

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – November 20, 2013

7:30 PM

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

Mrs. Myers read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mr. Busteed; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Mrs. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Ms. Rosen, and approximately one member of the public.

Mrs. Buckley was absent

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Summer Enrichment Program Report - Chris Armen

- Chris Armen, the Director of the program, thanked the Board of Education, his clerical assistant, the secretaries, Mr. Lyons, the custodians, the volunteers, and the teachers who contributed to the success of this program. This was Mr. Armen's eighth year of directing this program. He reviewed the enrollment, general information, financial data and offered some recommendations for next year's success.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov stated that the District, Cherry Hill, Roosevelt, New Bridge Center, and Sub Group; Students with Disabilities Goals and Action Plans are in each Board Members packets tonight.
- Student Growth Objectives were submitted by all teaching staff by November 15, 2013. Observations are in full swing now. The Objectives will be reviewed mid-year and small modifications will be made if necessary.
- There was a DEAC (District Evaluation Advisory Committee) meeting today at 3:00 PM. They spoke about the Student Growth Objectives and how they were developed, Observations, pre and post-observations were discussed. Ms. Walker spoke about it and said it was a great meeting.
- Report cards are now in progress. Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place the first week of December. Dr. Ben-Dov stated our district report cards are outdated and our goal for next year is to update them to reflect the Common State Standards.
- The deadline for creating a new name and logo for our new publication has been extended. The first publication will come out as soon as Ms. Karpowich and Ms. Colucci select a name.
- There will be a Technology presentation at the December 4, 2013 Board Meeting.

PRINCIPALS

Ms. Rosen reported on the following:

- The Franklin Institute had an assembly for grades 1-6 in Cherry Hill School. The children really seemed to enjoy it.
- Technology is being used extensively in the classrooms and the Kindergarten teachers are using their smart boards every day.
- The children have had outdoor recess since the start of school, since the weather has been so nice.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Mr. Lyons will present on the Capital Projects at the December 18th Board Meeting.
- The district will apply for a Community Development Block Grant for the Cherry Hill School boy's bathroom. The deadline to apply of the grant is Friday, December 6, 2013.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo had nothing to report at this meeting

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Walker attended the Delegate Assembly Meeting on November 16, 2013 in Mercerville New Jersey.
- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a Bergen County Meet up on Tuesday, December 3, 2013.
- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a NJSBA meeting on February 4, 2014 regarding PAARC Assessment.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

1. that the Board of Education approve the following District Goals for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Goal #1: Two specific writing goals will be pursued: 1) 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. 2) 70% of River Edge Students with Disabilities will enhance achievement in their writing score by one level on the holistic writing rubric.

Goal #2: Complete alignment of curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to advance student achievement.

Goal #3: Enhance instructional technology through utilization of practices and hardware including necessary requirements for PARCC Readiness.

Goal #4: Improve community relations through regular communications via multiple media connecting to parents and other community members including stakeholders' meetings.

2. that the Board of Education approve the following School Goals for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Roosevelt School

Goal #1: 80% of Roosevelt School students in Grades 1-6 will increase their writing score by one level on the holistic writing rubric as appropriate for each grade level by the Spring of 2014.

Goal #2: 80% of Roosevelt School students in Grades 1-6 will increase their technology level by using integration of technology in daily activities within the classroom by Spring 2014.

Cherry Hill School

Goal #1: 80% of Cherry Hill School 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.

Goal #2: 80% Cherry Hill School Students in grades 3-6 will increase their technology level by integrating technology in the daily activities in the classroom by Spring of 2014. All staff will be provided with appropriate training.

***New Bridge Center**

Goal #1: NBC Students in Kindergarten will increase their writing score to 7/10 on the holistic writing rubric by the Spring of 2014.

Goal #2: NBC Students in Kindergarten will improve Reading Proficiency with 60% of all students reaching a DRA level of 3 or higher.

Goal #3: NBC Students in Kindergarten will improve proficiency in social skills to aid in conflict resolution.

Goal #4: River Edge Students, Staff, and Parents will gain a better understanding of the role of the Bystander in reducing incidents of HIB during structured and non-structured activities.

3. that the Board of Education approve the following Goals for the Sub Group of Students with Disabilities for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Goal #1: 70% of River Edge Students with Disabilities will enhance achievement in their writing score by one level on the holistic writing rubric.

Goal #2: Enhance instructional technology through utilization of practices and hardware including necessary requirements for PARCC Readiness.

4. that the Board of Education approve the following Board Goals for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Goal #1: Board will continue to improve community relations through regular communications.

Goal #2: Board will participate in professional development activities in negotiations and salary guides.

Ayes: 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. Busted

Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated November 2013 totaling \$512,454.22 including checks #35656 through #35759. Payrolls dated October 15, 2013 and October 31, 2013, totaling \$1,048,776.74 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mr. Sim

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

Further, we certify that as of September 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 over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Addendum)

3. that the Board of Education approve the Summer Enrichment Program Report for the 2013 Summer Program.

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

Nays: None

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

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated November, 2013 totaling \$730,223.70 including checks #61763 through #61864.

2. that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for St. Jude's Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1735	Windsor School Pompton Lakes	\$217.00
1737	Piermont Rockleigh	\$164.08
1748	Washington South Ridgewood	\$263.18
1750	Windsor School/Sheppard School	\$208.53

3. **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.

Leia Greenwald	BCBA Behaviorist Consultant
Diana Lizardo	Bilingual Psychologist
Jessica McSherry	Parent Training Coordinator Consultant

4. that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for Valley Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1120	Nova North Emerson	\$170.04
1213	Nova North Emerson	\$129.29
1276	Bleshman	\$212.18
1277	Tenafly/Smith	\$184.40
1293	Epic/David Gregory	\$176.57
1303	Forum	\$194.83
1524	Helen Smith	\$253.25
1532	Valley HP OLV	\$265.63
1533	Gateway	\$153.07
1538	Washington South	\$225.53
1541	Bleshman	\$227.58
1544	Forum	\$208.23
1616	Pascack Hills H.S.	\$156.44
1630	Paterson School of Trade	\$103.92
1731	Hackensack M.S.	\$127.04
1742	Sage Day Mahwah	\$158.40
1857	Valley HP OLV	\$168.31
1858	Valley Norwood	\$185.25
1814	I.E.A.	\$113.26
1819	Cresskill House	\$142.11
1821	Tri Valley	\$113.27
1830	Park Academy	\$105.85
1899	Godwin School	\$175.68
1900	ECLC	\$156.86
1964	Brownstone	\$194.39

1963	Valley HP Public/St. Andrews	\$172.24
1968	Valley Norwood Public	\$165.66
1993	Northern Valley Demarest	\$122.13

5. that the Board of Education approve the following Fall Quotes for Valley Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q155	New Milford H.S.	\$62.00
Q159	WBMH After School	\$75.00
Q161	Bleshman Paramus	\$250.00
2045	Stillman/Epic	\$43.62

6. that the Board of Education approve the following Summer Quotes for Valley Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q141	Washington South	\$163.00
Q146	Bryan School	\$140.00
2022	Brownstown	\$177.00
2023	CBI Tech	\$170.00
2024	CTC Fair Lawn	\$288.00

7. that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for Valley Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2028	BOCES West Nyack	\$105.00
2035	CTC Midland Park	\$325.00

8. that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Valley Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1304	Villano Memorial Emerson	\$162.71

Ayes: 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 9:55 PM to discuss a Contractual Matter.

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

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

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

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

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator