin Board Sign for the school. They have raised funds to provide the sign. Dr. Ben-Dov asked the board for permission to have the sign on the property. She will provide costs and the exact location at the next meeting.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- International Day was held on November 20, 2012. Thirteen countries were represented and the children really enjoyed themselves. The children left with a passport and stickers to go home with.
- The Student Council provided a shelter in Hackensack a Shop Rite gift card for needy families.
- Parent Math Night and the concert at SCORE were both very successful.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences took place on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 and Thursday, November 29, 2012. They were very well attended

- The Winter Concert at Cherry Hill School will be on December 20, 2012 at 1:30pm
- Veteran's Day celebrations were cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy, but the 5<sup>th</sup> graders sang for Joe Maugeri. It was heartwarming and the children had a nice time.
- Everything is going smoothly at the New Bridge Center

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Trainor had nothing to report for this meeting.

### **PRESIDENT**

Ms. Di Maulo had nothing to report for this meeting

### **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Dansky spoke about that the Bergen County Meet Up Meeting that School Boards hosted at Cherry Hill School on Tuesday, December 4, 2012

### **MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

#### **ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

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

that the Board of Education approves the following emergency drills:

<b>School</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Cherry Hill School	November 19, 2012 Fire Drill November 27, 2012 Lock Down Drill
Roosevelt School	November 15, 2012 Fire Drill November 28, 2012 Evacuation Drill

that the Board of Education approves Dr. Tova Ben-Dov attend the AASA National Conference on Education from February 21-February 23, 2012 in Los Angeles, California.

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 14, 2012 Board Meeting.

that the Board of Education approve the confidential minutes of November 14, 2012 Board Meeting.

that the Board of Education approve the increase in maximum class size from 23 to 24 in second grade in both schools.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

FACILITY UPGRADES AT:

CHERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER EDGE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follow:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Patrick Keane, Intern School Psychologist, starting December 6, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at a maximum of 2 days per week.

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for Morgan Ed. Services. (Addendum)

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
1984	Clifton C.P. Elem. /HS	\$169.00
1989	Holmstead School	\$179.00
1991	Bergen Ctr. For Child Dev.	\$184.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for Morgan Ed. Services. (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1965	Reed Academy	\$217.00
1966	ECLC	\$210.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Morgan Ed. Services. (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1613	C.P. Center Fairlawn	\$211.04
1834	Community Lower/Anna Scott	\$147.49
1953	C.P. Center Clifton	\$239.44

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Radiant Transportation. (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2002	McKay School Tenaflly	\$125.00
2005	Tenaflly HS	\$125.00
2006	Lincoln Tech	\$125.00

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

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

**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.

Rachel Friedman	Speech and Language Specialist
Abel Castaneda	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (Spanish)
Julie Michelle Dock	Nonpublic Consultant
Diane Harrison	Nonpublic Consultant

George McCloskey	In service Provider (Executive Functioning 12/) December 2012
Samuel Ortiz	In service Provider (ESL Student: Lack of Exposure of LD?) December 2012
Talktools	In service Provider (Solving the Puzzle of Autism) 12/7/12

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

Nays: None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

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