

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – May 22, 2013

7:30 PM Public Meeting

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Multi-Purpose 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

Ms. Di Maulo read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

The following Student Contest Winners were presented awards from the Board of Education for being Top Scorers in the New Jersey Mathematics League Contest, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Top Scorers in the National Science League, Fair Housing Poster Contest, National Young American Poetry Digest, and A Celebration of Poets and Juvenile River Edge Public Library Card Design.

New Jersey Mathematics League Contest

Cherry Hill students placed 11th in the state and 2nd place in Bergen County

Cherry Hill Top Scorers

Jana Abrea
Julia Shneidman
Jennifer Kong
Iris Kim
Simon Zhang

Roosevelt Top Scorer

Kaitlyn McKinless

Jennifer Kong, a Cherry Hill student, ranked 8th out of the top 38 students in the state. She also earned the third highest score in Bergen County with a score of 34 out of 35.

Geography Bee-First Place Scorer

Kevin Lee-Cherry Hill
Patrick Buckley-Roosevelt

Spelling Bee-First Place Scorer

Jana Abrea-Cherry Hill
Ethan Herbst-Roosevelt

National Science League

Cherry Hill Top Scorers

Kevin Lee
Daniel Jeong

Fair Housing Poster Contest-Cherry Hill

Christine Yim-1st Place
Juliana Hronic-2nd Place
Daniel Jeong-2nd Place
Nicholas Ng-Honorable Mention
Esther Kim-Honorable Mention
Helen Han-Honorable Mention

National Young American Poetry Digest-Roosevelt

Makayla Serrett
Kaitlyn McKinless
Emily Beattie
Carmel Camera
Alexia Kazianis
Nicholas Schepis
Olivia Stewart
Teresa Scalanga
Amy Zeng

A Celebration of Poets-Cherry Hill

Kevin Maloney
Julia Panchi
Matthew Kelm
Nicholas Zhang
ToniAnne Gagliostro
Robert Suess
Priya Aggarwal
Jamie Chung
Isabela Fernandez
Sally Hong
Joanna Shetson

Juvenile River Edge Public Library Card Design

Caroline Forte

Honor Teachers of the Year

Kathleen Salvatore - Cherry Hill School
Frank Perrone - Roosevelt School
Reem Halabi – New Bridge Center

Dr. Ben-Dov welcomed parents, students, families, and colleagues to our Teacher of the Year ceremony. She explained the process through which the teachers are selected for this achievement. She congratulated the three Teachers of the Year and had each of them come up to accept the honor.

Mr. Vouvaldies, Mrs. Heitman, and Ms. Rosen congratulated each of the Teachers on the honor of being Teacher of the Year and spoke about the teacher's contributions to the district. The Board of Education presented flowers, a Golden Apple, and a certificate to each teacher. In

addition, the PTO's and Mr. Hunter, President of REEA, presented the Teachers with flowers and a Gift Card. The teachers thanked everyone and commented on their teaching experience in River Edge. Mrs. Salvatore was not able to make the ceremony due to a family emergency.

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education authorize \$500.00 each to Cherry Hill School, Roosevelt School, and New Bridge Center for the Teacher Recognition Award for the 2011-2012 school year, to be spent at the discretion of each Teacher of the Year for the benefit of the school.

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

Nays: None

NJSBA- Archie Hay Award – Mary Kay Buckley

Ms. Dansky awarded Mrs. Buckley with a plaque from the New Jersey School Boards Association for the Archie Hay Award. Mrs. Buckley was honored for this award at a May 9, 2013 Bergen County Meeting. Ms. Dansky presented Mrs. Buckley with flowers and Mrs. Buckley made comments.

Reception

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov attended an Executive PTO meeting on May 17, 2013 with members of both PTO's, Debbie Trainor and the administrators. A discussion on purchasing an I pad cart by Roosevelt School led to discuss the concept of the PTO gifts whether for enrichment or for necessities. The PTO felt they would like to buy stuff for the children for enrichment. At the end of the meeting there was a suggestion to ask the Cherry Hill School membership to move in the direction of buying technology for enrichment. Schools do not have to be uniform and they will communicate more and try to move in similar directions and employ similar processes.
- Dr. Ben-Dov introduced Patricia Salvati, the new Business Administrator, to the public. She also stated there will be a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss the Principal position and the two resignations on the agenda.
- Dr. Ben-Dov announced the district received \$55K in block grants for the Roosevelt Bathroom Renovation.
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated the new Juvenile River Edge Public Library Card Design was created by a River Edge student in a contest sponsored by the public library and the River Edge Librarians. It was a great collaboration and the winner of the award was congratulated.
- Thursday, May 23, 2013, is the Bergen County Teacher of the Year Luncheon that will be held at The Fiesta in Wood Ridge. Dr. Ben-Dov is chairing this event. River Edge Teachers will be attending.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Rosen reported on the following:

- NJASK testing has been completed and the tests are all packed and shipped out.
- Kindergarten orientation was held today and it went very well
- 1st 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 bid opening for the Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement was on May 16, 2013. Resolutions for the Asbestos Abatement and the Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement are on tonight's agenda. It was \$140,000 below what was budgeted for.
- The Asbestos Abatement and the Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement projects will begin on July 1, 2013. Ms. Trainor and Dr. Ben-Dov are in discussion of where the Board Office will go for that time.
- We will transfer \$25,000 from the IDEA 2013 Professional Services to the IDEA 2013 General Supplies.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo had nothing to report on at this meeting

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Walker and Ms. Dansky attended at Bergen County SBA Meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2013.
- Ms. Dansky was invited to attend a breakfast at The Fiesta in Wood Ridge on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.
- A discussion on purchasing a Lightening Detection System was held by the board.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of May 1, 2013 and May 7, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of May 1, 2013 and May 7, 2013.

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

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

Acknowledge Bid Results- Lighting Fixture Replacement at the Cherry Hill School that the Board of Education acknowledges the attached bid results which were opened on May 16, 2013 at 1:30 PM for the Lighting Fixture Replacement 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 Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2013, the Board received five (5) bids for the project, as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Northeastern Interior Services, LLC, (hereinafter referred to as "Northeastern Interior") with a base bid in the amount of \$80,000.00, together with Alternate No. 1, Add New Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement at Rooms #130, #131 & #132 and Provide Light Fixture "A", in the amount of \$46,000.00, Alternate No. 2, Provide Light Fixtures "A1" Instead of "A" Listed as Base Bid, in the amount of \$12,000.00 and Alternate No. 3, Add New Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement at Rooms #130, #131 & #132 and Provide Light Fixture "A1" as Part of this Alternate, in the amount of \$11,000.00 for a total contract price of \$149,000.00; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the bid for the Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School to Northeastern Interior Services, LLC, in the total contract sum of \$149,000.00, representing a base bid in the amount of \$80,000.00, together with Alternate No. 1, Add New Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement at Rooms #130, #131 & #132 and Provide Light Fixture "A", in the amount of \$46,000.00, Alternate No. 2, Provide Light Fixtures "A1" Instead of "A" Listed as Base Bid, in the amount of \$12,000.00 and Alternate No. 3, Add New Ceiling and Light Fixture Replacement

at Rooms #130, #131 & #132 and Provide Light Fixture "A1" as Part of this Alternate, in the amount of \$11,000.00.

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, a Political Contribution Disclosure Certification, 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 and conditions set forth 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.

Acknowledge Bid Results- Asbestos Abatement at the Cherry Hill School that the Board of Education acknowledges the attached bid results which were opened on April 25, 2013 at 10:00 AM for the Asbestos Abatement at the Cherry Hill Elementary School. (Addendum)

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

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2013, the Board received ten (10) bids for the Project, as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid for this Project was submitted by New American Restoration, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "New American") with a base bid in the amount of \$96,000, together with Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$42,000 for a total contract sum of \$138,000; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the bid for Asbestos Abatement and Disposal at the Cherry Hill Elementary School to New American Restoration, Inc., in the total contract sum of \$138,000, representing a base bid in the amount of \$96,000, together with Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$42,000.

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 executed Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, 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: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, 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 May, 2013 totaling \$388,504.89 including checks #35012 through #35118. Payrolls dated April 15, 2013 and April 30, 2013, totaling \$1,033,121.85 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

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

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

Further, we certify that as of March 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)

that the River Edge Board of Education authorizes the transfer of \$25,000 from the IDEA 2013 Professional Services to the IDEA 2013 General Supplies.

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

BE IT RESOLVED that the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Patricia Salvati as the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the River Edge School District for the period beginning on or about July 22, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014.

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 Patricia Salvati for the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary 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 Superintendent to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Patricia Salvati.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Nicole Moody, Part-Time Resource Center Teacher, effective June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Mary Ellen Cameron, part-time health aide, 19 hours per week for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Karen Horn, Nancy Hurm and Margaret Belger part-time clerical aides, for a maximum of 23 hours per week from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nigel Pieter, Part-Time Computer Technician, for a maximum of 23 hours per week from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Patrice Pintarelli, 4th Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2013.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, 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. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May, 2013 totaling \$586,952.38 including checks #61038 through #61153.

that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Region I (Joiner). (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V (Joiner) and Region I (Host). (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Paramus (Joiner). (Addendum)

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2021	Community School	\$77.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for N & Y Transportation (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2014	Englewood Library	\$120.00
2016	Shaler Academy	\$173.00

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 Consultant, Psychologist, and Speech Language Specialist to provide evaluations, direct services and consultation to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2012-2013 school year.

Evan Fogler Weber	Speech Language Specialist
OOOC, LLC	Consultant
Dorit Shmuel	Bilingual Psychologist

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 Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 10:00 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 Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

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

Nays: None

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 11:05 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