

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – April 17, 2013 - 7:30 PM

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 7:40 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Ms. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, and Mr. Vouvalides

Mrs. Myers arrived at 7:40 PM
Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:45 PM
Mr. Sim was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public comment on Agenda Items – None

Ethics Training with Alfred Annunziata

Alfred Annunziata, from NJ School Boards Association, met with the Board for Ethics Training. Mr. Annunziata reviewed the board's responsibilities under NJQSAC, the Code of Ethics, and the ethical and responsible board member. He concluded the training with a Theory into Practice quiz and answered any questions that the board members had.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov asked the board if they had any questions or comments on the new Report card and gave a brief narrative of the new Report Card.

- Dr. Ben-Dov attended a state presentation on Thursday, April 11, 2013 on Achieve New Jersey. She received a lot of information about the evaluation laws and about Student Growth Objectives that are to begin on September 1, 2013.
- The administrators are very busy with staffing, enrollment, and placement decisions for the 2013-2014 school year. The third grade classes are full in Cherry Hill for next school year and the Board had budgeted for a 5th third grade class. Dr. Ben-Dov is walking through the building trying to find classrooms for the new Building Connections class and the additional third grade classroom. The board office, secretaries, and summer school need to be relocated due to the asbestos removal that will, hopefully, take place this summer in Cherry Hill.
- Kindergarten orientation took place on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and Wednesday, April 17, 2013. It was very well attended and the new format worked well and was more efficient.
- Dr. Ben-Dov would like to add a discussion item to the May 1, 2013 agenda. She would like to have a Technology Presentation that night by four teachers and some students. They will be using technology in their presentation. They will demonstrate how technology is used in the classrooms and will give a glimpse into the expectations for PARCC in 2014.
- A Personnel committee meeting has been set up for April 23, 2013 at 5:00 PM
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated that additional board meetings are necessary for the Principal and Business Administrator interviews. The board discussed it and came up with the following dates and times: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 4:45 PM, Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 6:30 PM (Closed Session), Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Vouvalides reported on the following:

- John Craft will visit with the 4th Graders in Roosevelt on Thursday, April 18, 2013 to teach the students about the Lenape Indians.
- The 2nd Grade play will be on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 2:00 PM
- The Art Show will be on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM
- Starcase will be on Friday, April 26, 2013
- The plant sale at Roosevelt School will be on Thursday, May 9, 2013
- The Health Fair will be on Thursday, May 23, 2013
- The River Edge police are coming to Roosevelt School on Thursday, May 23, 2013 to speak with the fifth and sixth graders to discuss internet safety/electronic communication.
- The Autism Walkathon will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013
- The Science Fair will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2013
- The Recorder Concert will be on Thursday, May 30, 2013

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- Ms. Trainor stated she placed a legal advertisement in The Record on April 1, 2013 for sealed bids for the Ceiling Asbestos Abatement at Cherry Hill Elementary School.

- Ms. Trainor will place a legal advertisement in The Record on April 22, 2013 for sealed bids for the Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement at Cherry Hill School and that the bids are to be opened and read on May 16, 2013 at 1:30 PM

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo would like the Superintendent's Evaluations emailed to her by Wednesday, April 24, 2013.
- Ms. Di Maulo stated the Special Education Code will be revised in New Jersey

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Busted stated the Policy Committee met on Wednesday, April 3, 2013

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of March 21, 2013 and March 27, 2013 Board Meetings.

that the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of March 21, 2013 and March 27, 2013 Board Meetings.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mrs. Buckley

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for April 2013 including relevant mileage reimbursement.

that the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
1410	Local Units
5141.4	Child Abuse and Neglect
5145.5	Photographs of Pupils
5145.11	Questioning and Apprehension
3327	Relations with Vendors
9326	Minutes

6172	Alternative Educational Programs
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Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education authorizes the Board Secretary to place a legal advertisement in The Record on April 22, 2013 for sealed bids for the Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School. The bids to be opened and read on May 16, 2013 at 1:30 PM at the River Edge School Board of Education office, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, New Jersey.

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

Nays: None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated April 2013 totaling \$476,541.53 including checks # 34943 through # 35011. Payrolls dated March 15, 2013 and March 28, 2013, totaling \$1,032,565.24, issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2012-2013 as of February 28, 2013. (Addendum)

that the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending February 28, 2013.

Further, we certify that as of February 28, 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: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

BE IT RESOLVED that the River Edge of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Dr. Tova Ben-Dov as the Superintendent of Schools for the River Edge School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2013 and ending on July 1, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Dr. Tova Ben-Dov for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment, which Employment Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Dr. Tova Ben-Dov.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Ms. Di Maulo

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Buckley has successfully completed nine years of service to the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the Board), and;

WHEREAS, she has served one year as Vice President and five years as President of the Board, and;

WHEREAS, she has served on numerous committees including but not limited to Policy, Personnel, Finance, and Negotiations, and;

WHEREAS, she has been an integral part of both the budget development process and the negotiation process, resulting in stable district finances, and;

WHEREAS, she promotes the district in the community through her efforts to share the students' needs of the River Edge Schools with various members of the public, and;

WHEREAS, she played an instrumental role in educating the public related to the successful Referendum of September 2005 to build New Bridge Center to house the Kindergarten and Special Education programs in the district allowing special need students to be educated in the community, and;

WHEREAS, as President of the Board of Education during the construction and opening of New Bridge Center she served as the district liaison to the public to communicate the benefits of the Building Bridges programs for both students and the district, and;

WHEREAS, she is an active member of the community and has represented the Board of Education in various town activities providing a positive role model for all board members, and;

WHEREAS, she pursues her advancement of knowledge by attendance at New Jersey School Boards Association workshops and conferences, and;

WHEREAS, she offers guidance and support to both new and veteran members of the Board sharing her knowledge and experience, and;

WHEREAS, she remains dedicated to the ideals of the role of the Board in the achievement of educational excellence, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Edge Board of Education hereby nominates Mary Kay Buckley as a candidate for the Archie F. Hay Award for 2012-2013, and directs the Board Secretary to include a copy of this motion as part of that application to New Jersey School Boards Association.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Marie Davis, Part Time Aide, effective May 23, 2013.

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

Nays: None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated April 2013 totaling \$605,020.47 including checks # 60928 through # 61037.

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2019	Washington South Ridgewood	\$183.00

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education convened into closed session at 10:30 PM to discuss personnel.

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 10:55 PM.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 11:00 PM.

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor
Board Secretary/Business Administrator