

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – January 22, 2014

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

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busted; Ms. Dansky; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; and Ms. Walker. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Salvati.

Mr. DiBella was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

2014-2015 School Calendar Discussion

Dr. Ben-Dov proposed a draft of the 2014-2015 school calendar to the Board members. A discussion took place regarding the February Break.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov had nothing to report at this meeting.

BOARD SECRETARY

- Ms. Salvati spoke about the status of the 2014-2015 budget. Our largest increases are expected in the area of health benefits and PERS pension liability.
- The Saturday Budget meeting will be moved up to February 22nd to allow the board time for review before the tentative adoption.
- There is \$141,385 in banked cap available from the 2011-2012 budget. The 2014-2015 budget is the last year that it can be used.

- Ethics and Financial Disclosure forms are now available online. Board members should have received an email with instructions for completing them.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers had nothing to report on at this meeting.

COMMITTEES

Committees had nothing to report at this meeting.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of November 20, 2013 and confidential minutes November 20, 2013 Board Meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None
Abstained: Mrs. Buckley

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

2. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of December 4, 2013 and confidential minutes December 4, 2013 Board Meeting.
3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for January 2014 including relevant mileage reimbursement.
(Addendum)
4. **WHEREAS**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2014-15, and

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Edge Board Of Education hereby authorized the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2014-2015 school year.

5. That the Board of Education approve Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent, to attend AASA National Conference on Education 2014 in Nashville, TN, February 13, 2014 to February 15, 2014.

6. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
2130	Principal Evaluation
9111	Qualifications and Requirements of Board Members
4131/4131.1	Staff Development; Inservice Education/Visitations/Conferences
4116	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members
2131	Chief School Administrator
4112	Certification

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteded, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") sought review of a capital project, Roof Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School, bearing State Project #4410-030-14-1002-G04 (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Department") determined, in correspondence dated December 4, 2013, that the Project qualifies as a school facilities project eligible for State support, with a priority ranking of Level I, meets the schematic plans requirements, qualifies as rehabilitation, as it is required to keep the school facilities functional for its original purposes or for new purposes, it does not increase the gross square footage of the school facility and does not include any routine maintenance or required maintenance, is consistent with the Board's approved long range facilities plan, is consistent with the Board's applicable proposed building inventory contained in the District's approved LRFP or with the Facilities Efficiency Standards ("FES") and the area allowances per Full Time Equivalent ("FTE") student, does not include any ineligible costs and does not require final educational adequacy review; and

WHEREAS, the Department has calculated the preliminary eligible costs for the Roof Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School to be \$501,685.00, which costs were based upon the Architect's cost estimates that were reviewed and approved by the Department, with the State share to be \$200,674.00 and the Local Share to be \$301,011.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Board hereby accepts these calculations and will not appeal the Department's determination of preliminary eligible costs;

The Board elects to undertake the construction of the Roof Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School;

The Board elects to receive grant funding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-15 calculated based upon the District Aid Percentage (DAG) at the time of approval, except not to be less than forty percent (40%) of the final eligible costs;

The Board elects to have its plans reviewed for code compliance through municipal code enforcement review; and

The Local share shall be paid out of the Capital Reserve or any other funds appropriated for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of the final eligible costs from the Department, the Architect is hereby authorized to prepare the final plans for the Project and to submit an appropriate release to the Department, requesting municipal code review of the plans for conformance with the Uniform Construction Code. The Business Administrator is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to initiate the construction of the Project, including but not limited to advertising for bids.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2014 totaling \$431,798.42 including checks #35850 through #35947. Payrolls dated December 13, 2013 and December 23, 2013, totaling \$1,089,289.09 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: None
Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2013-2014 as of November 30, 2013. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending November 30, 2013.

Further, we certify that as of November 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)

4. That the Board of Education establish the tuition rates per pupil for the 2014-2015 school year:

Integrated Pre-School Program 3 half days per week	\$2,250.00
Integrated Pre-School Program 4 half days per week	\$2,780.00

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

5. That the Board of Education approve the terms, stipulations and conditions as set forth in the Non-Resident Tuition Agreement, which is annexed to this Resolution.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim
Nays: Mr. Busted
Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. Busted

6. That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$3,150.00 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

		January 22, 2014	
Service	Vendor	Amount	PO#
Cherry Hill Toilet Renovation	Aero Plumbing and Heating	\$3,150.00	14000215

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Cassandra Perez for an Extended Child Care Leave of absence to continue through June 30, 2014.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the extension for Melissa Novick, 2nd Grade Leave Replacement Teacher through June 30, 2014.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2014 totaling \$538,578.65 including checks #61968 through #62099.
2. **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.

EdTechteacher, Inc.	Consultant
Whyllis Lemmer	Nonpublic consultant
Tracy Feldstein-Gardner	Nonpublic consultant
Elisabeth Deyo	Nonpublic consultant
Shift Transition LLC	Consultant
Judy Johnston LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Patricia London	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Sara Tarascavage	Behaviorist
Beth Levetown	Speech and Language Specialist
Chani Stern Mittel	Hebrew Psychologist
Emmanuel Morales	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Evy Libien	Speech and Language Specialist
Lauren Petrizzo	Speech and Language Specialist
Alison Goerg	Nonpublic Consultant

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45 PM made by Mrs. Buckley and seconded by Ms. Walker

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator