

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – March 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. Dansky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Buckley read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Di Maulo was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION - None

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Discussion on Proposed 2013-2014 Budget

Ms. Trainor presented the revised 2013-2014 school year budget following the release of the state aid amounts that were announced on February 28, 2013. An adjustment to the tuition revenue in Building Bridges was made, Debt Service Assessment went up over 30 percent, and transfer to charter schools decreased by about half. The district qualified for an additional state aid called Under Adequacy Aid.

Ms. Trainor presented the recommendations of the administration to the board. The recommendations were to increase staff training by approximately 12 percent and to increase the budget for technology equipment by approximately \$9,800.

The Board discussed the proposed budget and Ms. Trainor and Dr. Ben-Dov answered any questions the board had on the presentation.

The Board determined that they would prefer to postpone the approval of specific items to be purchased with the additional state aid.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Report on the Progress Target Performance of the Subgroups in the River Edge Schools

Dr. Ben-Dov presented to the Board the annual progress of subgroups, as required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver. The performance of the following was evaluated: Students with Disabilities in Cherry Hill and Roosevelt Schools and White Students in Cherry Hill school. The conclusion of this report was that while the District met the target goal in both Cherry Hill and Roosevelt the children with Disabilities did not meet their target goal in Math for Roosevelt and both Math and Language Arts in Cherry Hill. The White Students Subgroup in Cherry Hill School (which is mostly the same as the students with disabilities group) also didn't meet the target. Action Plans for both schools were presented.

- QSAC monitoring took place in our district on February 28, 2013. Dr. Ben-Dov stated it went extremely well. She said the monitors left her with some verbal comments and some notes. They viewed several classrooms and reviewed every binder that was prepared by the QSAC committees. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication while gearing up towards monitoring and she said it was a very rewarding experience.
- There was one potential HIB Incident to report. It involved two Cherry Hill 5th graders (Student A) made verbal comments to another Cherry Hill 5th grader (Student B). It was investigated and found not to be HIB related.
- The first round of interviews for the Business Administrator position started this week. The second round of interviews will be on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The final three candidates will meet with the Board of Education for an interview on Thursday, March 21, 2013.
- A Personnel Committee Meeting is planned for Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 4:30PM to discuss Confidential Matters.
- The new regulations for the Teacher Evaluation came out on March 6, 2013. The evaluations will be differentiated. There are different numbers of student growth objectives for different categories of teachers and there are three evaluations per teacher in the new regulations.
- Dr. Ben-Dov attended a Stronge Users Group on March 5, 2013 regarding the Stronge Evaluations.
- Ms. Julia Diminich is starting a Common Core State Standards book club to understand the standards better through conversations with peers and Mr. Bill Feldman is starting a Leadership Institute after school with teachers.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Vouvalides reported on the following:

- Mr. Vouvalides complimented his teachers and staff for all of their hard work getting ready for QSAC. He said they did a great job.

- Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade teachers are working with Ms. Nancy Schultz who is providing Professional Development for math instruction to implement the Common Core State Standards.
- Mr. Vouvalides thanked the Board members for all of their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time with his family.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- A Building and Grounds Committee Meeting has been set for Monday, March 18, 2013 at 2:00PM to discuss the Bathroom Renovations.
- Ms. Trainor discussed the Pros and Cons of the Asbestos and Roof Replacement with the Board members.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Dansky reported on the following:

- The Ethics training will take place at the April 17, 2013 Board Meeting

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a Bergen County Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Middle School in Ridgewood to discuss Superintendents Salary Caps.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

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 emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	February 4, 2013 Bomb Threat February 27, 2013 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	February 4, 2013 Fire Drill February 13, 2013 Shooter Drill

that the Board of Education approves the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
5/20/13	Cherry Hill	6	American Museum of Natural History New York, NY	\$976.50

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

Nays: None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

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: Mrs. Buckley, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker

Nays: Mr. Busteed

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve \$268,712 as banked cap pursuant to NJSA 18A:7F-39 to be utilized in 2014-2015.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

WHEREAS, River Edge School District Policy and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a

maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2013-2014 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Edge Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2013-2014 school year at the sum of \$20,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

that the Board of Education authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for services in connection with the cooperative bidding for supplies and other categories as mutually agreed upon for the 2013-2014 school year at a fee of \$3040.00. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education, approve maternity leave of absence for Cassandra Perez from September 3, 2013 to November 25, 2013.

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Town & Country Bus (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2015	Berkley School	\$88.90

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION, that the Board upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the following Region V training agreement modification between Bergen County Technical Schools/Bergen One Stop Career Center and Region V Council for Special Education with respect to the following:

The original grant entered into the 1st day of July 2012, amount \$120,000.00 has been increased by \$3,578.64, increasing the budget to \$123,578.64.

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.

*DM Speech Inc. Speech and Language Specialist

Elena Burnat Speech and Language Specialist

Theresa Alston Psychologist

Caitlin Puente Physical Therapist

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION- None

CLOSED SESSION-None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:50 PM.

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor
Board Secretary/Business Administrator