

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – June 19, 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, 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

Mr. Busteed read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov announced the teacher movements for the 2013-2014 School Year. Danielle Rig is moving from Kindergarten to First grade, Melissa Gant is moving from Second Grade to Third Grade, Wendy Otis is moving from Third Grade to Fourth Grade, Stacy Colucci is moving from Fourth Grade to Fifth Grade and Christine Hallstater is moving from a Technology Teacher to a Fourth Grade teacher.
- Interviews for the Second Grade Teaching position, Second Grade leave replacement for Ms. Perez, and the Instructional Technology Coach are taking place.

- On tonight's agenda there is a resolution to appoint Marisa Kossoy as the new Principal for Roosevelt School.
- Patricia Salvati, the new Business Administrator, has been spending time with Debbie Trainor at Cherry Hill School and at Region V.
- On the agenda there is a resolution to pass the Shared Services Agreement for School Business Administrator Services with the River Dell Regional School District from July 1, 2013 to July 22, 2013.
- The Technology Committee met and heard reports of surveys and visits to other districts. A recommendation was made to purchase one-and-one technology in the form of Goggle Chrome Books for the 6th graders. A recommendation to buy additional laptops was also made. The district will look at ipads in the future to be used in Science.
- Dr. Ben-Dov read the board a memo regarding PARCC from the state. She also mentioned we will apply for a Rod Grant. She believes it will help with the infrastructure and with connectivity of our technology.
- The structure of Professional Development is changing by the state. The state would like to eliminate Professional Development Committees and transition them into a new committee structure.
- The 6th Grade Math teachers will work with a teacher from the River Dell Middle School for Professional Development. Mr. Bill Feldman will have workshops over the summer for teachers that specialize in student growth objectives.
- Dr. Ben-Dov is looking to find dates for the Principal Evaluation Component of the Stronge Evaluation System. This will happen over the summer.
- Roosevelt School had a wonderful retirement celebration for Mr. Vouvalides last week. The students sang and had performances for Mr. Vouvalides. It was a great time.
- Graduation for Cherry Hill will be on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 7:15 PM and Roosevelt's graduation will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 7:30 PM.
- There will be a C.R.E.A.T.E. program in the Gym at Roosevelt School on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 4:00 PM. It will give the Board members and the public an opportunity to see the products of the new program.
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated the board meeting dates in October and November need to be changed. She will share new, proposed dates in July.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Mrs. Heitman welcomed Marisa Kossoy, the new Principal for Roosevelt School.

- This year was a busy and successful one. The last day of school for students will be on Wednesday, June 26, 2013.
- Field days were held this month and were great. The children had a lot of fun.
- There was a great ceremony this month honoring our Crossing Guard Joe Maugeri. A street sign in front of the Cherry Hill School was dedicated to Joe Maugeri. He was honored for his dedication in keeping the students, staff, and parents safe at his post. The Mayor and Council, students, faculty, and parents attended the ceremony.
- Graduation for Cherry Hill will be on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 7:15 PM and Roosevelt's graduation will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 7:30 PM.
- The sixth grade party will be on Friday, June 21, 2013, their picnic will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 and the Awards Assembly will be Wednesday, June 26, 2013.
- Mrs. Heitman thanked the PTO, Board Members, staff and parents for all of their hard work during the school year.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- There is a resolution on the agenda to deposit money into the Maintenance Reserve account.
- Patricia Salvati start date is Monday, July 22, 2013 and Mr. Tom Bonfiglio will be the Interim Business Administrator from July 1, 2013 to July 22, 2013.
- There is a pre-construction meeting next week that Mr. Bonfiglio will attend.
- Debbie Trainor and Patricia Salvati have worked together for four days at Cherry Hill and Region V.
- Ms. Trainor thanked the board members for the board meeting on June 5, 2013. Debbie's retirement was honored at that meeting.
- Ms. Trainor gave some last words of advice regarding next year's budget to the board. She stated that it was very important to create a budget that supports the future.

PRESIDENT

- Ms. Di Maulo thanked the board members for their Board Self Evaluations and she will try to arrange Mr. Alfred Annunizata to attend the August 28th board meeting to go over the evaluations.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky will go to Trenton on Thursday, June 20, 2013 for a meeting with the Special Education Task Force for New Jersey School Boards Association.

- Mr. Busted attended a Technology meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. The meeting discussed Chrome Books and he felt it was an informative meeting.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of May 22, 2013 and June 5, 2013 board meetings.

that the Board of Education approves the Confidential Minutes of May 22, 2013 and June 5, 2013 board meetings.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.5 requires school districts to evaluate business processes annually to ensure that a strong control environment exists in which sound segregation of duties are in place and allocated amongst available resources appropriately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.6 requires school districts to establish standard operating procedures for each task or function of the business operations of the district and that district employees are aware of such procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a standard operating procedures and internal controls manual for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent.

that the Board of Education approve the following State Contract Vendors for 2013-2014.

Apple Computer	Contract #B27158 T70259	Technology
School Specialty	Contract # 80986	Instructional Supplies
Government Connect	Contract # NCPA 01-12	Technology

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is meeting in public session on June 20, 2013 and it will not meet again in public session until July 31, 2013.

WHEREAS, certain business transactions must necessarily be addressed during the hiatus of public sessions of the Board, including but not limited to, the offering of contracts of employment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to offer contracts of employment on behalf of the Board between June 20, 2013 and July 31, 2013 subject to final approval of the Board.

that the Board of Education authorize Bergen County Special Services School District to provide non-public student services under the provisions of Chapter 192/193 for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

BE IT RESOLVED that the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Number 2012-6 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Sim

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education revised the approval of the summer hours from beginning June 24, 2013 to August 31, 2013 to July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 for 12 month employees.

that the Board of Education approves the Shared Services Agreement For School Business Administrator Services with the River Dell Regional School District from July 1, 2013 to July 22, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June 2013 totaling \$436,198.12 including checks #35119 through #35207. Payrolls dated May 15, 2013 and May 31, 2013, totaling \$1,031,483.01 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2012-2013 as of April 30, 2013. (Addendum)

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

that the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending April 30, 2013.

Further, we certify that as of April 30, 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 Board of Education approve the transfer of the Capital Project Fund Interest Income for the 2012-2013 school year to the General Fund.

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education has determined that up to \$150,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the River Edge Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

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WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education has determined that up to \$40,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the River Edge Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$8,900.55 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

		June 19, 2013	
Service	Vendor	Amount	PO#
CHS Bathrooms Renovations	Aero Plumbing and Heating	\$8,900.55	13000270

that the Board of Education approves the purchase of seven Samsung Series 3 Chrome Book Carts (177 Chrome books in Total) from CDW Government New Jersey State Contract 10/11-41 at a total of \$58,067.04.

that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 2 Macbook Air Laptops Carts (50 laptops in total) and 10 additional Macbook Pro Laptops from Apple Computer New Jersey State Contract # B27158 at a total of \$70,973.70.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Laura Fleming as Webmaster, as per contractual stipend, for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve James Levis, bus driver, for a maximum of 23 hours per week for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute employees for the 2013-2014 school year.

Substitute Teacher

Anastos, Stacy
Desavino, Kathleen
Devincentis, Robert
Drossman, Ann
Fairchild, Matthew
Fischer, Reva
Guinta, Lisa
Kafafian O' Mealy, Karen

Lenkel, Joanne
Lobley, Pamela
Martin-Rumsby, Maxine
Masiello, Debra
McGinley, Wendy
Olski, Patricia
Perricone, Lorraine
Polacek, Gabriele
Sapone, Francine
Sulner, Sharon
Thomas, Ann Marie
Weissberger, Barbara
Wiseman, Helen

Substitute Nurses

Cameron, Mary Ellen
Derbalian, Lisa
McConville, Pamela
Pennotti, Mary

Substitute Clerical Aides

Finnegan, Maureen
Jennings, JoAnn
Scannapeco-Sims, Theresa

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following as Full Time ABA Aides for the 2013-2014 school year.

Albrizio, Judith
Bastible, Mary
Bastista, Melvin
Birger, Leetal
Blackwell, Alexandria
Capozzi, Rhonda
Connors, Deborah
Coquel, Theresa
Drill, Aleida
Falla, Deborah
Lawler, Kathleen
Lloyd, Sheryl
Manning, Wendy
Maurice, Diana

Nyhan, Catherine
Ofshinsky, Carol
Ofshinsky, Sandra
Ogden, Gregory
Otero, Ahinoa
Parany, Katharine
Raffa, Cathleen
Rivera, Joanne
Runfeldt, Tyne
Sherman, Nancy
Vuoncino, Alicia
Wallace, Deanna
Watson, Christine
Yphantides, Laura

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as Part Time Aides for the 2013-2014 school year.

Arjarasumpun, Thippawon
Belits, Helen
Bobetski-Cadmus, Valerie
Ciauro, Leslie
Chamberlain, Gina
Copolla, Donna
Deckler, Tara
Fand, Stephanie
Francin, Sharon
Frontauria, Jacqueline

Lane, Sheila
Lobley, Pam
LoSchiavo, Luciana
Meccia, Lauren
Meyer, Donna
Noel, Eleanor
Novick, Melissa
Ogden, Heather
Oliveri, Barbara
Perekupka, Cleo

Gillies, Dawn
Gonnella, Ashley
Gotiangco, Sandra
Iannantuano, Dawn

Pfeiffer, Christine
Van Buran, Michelle

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Diller, Full-Time Instructional Aide, effective July 26, 2013.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Wendy Kyritz, Full-Time Instructional Aide, effective July 31, 2013.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Alanna Morgan, Full-Time Instructional Aide, effective July 31, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve, Jennifer Glaydura, Teacher in Charge, for Cherry Hill School for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Frank Perrone, Teacher in Charge, for Roosevelt School for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the following individuals to be approved for Morning Supervision Duty as per Article XIII Section 13.3 of the River Edge Education Association Contract Agreement.

Keri Rehns

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Jodi Stebbins, 2nd Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Gianna Lettieri, Full-Time ABA Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alexia Lekkas, Full-Time ABA Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lucia Moran, Part-Time Resource Room Teacher, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following individuals for the Building Bridges Extended School Program, In-Home Instruction, \$35.00 per hour from August 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013.

Staff Members	Hours
Reem Halabi	20
Kaitlyn Holmes	20

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Part-time Aides Summer Enrichment Program for the Pre-School Program for the from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Marie Davis

Sandra Gotiangco

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lauren Meccia, Bus Driver Aide for the Building Bridges Extended School Year Program, one hour a day, from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Thippawon Arjarasumpun, Bus Driver Aide for the Building Bridges Extended School Year Program, one hour a day, from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the services of Christie Rutherford and Karen Willick, Physical Therapists, for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve Care Plus NJ, Inc. Contract effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at a maximum of \$50,000.

that the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Building Connections class grades 3-6.

that the Board of Education approve Region V Budget for the 2013-2014 school year. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June, 2013 totaling \$723,203.15 including checks #61154 through #61303.

that the Board of Education approves Jane O' Connell, Region V Bookkeeper, a maximum of 24 hours per week from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGION V COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION WILL OPERATE A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB) GRANT-FUNDED SUMMER WORK READINESS PROGRAM (PROJECT SCOPE) 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 consultants for the SCOPE program:

Trista Chiu	Job Coach
Alison Donoghue	Transition Counselor
Farah Dunham	Job Coach
Jason Grabelsky	Transition Counselor
Robert Hans	Job Coach
Vanessa Hennig-Roshong	Job Coach
Avia Johnson	Transition Counselor
Pamela LoPilato	Job Coach
Alyce Quinlan	Job Coach

Nicole Presinzano	Job Coach
Evana Santee	Job Coach
Pene Weber	Transition Counselor
Dorothea Welch	Job Coach
Colleen Whitaker	Job Coach

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 2013-2014 school year.

Stella Sawicki	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Christina Ranaudo	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Educational Testing (Frank Falcone)	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Fran Ebel	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Myra Helman	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Rocco Recchione	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Varrassi Educational Associates	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Tara Scarborough	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
William Luderer	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Dania Diaz	Psychologist
Eniko Nedoba	Psychologist
Dorit Shmuel	Psychologist
Erica Feldman Bases	Psychologist
Jennifer Pappachristou	Psychologist
Joseph Cafaro	Psychologist
Yasmeen Weems	Psychologist
Oswald Sanchez	Social Worker bilingual
Victoria Wozniak	Social Worker bilingual
Michelle Dailey	Social Worker
Ronnie Steinwolf	Social Worker
Pnina Fessel	Speech and Language Specialist
Jill McManus	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Nanc E. Fellerman	Speech and Language Specialist
Jessica Reich	Speech and Language Specialist
Bayada Nursing Agency	Nursing Agency
Delta T	Nursing Agency
Supreme Consultants	Translation Agency
Emerald Health	Nursing Agency
Priority Nursing	Nursing Agency
Phoenix Healthcare	Nursing Agency

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

Nays: None

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 Marisa Kossoy as a Principal for the River Edge School District for the period beginning on or about July 8, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Marisa Kossoy for the position of Principal 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 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Marisa Kossoy.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, creates 3 Instructional Supervisor positions by adjusting existing job descriptions to include an evaluation component.

Further, these positions will be included in the River Edge Administrators and Supervisors Association for the 2013-2014 School Year.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education convenes into closed session at 8:55 PM to discuss personnel.

Ayes: 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 reconvenes the regular public meeting at 9:55 PM.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

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

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator