

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – November 13, 2013

7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, 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. Sim read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Buckley arrived 8:15pm
Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:45pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Presentation of River Edge 2013 NJ ASK Results

Dr. Ben-Dov presented the NJASK testing report and explained this is the time of the year when the district does a public presentation of the NJASK. She went over each slide and explained the scores and percentages. There are two aspects of the presentation: The Preliminary Report Card by school which started last year and NJASK test results. On the DFG (District Factor Group): River Edge has been an “I” district for years. Now River Edge has been put into the “H” Group for the last two years. Yet the district is still being compared to the “I” districts and we have done well. Dr. Ben-Dov explained that the DFG is made up of all different criteria that deal with demographics and per-capita income and are based on the Census. Special Education students are part of the scores presented. There was a discussion on how the state has begun to introduce CCSS and PARCC concepts with the NJ ASK which involves critical and higher order thinking. Dr. Ben-Dov also addressed the topic of writing stating that we are making it our goal to improve writing. At the end of the presentation, Dr. Ben-Dov stated our students are our Pride and Joy! Dr. Ben-Dov thanked MaryAnn Durante and Frank Perrone for their help with the presentation and complimented our teachers in River Edge, from early childhood and up for bringing students up to this point.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov has read all of the Student Growth Objectives created by the teachers and felt that they were very substantial. The next assessments should be in February and the final ones April. Dr. Ben-Dov complimented the faculty on all the hard work they did on this. Teachers and administrators have started using My Learning Plan when engaging in observations and Dr. Ben-Dov will keep the board members posted on it.
- Dr. Ben-Dov attended and spoke at the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2013 at Memorial Park. It was well attended by parents, as well as a few parents who are also veterans or serve in military duty.
- 2Nd Cup of Coffee was held on Monday, November 11, 2013 at Cherry Hill School. Dr. Ben-Dov stated there was a small audience. She also attended a REEF Meeting the same night. Both meetings were focused and productive with a hope for new volunteers.
- Dr. Ben-Dov attended a Tri-District Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. The need to train teachers in the new pedagogy and technology was emphasized as well as the efforts we are making to consolidate our approach to grammar and language mechanics.

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- Ms. Kossoy thanked the Student Council President and members for their participation in the Veterans Day celebration.
- Ms. Kossoy held a Tea Party for her parents; thought it went exceptionally well. She feels the communication is open and plans to hold the Tea every month.
- Professional Development Day was greatly appreciated and very productive per teachers.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated the Re-Organization meeting will be January 8, 2014.
- Ms. Salvati reported on the unofficial election results for the Board Seats. The two candidates with the highest number of votes were Paris Myers and Anthony DiBella.
- Our Auditors will do an exit conference on Friday, November 15, 2013.
- Gary Higgins plans to give the Board a report and presentation at the December 18th board meeting.
- Ms. Salvati reported that John Lyons (Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds) will attend the next meeting and report on Capital improvements and the budget.
- Ms. Salvati would like to discuss the 2014 Calendar for Board Meetings.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo reported that there will be a summary from Mr. Alfred Annunziata (NJSBA) regarding our District Goals. She said it was very complimentary and positive.
- Ms. Di Maulo asked if the board wanted to do the Board Goals together at the next meeting. The Board agreed to do so.

COMMITTEES

There were no committees to report on.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

1. that the Board of Education approves the staff development training as per the schedule for November 2013 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
2. that the Board of Education approves the following emergency drills:

School	Fire Drills	Security Drills
Cherry Hill School	October 8, 2013	October 30, 2013 Lockdown
Roosevelt School	October 30, 2013	October 25, 2013 Evacuation

3. that the Board of Education approves the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
3/21/14	Roosevelt	4	Ramapo College Mahwah, NJ	\$624.00

4. Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and maintain the validity of their warranties.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the River Edge Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan** and M-1 School Facilities Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheet in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION None

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. Motion to approve the purchase of natural gas services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services "ACES" Bid - Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS.

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the River Edge School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

2. Motion to approve the purchase of electric generation services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services “ACES” Bid - Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS.

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the River Edge School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

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

Nays: None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve June Karpowich and Stacy Colucci, Co-Editors of the River Edge New, Web-based Publication, as per contractual stipend, for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Donna Cirino, Part-time Aide, starting, November 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
3. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Amy O'Leary, Part-time Lunch Aide, starting, November 14, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
4. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Cassandra Perez for Extended Child Care Leave from December 2, 2013 through February 2, 2014.
5. that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Melissa Novick, Extended 2nd Grade Leave Replacement Teacher, from December 2, 2013 through February 2, 2014.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Transportation Services Agreement between P.C.E.S.C.(Host) and Region V(Joiner).
2. that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for S&D Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1853	Chancellor Academy	\$151.38
1856	Leonia M.S./Anna Scott	\$157.72

3. that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for John Leckie Inc.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2039	Academy at B.C./Hackensack	\$77.77

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

Nays: None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education convened into closed session at 9:00 PM to discuss Contractual Matters.

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 9:50 PM.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 9:55 PM.

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati

Board Secretary/Business Administrator