

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

“Building Bright Futures Together”
Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 30, 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

Mrs. Di Maulo called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:45 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Discussion of Board of Education goals for the 2013-2014 school year - Alfred Annunziata from NJ School Boards Association

Mr. Annunziata and the Board of Education produced four goals for the 2013-2014 school year. (1) Two specific writing goals will be pursued: A) 80% of River Edge Students in Grades K-6 will increase their writing score by one level on the holistic writing rubric as appropriate for each grade level by the Spring of 2014. B) 70% of River Edge Students with Disabilities will enhance achievement in their writing score by one level on the holistic writing rubric (2) Complete alignment of curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to advance student achievement (3) Enhance instructional technology through utilization of practices and hardware including necessary requirements for PARCC Readiness (4) Improve community relations through regular communications via multiple mediums connecting to parents and other community members including stakeholder meetings.

Annual Violence and Vandalism Report

Dr. Ben-Dov read the Violence, Vandalism and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying report. Going forward, the district will be focusing on the role of the bystander as a measure for Bullying.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov attended the New Jersey School Boards Fall Conference on October 22-October 24. She attended many workshops and found them to be very informative.
- The gathering of baseline data about all students is completed. Student Growth Objectives are being reviewed by administrators. Dr. Ben-Dov would like to have them by Wednesday, November 6, 2013 and they are to be finalized by Friday, November 15, 2013.
- There will be a Professional Development Day on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. There will be workshops on Math Assessment Data and Curriculum Alignment, Using google in your instruction, Analysis of writing samples, and Common Planning Time with both schools for each grade level.
- Dr. Ben-Dov has analyzed all surveys filled out by parents that recommended priorities/goals for the Board of Education for the 2013-2014 School Year regarding the 2013-2014 Board of Education goals.
- The new publication for creating a new name and logo is moving along very nicely. The email blast will be sent out on Friday, November 1, 2013 and the deadline to submit is Friday, November 15, 2013.
- The Halloween parades are scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 2013. Cherry Hill and Roosevelt's parades start at 1:10 PM and New Bridge Center starts at 2:00 PM.
- The Veteran's Day Parade will be held on Monday, November 11, 2013 at Memorial Park. Cherry Hill and Roosevelt will join in the on the festivities.
- The NJASK Presentation will be on the November 13th Board Meeting
- There will be a DEAC meeting on Wednesday, November 20th in the Cherry Hill Library at 3:15PM

PRINCIPALS

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Week of Respect was October 7th to October 11th. It week went very well and was very successful in both schools.
- In honor of Fire Prevention week, Cherry Hill had an assembly on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.
- There are Field Trips going on in all schools
- The Halloween parades are scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 2013. Cherry Hill and Roosevelt's parades start at 1:10 PM and New Bridge Center starts at 2:00 PM. The River Edge police came to the school to discuss safety.
- There are many Student Growth Objective meetings going on in the district.
- The Google Chrome Books are taking off. The teachers and students are using them and it's very exciting.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati attended many interesting workshops at the fall convention in funding capital projects and negotiations.

- Tentative Budget Calendars for the 2014-2015 school year were placed in each board members folder.

PRESIDENT

Ms. DiMaulo had nothing to report on at this meeting

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Walker spoke about the workshops she attended at the Fall Convention.
- Mr. Sim spoke about the workshops he attended at the Fall Convention.
- Ms. Dansky spoke about the workshops she attended at the Fall Convention.
- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a Bergen County Meet up on Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

1. that the Board of Education approves the staff development training as per the schedules for October 2013 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
2. that the Board of Education approves the annual reporting period two for Violence & Vandalism and HIB Incidents for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. that the Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills:

Class	Date	Time
Building Connections (Elem Class)	October 18, 2013	10:27 AM
Building Bridges (Elem Class)	October 18, 2013	10:40 AM
Building Bridges (Primary Class)	October 18, 2013	10:57 AM
Building Connections (Primary Class)	October 18, 2013	11:14 AM
Building Bridges (Preschool)	October 18, 2013	1:40 PM
Pre-k 4	October 18, 2013	1:40 PM

4. that the Board of Education approves the annual subscription renewal with the Schoolboardnet service for the 2013-2014 School Year.

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**BUILDING & GROUNDS****FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. that the Board of Education approves the bills & claims dated October, 2013 totaling \$813,998.72 including checks #35525 through #35655 . Payrolls dated September 13, 2013 and September 30, 2013, totaling \$1,032,105.16 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are 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 Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

2. that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2013-2014 as of August.(Addendum)
3. that the River Edge Board of Education approves the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending August 31, 2013.

Further, we certify that as of August 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 over expended 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.

4. that the Board of Education approves the contracts between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy, Yeshiva of North Jersey, Stepping Stone Pre-School, and Sinai at RYNJ to provide Non-Public Technology Materials as per the 2013-2014 School Year State Aid Allocation.
5. that the Board of Education approves the contracts between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy, Yeshiva of North Jersey, Stepping Stone Pre-School, and Sinai at RYNJ to provide Non-Public Textbook Materials as per the 2013-2014 School Year State Aid Allocation.

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as an Intern, from October 31, 2013 to December 19, 2013.

Rebecca Wolk

2. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Student Teacher, from January 2, 2014 to May 9, 2014.

Caitlin Callahan

3. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Caitlin Callahan
Rebecca Wolk
Gina Chamberlain
Kimberly Chamberlain

4. that the Board of Education approves a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Nicole Campbell from March 17, 2014 to April 11, 2014 and a State Family leave of absence effective April 14, 2014 to June 30, 2014.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

1. that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated October, 2013 totaling \$531,394.76 including checks #61658 through #61762.
2. that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Transportation Services Agreement between Region II(Host) and Region V(Joiner).
3. that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Transportation Services Agreement between Region V(Host) and Neptune Township B.O.E.(Joiner).
4. that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Transportation Services Agreement between Region V(Host) and Region II(Joiner).

5. that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for Rinaldi Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1406	Valley Demarest	\$243.45
1529	New Bridges Ridgewood	\$226.93
1662	Bleshman	\$193.62

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

6. **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.

Martie Goldberg	Speech and Language Specialist
Beth Levetown	Speech and Language Specialist
Patricia London	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Heather Gilgallon	Social Worker
Eniko Mannings	Psychologist
Milagros Hauge	COTA intern (Eastwick College)
Michelle Sosslau	COTA intern (Eastwick College)
Maeve Joseph	COTA intern (Eastwick College)
Danna Segala	COTA intern (Eastwick College)
Alexa Rose	COTA intern (Eastwick College)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Dansky

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Ms. Walker

That the Board of Education convened into closed session at 9:55 PM to discuss a Contract Matter.

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Sim

That the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 10:35 PM.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

That the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 10:40 PM.

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati

Board Secretary/Business Administrator

