

## **RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

### **Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – May 1, 2013 – 7:30 PM**

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. Buckley read the Mission Statement.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:50PM

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

#### **SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments on Agenda Items-None

Technology Presentation - Staff and Students

Ms. Carolyn Brush, Ms. Jamie Krupka, and Mr. Nevin Werner, River Edge Teachers and their students, presented to the Board members and the public a demonstration of how technology is used in the classrooms. Ms. Debbie Bollinger, Technology Teacher, provided a glimpse into the expectations for PARCC Assessments in 2014. The teachers used three grade levels; Kindergarten, third graders and fifth graders for their presentation. Ms. Brush showed how Ipads are used in art classes with kindergarten students, Ms. Krupka gave an overview of discovery education science techbook by using 2 lap tops and a smart board with third graders, Mr. Werner showed ways to engage children in all different aspects of Math using Math Live with fifth graders and Ms. Bollinger ended the presentation with a brief overview of the expectations of learning and technology use for the PARCC assessment.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov stated they are making good progress with selecting a Business Administrator and a Principal. She is hoping to have three candidates for the principal position by tomorrow. There were Business Administrator interviews held on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and they went well.
- The district has added additional cameras to the buildings. The cameras are hooked up to police headquarters and to Dr. Ben-Dov's cell phone.
- A Building and Grounds meeting has been set up for Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM
- NJ ASK testing will begin the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> for Grades 5 and 6. The week of May 13<sup>th</sup> Grades 3 and 4 will take the test.
- The Cherry Hill and Roosevelt Art Shows took place on Thursday, April 25, 2013
- Arbor Day Celebrations took place on Friday, April 26, 2013 in both schools. The Mayor and members of various town committees attended.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- The PTO sponsored a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 1, 2013
- The Cherry Hill Art Show took place on Thursday, April 25, 2013
- NJ ASK Testing will take place for the next two weeks
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade orientation for new parents will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013
- Open House and Science Celebrations is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2013

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- The four lowest bids were received for the Asbestos Abatement for the Cherry Hill School. The district's attorney is reviewing them now. The bid opening for the Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement will be on May 16, 2013. Ms. Trainor is hoping to have both awarded by May 22, 2013.
- The Board Meeting for June 5, 2013 will start at 7:00 PM

**PRESIDENT**

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo would like the Superintendent's Evaluations emailed to her by Friday, May 3, 2013.

**COMMITTEES**

Committees had nothing to report on at this meeting

**MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of April 3, 2013 and April 17, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Busteed, Mr. Sim

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of April 17, 2013

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Sim

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approves the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
June 6, 2013	Cherry Hill and Roosevelt Bergen County Band Festival	4,5,6	Emerson High School Emerson, NJ	\$75.00

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

that the Board of Education approve the following fire and security drills:  
(Addendum)

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	April 18, 2013 Fire Drill April 29, 2013 Lockdown Drill
Roosevelt School	April 4, 2013 Fire Drill April 15, 2013 Bomb Threat

that the Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills:

School	Date	Time
NBC/Cherry Hill	April 17, 2013	9:55 AM
NBC/Cherry Hill	April 17, 2013	10:13 AM
NBC/Cherry Hill	April 17, 2013	10:50 AM
NBC/Cherry Hill	April 29, 2013	11:15 AM
NBC/Cherry Hill	April 29, 2013	12:15 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that as part of his Reform Agenda “Cutting Costs and Directing Dollars to the Classroom,” New Jersey Governor Christie proposed capping education administrator pay to bring superintendent salaries in line with district needs;”

**WHEREAS**, the salary caps have had a chilling effect on the statutory authority of Boards of Education to fix salaries of their Superintendents (N.J.S.A 18A:17-19) as well as on nearly 70% of Superintendents in this State whose existing contracts were negatively affected by the CAP;

**WHEREAS**, the signatories to this Resolution urge the Governor and County Superintendents to increase regulatory flexibility to ensure that our districts continue to be led by highly competent administrators;

**WHEREAS**; the current Superintendent Salary CAP regulations are currently set to sunset on November 25, 2016;

**WHEREAS**; the current CAP structure does not account for legitimate cost savings such as position consolidation and shared services and an increasingly number of statutorily tenured school employees will be less inclined to assume Superintendent vacancies at salary CAP;

**WHEREAS**; school board budgets are already capped at 2% of the local tax levy and caps on salaries are an unnecessary restriction and further erosion of local control as Superintendent contracts are already highly restricted and subject to County review and approval;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** in light of recent Superintendent searches resulting in a demonstrated field of less experienced applicants, the signatories to this Resolution urge the Executive Branch to amend the Accountability Regulations and allow local school boards flexibility to design compensation packages for their Superintendents that attract the best talent and experience; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED;** local school boards should be permitted to exceed the salary CAP structure to account for added responsibilities, position consolidation/sharing and legitimate cost of living increases similar to other public entities whose leaders are not affected by such limiting salary CAPS.

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

<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Title</b>
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

that the Board of Education approve the 2013 Summer Enrichment Program

That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$13,840.55 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

		May 1, 2013	
Service	Vendor	Amount	PO#
CHS Bathrooms Renovations	Aero Plumbing and Heating	\$13,840.55	13000270

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lucia Moran, Part-time Instructional Aide, starting, May 9, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at a maximum of 23 hours per week.

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

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

Nays: None

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** - None

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 9:30 PM to discuss  
personnel.

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

Nays: None

**RECONVENE**

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 10:45 PM.

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

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:50 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

