

# RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

## Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – March 27, 2013

7:30 PM Public Meeting

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the New Bridge Center Project Room, 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 7:45 PM.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Mrs. Myers read the Mission Statement.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Mr. Busteed; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, Mrs. Heitman and one member of the public.

Mrs. Buckley was absent

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

### **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Proposed School Budget

Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Trainor presented the 2013-2014 School Year Budget to the public using a power point presentation (Addendum). Dr. Ben-Dov stated the budget process is an all year process and it was started in October. Among the highlights of the presentation were the cost per pupil, the shared services in which we participate, the benefits of the building bridges special education program, the 2% tax levy and our Capital Reserve Fund.

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Spring Parent Conferences were held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 and Thursday, March 14, 2013. The conferences were well attended.
- Cherry Hill's Teacher of the Year is Kathy Salvatore; Roosevelt's is Frank Perrone; and NBC's is Reem Halabi. The teachers will be honored at the May 22nd Board Meeting and at a County Wide Luncheon on May 23rd.

- The River Edge Elementary District Technology Plan is a three year plan. It is no longer necessary for the District to have it approved by the state and county for federal funding but we would still like to get it approved.
- School Report Cards changes may be made due to the errors. New metrics are being used. There was a Superintendent's Roundtable on Monday, March 25, 2013. Many legislators were present. They were asked to request that the state holds off on the publication due to the errors.
- There is one HIB Incident to report. It involved two Roosevelt 5<sup>th</sup> graders (Student A) made verbal comments to another Roosevelt 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- There was one potential HIB Incident to report. It involved two Roosevelt 6<sup>th</sup> graders (Student A) made verbal comments to another Roosevelt 6<sup>th</sup> grader (Student B). It was investigated and found not to be HIB related.
- Jennifer Kong, a Sixth Grader from Cherry Hill School, participated in the Math League and placed eight in the state and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bergen County. Cherry Hill School placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the County and 11<sup>th</sup> in the State. She will be honored at a Board Meeting in June.

#### **PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- NBC will have a Penguin Assembly on Thursday, April 4, 2013
- Kindergarten orientation will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and Wednesday, April 17, 2013. There are approximately 117 children for the upcoming school year.
- The NBC Book Fair was held the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful event.
- There was a Firefighter Phil Assembly for Grades 1-3 on Tuesday, April 26, 2013
- Cherry Hill's Spring Concert will be on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM.
- The Art Show will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at Cherry Hill School.
- Art to Remember is currently available through the art teacher. Student artwork can be printed on a variety of items.
- Mrs. Heitman thanked the PTO for all of their hard work on the Candyland Tricky Tray that was held on Saturday, March 23, 2013. She said they did an amazing job and everyone loved it.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students designed shirts for the Fun-Run. They are in the process of picking and choosing the shirts.
- The River Edge police are coming to Cherry Hill School in the Spring to speak with the fifth and sixth graders to discuss internet safety/electronic communication.

#### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- Ms. Trainor stated the Board will be voting on the budget tonight
- Ms. Trainor stated there is a resolution on the agenda to approve the advertisement for the Ceiling Asbestos Abatement in Cherry Hill School.

- The grant for the Community Development has to be done by June 30, 2013.

**PRESIDENT**

- Ms. Di Maulo will send a reminder email to the board members about the Board Self Evaluation.

**COMMITTEES**

- Mr. Busted attended a Tri-District Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The meeting was about the Teacher Evaluation System, Common Core, PARCC, shared services and Superintendent Salary cap.
- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a Delegate Assembly on May 18, 2013
- Mr. Sim attended a Mayor and Council Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2013. They discussed the roof replacement for the River Edge Public Library and duplexes on Park Avenue.

**MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of February 27, 2013 Board Meeting

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

that the Board of Education approves the following class trips:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
4/3/13	Roosevelt	2	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$1,069.50
5/3/13	Roosevelt	6	Museum of Modern Art New York, NY	\$350.00
5/31/13	Roosevelt	6	Museum of Natural History New York, NY	\$1,540.00
4/18/13	Cherry Hill	1	IMAX at Palisades Center West Nyack, NY	\$776.00

that the Board of Education approves the Borough of River Edge to serve as the Lead Agency for a Commodity Resale System with the River Edge Local Board of Education for the sale of gasoline.

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

Nays: None

## **CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the River Edge School District Three Year Technology Plan for years 2013-2016.

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

Nays: None

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

Acknowledge Bid Results- Toilet Renovation at the Cherry Hill School that the Board of Education acknowledges the attached bid results which were opened on February 27, 2013 at 10:30 AM for the Toilet Renovation at the Cherry Hill Elementary School. (Addendum)

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

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2013, the Board received six (6) bids for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest base bid was submitted by SZ Construction, LLC with a base bid in the amount of \$54,650, which bid is materially defective as the bidder is not qualified by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-26 to perform plumbing or electrical work and the bidder failed to name properly prequalified subcontractors to perform plumbing and electrical work as required by law and the project specifications, which is a material, nonwaiveable defect; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Aero Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Aero") with a base bid in the amount of \$72,130, less Alternate No. 1, in the amount of deduct \$6,000, for a total contract price of \$66,130; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by Aero is responsive in all material respects and the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the Project to Aero;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

The bid submitted by SZ Construction, LLC is hereby rejected as the bid is materially defective in that the bidder failed to engage and list properly prequalified plumbing and electrical subcontractors, which constitutes a material, nonwaiveable defect.

The Board hereby awards the bid for the Toilet Renovation at the Cherry Hill Elementary School to Aero Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc., in the total

contract sum of \$66,130, representing a base bid in the amount of \$72,130, less Alternate No. 1; in the amount of deduct \$6,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft an agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for this project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Ayes: 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 authorizes the Board Secretary to place a legal advertisement in The Record on April 1, 2013 for sealed bids for the Ceiling Asbestos Abatement at Cherry Hill Elementary School. The bids to be opened and read on April 25, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the River Edge School Board of Education office, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, New Jersey.

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

Nays: None

### **FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated March 2013 totaling \$601,036.18 including checks #34861 through #34942. Payrolls dated February 15, 2013 and February 28, 2013, totaling \$1,036,817.13 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2012-2013 as of January 31, 2013. (Addendum)

that the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending January 31, 2013.

Further, we certify that as of January 31, 2013 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)

Ayes: 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 proposed 2013-2014 Annual School budget total \$15,658,231 for General Fund, \$772,000 for Special Revenue Fund, and \$1,434,829 for Debt Service.

Further, that the Board of Education authorize \$13,508,217 as General Fund Tax Levy and \$1,186,228 as Debt Service Tax Levy.

Further, be it resolved, to approve the appropriation of additional balances in the amount of \$822,394.

Further, Capital Reserve Deposit be included in the general fund appropriations is \$0 for deposit into the River Edge Board of Education's approved Capital Reserve Account to fund future projects designated in the Long Range Facility Plan.

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

Nays: Mr. Busted

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education establish the tuition rates per pupil for the 2013-2014 school year:

Regular Education	\$11,395.00
Building Bridges Autistic Programs	\$63,042.00
Building Bridges Multiply Disabled Program	\$51,066.00

Ayes: Mr. Busted, 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 accept, with regret, the resignation of Katherine Kronish, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Samantha Messmer, Part Time Aide, effective March 28, 2013.

Ayes: Mr. Busted, 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 following Quote Contract for Valley Transportation (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1999	Stillman/Epic	\$43.62
2001	New Milford H.S.	\$56.75
2013	Children's Therapy Center	\$240.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2012	Valley OLV	\$150.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for First Choice Transportation (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2000	Washington South Ridgewood	\$183.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2017	Bryan School	\$160.00

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION, that the Board upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the following:

Bergen County Technical Schools and the Bergen County Workforce Investment Board will increase funding of the contract for Project SCOPE with Region V/ River Edge Board of Education in the amount of \$20,422.00. The total funding for this program will be \$144,000.64 for the period July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013.

**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, Psychologists, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants, Social Workers, Speech Language Specialists, Occupational and Physical Therapists and Translators to provide evaluations, direct services and consultation, to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2012-2013 school year.

Joan Page Durante                      Speech and Language Specialist

Thomas William Walters              Physical Therapist

Erica Warren, LLC                      Consultant, workshop provider

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated March 2013 totaling \$517,741.14 including checks #60826 through #60927.

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

Nays: None

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Busted

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



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

Nays: None

**RECONVENE**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

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

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

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator