

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – February 6, 2013

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, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Di Maulo called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Walker read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Busteed arrived 8:05 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Advantage Three Presentation on School District Advertising Revenue

Bryan McGair, of Advantage Three, presented to the Board members the advertising strategies their company offers to school districts. Mr. McGair stated it is an alternative source of revenue through sponsors. Mr. McGair answered questions the Board had on the presentation.

2013-2014 Budget Discussion – Follow-up and Update

Ms. Trainor reported that Saturday's Budget Meeting went well she has not received any new information since the February 2nd meeting. Ms. Trainor asked the Board if they have any questions on the budget. She noted that State Aid should be announced on Thursday, February 28, 2013.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- We are making great progress with training for the Stronge Evaluation Model. Everyone in New Jersey will be starting formal evaluations based on the new legislation in September 2013. The Administrators have a good handle of what it entails and will start piloting next month. The theme of the evaluation system reflects an exciting time in American education. Statistics have shown that effective teaching enhances achievement faster than ineffective teaching. The new evaluations will be focused on student outcomes and multiple sources of data. There will be a four point grading system for the model. Student Growth Objectives will start to be implemented in September 2013. Training for pilot teachers will be on February 7, 2013. Dr. Ben-Dov expressed to the Board that while the administrators will work as hard as they can to accomplish four evaluations per teacher each year. We are short on evaluators at this time to accomplish the task effectively. Specific expectations will be released by the state in March and the topic will be discussed again with the new information.
- The new Interim Executive County Superintendent, Mr. Todd C. Flora, started on Monday, February 4, 2013.
- There was a Safety Training Meeting for the River Edge School District staff on Monday, February 4, 2013 with the Chief of Police. He spoke and answered questions that the staff had. They viewed a video from the Bergen County Prosecutor's office. More decisions will have to be made locally about emergency procedures.
- There will be a Safety Community Meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the Cherry Hill Library at 9:30 AM. The Administrators, the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Director of REC, a Representative of REGAL, a Representative of the After School Program, and Sheli Dansky will attend the meeting.
- The River Edge Cultural Center opened up the Seventh Annual Young Artists Exhibition on January 30, 2013 and will be open until February 15th. Dr. Ben-Dov stated that she enjoyed the Exhibition and was impressed by the quality of the work. There will be an article on it in the Town News on Thursday, February 7, 2013.
- There will be a contest for students to create a new library card design. This will be done in collaboration with the Public Library, our Libraries and Art Teachers.
- The 6th graders in River Edge are starting to design the tee shirts for the Fun-Run
- The Student Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 with a birthday celebration for Joe Magueri.
- Dr. Ben-Dov congratulated Sheli Dansky on her position as the New President of the Bergen County School Boards Association.

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Rosen reported on the following:

- The Cherry Hill School talent show was held on Friday, February 1, 2013. The children were fantastic and entertaining and Ms. Rosen thanked the PTO for their hard work.
- The 6th graders had a Fundraiser Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday
- The Cherry Hill PTO is planning a Tricky Tray in March
- Teachers had Professional Development activities to support and address CCSS alignment in Language Arts and will continue in March with Math.
- Enrollment for next year continues to come in. We are a little over last year's numbers with Cherry Hill higher than Roosevelt.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor had nothing to report on

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo will forward the Board members an email she received regarding safety issues.
- Ms. Di Maulo stated the Disclosure Statements are now online

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky attended a Mayor and Councils meeting on January 21, 2013. It was a work session and they honored Joe Magueri at the meeting.
- Ms. Dansky met two times with the Special Education Task Force.
- Mr. Busted attended a Mayor and Councils Meeting on February 4, 2013. At the meeting they approved the licensing for the Cherry Hill School Tricky Tray.
- Ms. Walker and Mr. Sim attended a New Jersey School Boards Association Security meeting on January 24, 2013.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of January 23, 2013

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. DiMaulo, 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 the Confidential Minutes of January 23, 2013

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Dansky

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approves the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	January 29, 2013 Fire Drill January 30, 2013 Lockdown Drill
Roosevelt School	January 17, 2013 Fire Drill January 23, 2013 Lockdown Drill

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)

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education acknowledge the attached bid results which were opened on January 31, 2013 at 10:30 AM for the Toilet Renovation at the Cherry Hill Elementary School. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded By Ms. Walker

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") advertised for bids for the Toilet Renovation at Cherry Hill Elementary School (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2013, the Board received seven (7) bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, all the bid amounts were greater than the budget amounts allotted for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rejects all bids for the Toilet Renovation at Cherry Hill Elementary School.

that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary to place a legal advertisement in The Record on February 11, 2013 for sealed bids for the Toilet Renovation at Cherry Hill Elementary School. The bids to be opened and read on February 27, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the River Edge School Board of Education office, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, New Jersey.

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

Nays: None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education authorizes the application for the IDEA 2012 carryover in the amount of \$21,666.00.

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Melvin Batista, Full Time ABA Aide, starting, February 11, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and New Brunswick (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, to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2012-2013 school year.

Judith Englebart	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
REI Consulting Services, LLC	Speech and Language Specialist
Olga M. DiPalo	Speech and Language Specialist
Eunice Kim	Psychologist

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A parent asked the Board a question regarding the New Evaluation System and about the Student Growth Objective. Dr. Ben-Dov answered her question.

CLOSED SESSION (WHEN NECESSARY)-None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:45 PM.

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator