

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – February 19, 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, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were; Ms. Danksy; Mr. DiBella; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Ms. Heitman.

Mrs. Buckley arrived at 8:30 PM.

Mrs. Myers Left the meeting at 7:30 PM and returned back at 10:30 PM.

Mr. Busteed arrived at 7:40 PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 6:35 PM for Mid-year review for Non-Tenured Personnel.

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

RECONVENE

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 7:40 PM.

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

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

River Edge School District Technology Overview – Denise Heitman

Mrs. Heitman presented to the Board the River Edge School District Technology Plan. She read the four Technology Goals which are:

1. Literacy
2. Capacity Building
3. Connectivity
4. Social and Ethical Responsibility

She explained the Technology projections are part of a five year plan. Ms. Heitman reviewed with the board what we currently have in the 2013-2014 school year for instructional technology in district. She concluded with recommendations for Projected New Technology for the 2014-2015 School Year.

2014 - 2015 Budget Presentation – Patricia Salvati

Ms. Salvati presented the anticipated revenue and proposed appropriations in each of the categories for the 2014 – 2015 Proposed Budget. State Aid will be announced on Thursday, February 27th and she will have more information for the board at that point. Ms. Salvati answered all questions asked by the board members and the audience.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov complimented the Custodial Staff and town on all of their hard work with the snow removal. She also discussed the 2013-2014 School Calendar with the board members. The district is one day over their emergency closing days and she gave the board three options for make-up days. The options were: 1). to reduce the April break by having the district open that Thursday, 2). have the district open the Monday of the April break, and 3). extend the school year by a day. The board members discussed the three options and decided to extend the school year.
- The Technology Forum for parents has been re-scheduled for the spring.
- Many committee meetings were held: The Finance Committee met on February 4th, The Building and Grounds Committee met on February 6th, Tri-District met on February 11th, Technology Committee met on February 19th, and there was an Executive PTO meeting held on January 10th.
- The Curriculum Meeting, with Mr. Feldman, was planned to be scheduled for March 5th or March 19th but will be re-scheduled to a different date due to the changes to the Board of Education meeting dates.
- The Median Student Growth Percentiles came out from the State. The Principals from each school will meet with each teacher to discuss them. It does not count towards their evaluation this year, but is a good opportunity to discuss student growth.
- On March 26th, 27th, and 28th Roosevelt will participate in a P.A.R.C.C. field test, in Language Arts, with two third grade classes.
- Parent Conferences will be held on Tuesday March 11th and Thursday March 13th.

- There was the District's first HIB Incident to report for this school year. It involved two Roosevelt 5th graders (Student A) made verbal comments to another Roosevelt 5th grader (Student B). It was investigated and found to be HIB related. The families were notified and action against Student A took place. Student A had recess/lunch detention, had to have sessions with the Pupil Assistance Counselor and a program educating students about appropriate language is being considered for the near future.
- Student Growth Objectives are being reviewed with teachers for revisions and modifications.
- The next edition of R.E.A.C.H will come out in March.
- Mr. Patrick Fletcher was honored at a Town Meeting last night. He was honored as Bergen County Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Salvati attended the meeting.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman saved her report for the Student Board Meeting on February 26, 2014.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated the Board of Education Meeting dates need to change for the month of March. The new meeting dates will be March 5th and March 19th since a tentative budget is due to the County on March 20th.
- She thanked the custodial staff for all of their hard work with the snow removal. She stated it was a real challenge this year and the custodians did a great job with it.
- Ms. Salvati reminded the board members that the online Disclosure Statements must be submitted to the County by April 30th.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers was absent.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky attended a Bergen County Meeting on February 4th at the Carlstadt Public School and P.A.R.C.C. Assessment was discussed.
- Mrs. Myers attended a Leadership Conference on Saturday, February 8th.
- Ms. Dansky stated New Jersey School Boards Association will have a meeting on Tuesday, March 4th at Maggiano's.
- Ms. Dansky stated Mr. DiBella will attend new board member training in March.
- Mrs. Walker attended a Tri-District Meeting on February 11th, a Building and Grounds Meeting on February 6th, and a Technology Meeting on February 19th.
- Mrs. Buckley attended a Finance Committee Meeting on February 4th.
- Mr. Sim attended a NJ Cap Seminar for Parents sponsored by the River Edge Education Foundation (R.E.E.F).

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of December 18, 2013 and confidential minutes December 18, 2013 Board Meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Busteed
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

2. That the Board of Education table until March 5, 2014 the approval of the River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. (Addendum)

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

Motion by Mr. Busteed
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	January 13, 2014 Fire Drill January 28, 2014 Lock Down
Roosevelt School	January 13, 2014 Fire Drill January 28, 2014 Lock Down

2. That the Board of Education approve the Second 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
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Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
 Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Busted
 Seconded by Mr. DiBella

3. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Marie Davis, Part Time Aide, effective January 31, 2014.
4. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Sandra Gotiangco, Part Time Aide, effective March 7, 2014.
5. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Gregory Ogden, Full Time ABA Aide, effective February 28, 2014.
6. That the Board of Education approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Lauren Port Vliet to commence on, or about June 2, 2014 through June 30, 2014.
7. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts for First Choice Transportation. (Addendum)

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q163	Smith School	\$159.00
Q164	Bergen Co. Child Development	\$173.00

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 10:30 PM made by Mr. DiBella and seconded by Mrs. Buckley

Motion to adjourn the Closed Session at 11:12 PM made by Mr. DiBella and seconded by Ms. Walker

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 11:13 PM made by Ms. Dansky and seconded by Ms. Walker

Patricia Salvati
 Board Secretary/Business Administrator

