

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – June 5, 2013

7:00 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 7:15 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Walker read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mr. Busteed; 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, Ms. Kuruc, Mr. Lyons and approximately fifty members of the public.

Mrs. Buckley was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Honor Retirees:

Deborah Trainor

Anthony Vouvalides

Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Heitman, Ms. Rosen, Ms. Kuruc and Mr. Lyons all commented on the retiree's hard work, loyal service and dedication to the students, faculty, and families on our schools. Dr. Ben-Dov presented flowers to the retirees and Ms. Di Maulo presented the retirees with a framed resolution. Dr. Ben-Dov announced that the Discovery Room in Roosevelt School will be named after Mr. Vouvalides and presented him with a copy of the plaque that will be posted at the Discovery Room entrance.

Each Retiree thanked everyone for their kind words and appreciation.

RESOLUTIONS TO RECOGNIZE OUR HONOREES

Honor Retiree Deborah Trainor

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

WHEREAS, Deborah Trainor has announced her retirement after 25 years of dedicated service as a bookkeeper, Assistant BA and Business Administrator/Board Secretary for which almost 10 of those years is at River Edge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, her contributions and guidance to Superintendents, Board of Education presidents, Board trustees and the business office for the River Edge District was invaluable; and

WHEREAS, her wealth of information and financial guidance to the administrative team to successfully develop and oversee all budgets and monetary needs; and

WHEREAS, she has introduced online: management for purchasing, payroll, substitute assignments, the River Edge Employee Portal; and her knitting expertise; and

WHEREAS, her care and strategic planning for the facilities, new construction and furnishings, were extremely detail oriented and beneficial; and

WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in the acquisition of our very first River Edge bus; and

WHEREAS, after her years of faithful service to River Edge School District she wishes to retire, now therefore, is it

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this fifth day of June, Two Thousand Thirteen spreads upon its Minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for her valued service; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the River Edge community offers its best wishes to Deborah Trainor for a long, happy, healthy and productive retirement and its gratitude for her years of service to the District.*

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

Nays: None

Honor Retiree Anthony Vouvalides

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mr. Sim

WHEREAS, Anthony Vouvalides (aka Tony), has announced his retirement after Forty years of dedicated service to education and the River Edge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, his thoughtful, caring and warm efforts embraced all students as a teacher and principal, who passed through the halls of Roosevelt School and demonstrating his exceptional leadership and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Tony Vouvalides, the Hippy Dippy Weatherman has shared his love and expertise of instruction, especially in science, through bringing exciting experiences such as star gazing, young astronauts and the creation of the Discovery Room and brought innovative and hands-on experiences to his students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Tony Vouvalides has been a leader, great administrative colleague, mentor, confidante, Snicker connoisseur and the lunch companion to many a hungry student and friend to the staff in River Edge and displayed his professionalism through committee work and continued staff development; and

WHEREAS, his communication with River Edge families, positively impacted the accomplishments for those he has touched, especially all the student scholars; and

WHEREAS, after his faithful service to River Edge schools, he wishes to retire; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge on this fifth day of June, Two Thousand and Thirteen, spread upon its Minutes this Resolution of Appreciation for his valued service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the River Edge community offers its best wishes to Anthony Vouvalides for a long, happy, healthy and productive retirement and its gratitude for his years of service to the school district.

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

Nays: None

Dedication of Discovery Lab

Ms. Dansky read the resolution of dedicating the Roosevelt School Discovery Lab to Anthony Vouvalides. She stated that a plaque shall be permanently hung to honor Mr. Vouvalides for his exceptional contributions to the district.

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

Whereas, Anthony Vouvalides has provided exceptional leadership for the River Edge Public Schools in his position as Principal, and

Whereas, he served as a teacher in Roosevelt School for seventeen years prior to becoming Principal, and

Whereas, under Mr. Vouvalides' guidance, the Roosevelt School Discovery Lab has a tremendous impact on the science education of the children in the River Edge community, and

Whereas, a grateful community wishes to express its gratitude and respect for his many contributions to the public schools, children, and the community,

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that the Roosevelt School Discovery Lab is hereby dedicated to Anthony Vouvalides and a plaque shall be permanently hung to honor Mr. Vouvalides for his exceptional contributions to the district.

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

Nays: None

Reception

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov gave the board members an update on the asbestos removal. There was a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2013. As legally required, every staff member will receive a notice regarding the asbestos removal and in the middle of June the parents will receive an email blast regarding it. Notices will be posted on all doors seven days prior to the beginning of the work.
- There will be an additional board meeting Monday, June 10, 2013. The Principal interviews will take place at this meeting. Dr. Ben-Dov would like to meet with the Personnel Committee before the meeting.
- The district will need to hire a Part-Time Resource Room Teacher. Interviews are taking place for this position.
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated there are seven kindergarten classes for the 2013-2014 school year. The district does not have to hire any additional teachers at this time as the eight teachers will move to a different grade level. She will report on all teacher movement when the information is complete.
- There was a HIB Incident to report. It involved two Cherry Hill 6th graders (Students A-B) who made verbal comments to two Cherry Hill 6th graders (Students C-D). It was investigated and found to be HIB related. The families were notified and action against Students A-B took place. Students A-B had two recess detentions, had to write a letter of apology to Students C-D, and had to have sessions with the Pupil Assistance Counselor.
- Outdoors speakers are being placed at the schools so announcements can be heard outside. Dr. Ben-Dov believes this is a good safety measure.
- Dr. Ben-Dov received a proposal of a bill to postpone PARCC by two years. They would like to postpone it so schools can have time to adjust their program and equipment.
- There will be a Technology meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. On Monday, June 10th Dr. Den-Dov, Mrs. Heitman, and Mr. Tee will go and visit the districts of Upper Saddle River and Wyckoff to observe their technology. Recommendations will come after the committee meeting.
- Field Days started last week and will continue over the next few weeks.
- Today was a very uplifting day. A street sign in front of the Cherry Hill School was dedicated to our crossing guard 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.
- On Tuesday, May 28, 2013 Cherry Hill, Roosevelt, and New Bridge Center had a Walkathon to Celebrate Uniqueness.
- Assistants of the Year have been announced for the 2012-2013 School Year and the winners are Tara Decker for Cherry Hill School, Joanne Rivera for New Bridge Center,

and Dawn Gillies for Roosevelt School. Congratulations to the winners. A breakfast was held in their honor. This is a first time event, initiated by Ms. Gianna Apicella.

- 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.

PRINCIPAL

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

- Unexpended funds from the current year budget will be available to fund a deposit to the Capital Reserve Fund. I am considering proposing the creation of a Maintenance Reserve Fund and making a small deposit to that account as well.
- Petitions for candidates to serve as members of the Board of Education were due on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 for the November elections. We have five candidates for the two open seats.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- The Board Self Evaluations are due by Thursday, June 6, 2013.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky attended The Bergen County Coalition of School Administrators at the Annual Valedictorian Recognition Breakfast at The Fiesta on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

Designation Board Secretary

that the Board of Education designate Patricia Salvati as Board Secretary from July 22, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Designation Attendance Officer

that the Board of Education designates Denise Heitman, Attendance Officer, for the 2013-2014 school year.

Designation Homeless Student Liaison

that the Board of Education approve Denise Heitman, Homeless Student Liaison, for the River Edge School District for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

that the Board of Education approve the summer hours beginning July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 for 12 month employees.

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

School	Fire Drills	Security Drills
Cherry Hill School	May 8, 2013	May 22, 2013 Evacuation Drill
Roosevelt School	May 2, 2013	May 17, 2013 Lock Down

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

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education authorize the payment due the following employees for unused sick days as per the REEA contract.

Emily Bagliari
JoAnn Jennings
Judy Hunter

that the Board of Education authorize the payment due the following employee for unused sick days as per the REASA contract.

Anthony Vouvalides

that the Board of Education authorize the payment due the following employee for unused sick days as per the Business Administrator contract.

Deborah Trainor

That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$16,787.45 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

		June 5, 2013	
Service	Vendor	Amount	PO#
CHS Bathrooms Renovations	Aero Plumbing and Heating	\$16,787.45	13000270

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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.

Katie O' Brien
Katherine O' Reilly
Reem Halabi
Marilena Puma
Ashley Adimando

that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to hire the following custodial helpers for 6 weeks beginning July 1, 2013 through August 9, 2013 for summer recess at a maximum of 40 hours per week.

James Haggerty	\$8.50 per hour
Kevin Hamilton	\$8.25 per hour
Brian Hamiton	\$8.00 per hour
Kyle Levinsohn	\$8.00 per hour
Ian Louda	\$8.00 per hour

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following instructional aides for the Summer Enrichment Program, from July 1, 2013 to July 26, 2013, 4 hours per day at their contractual rate.

Heather Ogden
Tara Deckler
Helen Belitz
Sharon Francin
Luciano Lo Schiavo
Lauren Meccia
Christina Taryla
Michelle Van Buren

Thippawon Arjarasumpun
Dawn Iannantuano

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following teachers at their contractual per diem hourly rate, for the Summer Enrichment Program, from July 1, 2013 to July 26, 2013.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Kelly Hinds	8:30 – 12:30 (4 hours/day - per diem)
Julie Fallon	8:30 - 12:30 Social Skills and Study Skills Teacher (4hrs/day - per diem)
Ann Marie Calza	8:30 – 12:30 (4hrs/day - per diem)
Gail Funtsch	8:30 – 12:30 (4hrs/day - per diem)
Stacy Socha	8:30 – 11:30 (up to 3hrs/day – current hourly rate)

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of ABA Aides for the Building Bridges Extended School Year Program, from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Albrizio, Judy	Blackwell, Alexandria
Birger, Leetal	Coquel, Theresa
Manning, Wendy	Lloyd, Sheryl
Raffa, Cathleen	Watson, Christine
Wallace, Deanna	Rivera, Joanne
Ofshinsky, Carol	Connors, Debbie
Drill, Aledia	Kyritz, Wendy
Otero, Ahinoa	Bastable, Mary
Lawler, Kathleen	Nyhan, Cathy
Capozzi, Rhonda	Sherman, Nancy
Yphantides, Laura	Maurice, Dianna
Morgan, Alanna	Vouncino, Alicia
Ofshinsky, Sandy	Runfeldt, Tyne
Batista, Melvin	Ogden, Greg
Parany, Kathryn	
Jennifer Diller ** Is only working until July 26, 2013	

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following Speech Therapists for the Building Bridges Extended School Year Program from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Risa Louda	Speech Therapist

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following therapists for the Extended School Year Program from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013, not to exceed 35 hours, at \$80.00 per hour.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Christy Rutherford	Physical Therapist (up to 2 days per week) 8:30-12:30
Karen Willick	Occupational Therapist (up to 2 days per week) 8:30-12:30 A Day

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Judith Albrizio, Clerical Aide, for a maximum of 20 hours per week, from July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013 at \$18.00 per hour.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve James Levis, bus driver for the Building Bridges Extended School Year Program, \$23.00 per hour at a maximum of 23 hours per week, from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Gabriele Polacek, Part-Time Instructional Aide, effective June 27, 2013.

that the Board of Education approve the Instructional Technology Coach Job Description (Addendum)

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Pauline Choi, Teacher, starting September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Emma Halik, Teacher, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve training for Building Bridges Staff and ABA Aides, August 2013 (addendum).

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following ABA Aides 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
Deanna Wallace	55
Sheryl Lloyd	15
Tyne Runfeldt	30
Nancy Sherman	40
Sandy Blackwell	45
Debbie Connors	40
Laura Yphantides	25

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Denise Thorson, Region V Transportation Coordinator, effective August 1, 2013.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION – None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

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.

Roberta Cozik	Speech and Language Specialist
Darcy Matthys	Speech and Language Specialist
Deborah Roberts	Speech and Language Specialist
Elana Burnat	Speech and Language Specialist
Elissa Melzer	Speech and Language Specialist
Joan Page Durante	Speech and Language Specialist
Jonathan Rand	Speech and Language Specialist
Karen Wagner	Speech and Language Specialist
Megan Bisi	Speech and Language Specialist
Rachel Friedman	Speech and Language Specialist
Robert Axelrod	Speech and Language Specialist
Rona Hember	Speech and Language Specialist
Ronit Rich	Speech and Language Specialist
Sarah Taragin	Speech and Language Specialist
Shira Stokar Kessock	Speech and Language Specialist
Indira Brcvak	Speech and Language Specialist
Stephanie Morgan	Teacher of the Deaf
Kerry Shelby	Teacher of the Deaf
Arlene Cox	ESL Teacher
Johanna Bargisen	Behaviorist
Lauren Kryzak	Behaviorist
Learning By Design	Behaviorist
Stephanie Javier	Behaviorist
Voices Now	Behaviorist
Aida Rosado	Bilingual Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Arlene Brofsky	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Marilyn Layton	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Aviva Goldwasser	Bilingual Occupational Therapist
Christine Moran	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Schoenbrun	Bilingual Occupational Therapist
Jenny Salas Shatzel	Occupational Therapist
Jessica Landa	Occupational Therapist
Raya Redlich	Occupational Therapist
Sara Morin	Occupational Therapist
Sheri Wadler	Occupational Therapist
Susan Dresdner	Occupational Therapist
Yaffa Markowitz	Occupational Therapist
Theresa Alston	Occupational Therapist
Caitlin Puente	Physical Therapist
Jana Zimmerman	Physical Therapist
Lena Gazetas	Physical Therapist
Michal Porath	Physical Therapist
Rachel Secemski	Physical Therapist
Sabrina Tate Rawson Hagerty	Physical Therapist

Thomas Walters	Physical Therapist
Theresa Alston	Psychologist
Michele McMahon	Psychologist / Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

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

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

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

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

Nays: None

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:05 PM.

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator