

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 4, 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 7:40PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Buckley read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busted; Ms. Danksy; Ms. Di Maulo; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Ms. Kossoy, Mrs. Heitman and approximately 15 members of the public.

Mrs. Myers was absent.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Technology Presentation – Paul Garofano

Dr. Ben-Dov welcomed parents and staff to our Technology Presentation. Mr. Paul Garofano, Ms. Kristen Crawford, Ms. June Karpowich and Ms. Wendy Rosensweig gave a presentation on how Google Apps are being using in our district. Mr. Garofano spoke about the Digital Literacy, Challenges and the River Edge District Technology Vision, Ms. Crawford spoke about Discovery Education, Ms. Karpowich spoke about Chrome books and Google Docs, and Ms. Rosensweig spoke about Library/Media. All questions were answered by the presenters.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place this week. Dr. Ben-Dov has received positive feedback from the conferences.
- The principals of Cherry Hill, New Bridge Center, and Roosevelt gave their staff information on the May 2013 NJASK. A presentation to the Roosevelt PTO was given today and Mrs. Heitman will give her presentation to Cherry Hill PTO on December 10th.
- Dr. Ben-Dov is working hard to tighten up The Response to Intervention program in terms of protocols in both schools and make them as cohesive as we can.
- On Monday, December 2, 2013 the Cherry Hill chorus performed a fabulous and spirited concert at SCORE with Ms. Dent. It was a wonderful experience.
- The Winter Concert at Cherry Hill School will be on December 19th, New Bridge Center will be on December 12th, and Roosevelt's will be on December 18th.
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated a whole new set of standards just came out for professional development for instructional leaders.
- The new web-based newsletter is almost ready. The logo was created by a 6th grader, Yumeng Sun, Dr. Ben-Dov is hoping that the first edition will come out as early as next week.

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- Ms. Kossoy stated things are running very smoothly at Roosevelt School.
- Ms. Kossoy thanked the PTO for the Book Fair, Fit Club, and collecting food for needy families for Thanksgiving.
- Ms. Kossoy is looking forward to the start of 2014.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated the budget process is under way.
- A presentation on Necessary Items for the 2014-2015 School Year will be at the December 18, 2013 Board Meeting.
- The motion for the application for Community Development Block Grant is on tonight's agenda for your approval.
- Board of Education Meeting Dates needs to be discussed at the December 18th board meeting.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following

- Ms. Di Maulo stated in November 2014 the board needs to re-certify for board certification.
- New Jersey School Boards Association is offering two courses on negotiations.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky stated there will be a PARCC Assessment workshop on February 4, 2014 offered by New Jersey School Boards Association.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

1. That the Board of Education approve the minutes of October 16, 2013 and confidential minutes October 16, 2013 Board Meetings.
2. That the Board of Education approve the minutes of October 30, 2013 and confidential minutes of October 30, 2013 Board Meetings.
3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for December 2013 including relevant mileage reimbursement.
(Addendum)
4. That the Board of Education approves the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	November 6, 2013 Fire Drill November 22, 2013 Lock Down
Roosevelt School	November 25, 2013 Fire Drill November 26, 2013 Lock Down

5. That the Board of Education approve Dr. Tova Ben-Dov attend the TECHSPO Conference from January 30 – January 31, 2014 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
6. That the Board of Education approve the Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of River Edge for the purchase and maintenance of the Lighting Detection System.

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

Nays: None

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

Motion by Mr. Busted
 Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve the application for Community Development Block Grant for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$102,000 for the barrier free improvement and renovation of a bathroom at Cherry Hill School.

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
 Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Valerie Killeen, Student for Occupational Therapy Fieldwork from January 6, 2014 to April 4, 2014.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Janine Smith, Speech Intern, from January 13, 2014 to May 30, 2014.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as a Substitute Teacher for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Janine Smith

* Gabriele Polacek

* Nicola Scifo

*Ann Behrens

4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lauren Slade and Elaine Pepi, Part-time Aides, starting, December 5, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
5. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Janice Mawdsley, Part-time Aide, effective December 13, 2013.
6. 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.

Alexandra McNeil
 Lauren Della Torre

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for Destiny 23

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2030	Reyerson School	\$187.00
2033	South Bergen Lodi	\$121.00

2. That the Board of Education approve the following Addendum Contracts for Valley Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1963	Valley HP Public/St. Andrews	\$289.68
1900	ECLC	\$201.86

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for Radiant Transport

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2031	Stepping Stones/Roseland Academy	\$195.00
2042	Windsor School W, Milford	\$179.00

4. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for First Choice Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q167	Berkley School/Latch Key	\$99.00

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

Nays: None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 9:20 PM made by Ms. Dansky and seconded by Ms. Walker.

Motion to adjourn the Closed Session at 10:35 PM made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Ms. Dansky.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:36 PM made by Mrs. Buckley and seconded by Mr. Busted.

Patricia Salvati

Board Secretary/Business Administrator