

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – March 5, 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 7:40 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. DiBella read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Buckley arrived at 8:20 PM
Mr. Busted arrived at 8:45 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION - None

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A moment of silence took place in memory of Erika Steinbauer. Mrs. Myers read a letter that Ms. Steinbauer wrote, in January, expressing her wish that all donations made in her name be given to the Building Bridges program in the New Bridge Center. A resolution will be passed tonight to honor her wish.

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

2014 - 2015 Budget Presentation

Ms. Salvati and Dr. Ben-Dov presented the revised 2014-2015 school year budget following the release of the state aid amounts that were announced on February 27, 2014. There is an increase in our state aid of \$22,520 for next school year. The Board discussed each category of the proposed budget and Ms. Salvati and Dr. Ben-Dov answered any questions the board had on their presentation.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov expressed her condolences regarding Erika Steinbauer's passing. She spoke about Erika's impact on the River Edge School District and how she considered her a mentor. Erika taught her a lot and she will be missed.
- Dr. Ben-Dov thanked Ms. Kossoy for her hard work on preparing for the P.A.R.C.C. field test. On March 26th, 27th, and 28th Roosevelt will participate in the field test, in Language Arts, with two third grade classes.
- The District received its HIB Grade, from the state, for 2012-2013 school year. The total amount of points possible was 75 and the River Edge School District received a 72/75. Dr. Ben-Dov stated she was very proud of our work to ensure the safety of students at all times. This will be posted on the District website next week.
- There was a wonderful discussion on the 2014-2015 School Calendar at the Student Board Meeting on February 26th. Dr. Ben-Dov wasn't sure if the Board was ready to vote on the calendar tonight, so there will be a discussion and motion on the March 19th Agenda.
- The Cherry Hill PTO has made a generous donation of 100 Chrome books valued at approximately \$32,500.00. They are asking that the Board accept their gift. There will be a motion on tonight's agenda to approve it.

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- Ms. Kossoy started her report with reading a note, from a former Roosevelt student, who wrote about her wonderful experience at Roosevelt School.
- Ms. Kossoy will read to all grades for Read across America.
- Parent Conferences are taking place next week on Tuesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 13th.
- International Day will be held on Tuesday, March 25th.
- P.A.R.C.C Field Test will take place at Roosevelt School on March 26th, March 27th, and March 28th.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Rodney Watkins, from DiCara and Rubino Architects, came to the pre-bid meeting with contractors on March 5th for the Cherry Hill School Roof Replacement. The bids for the roof replacement are due to the board office by March 27th.
- Ms. Salvati has been very busy working on the 2014-2015 budget.
- The tentative budget will be brought to the Board for approval on March 19th as it is due to the County by March 20th.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- Mrs. Myers spoke to the board regarding a Mayor/Council Liaison.
- Mrs. Myers asked that all new committees should get together for a meeting.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Walker attended a New Jersey School Boards Meeting on Tuesday, March 4th.
- Ms. Dansky stated the next New Jersey School Boards Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for March 2014 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	February 19, 2014 Lockdown February 20, 2014 Fire Drill
Roosevelt School	February 19, 2014 Lockdown February 24, 2014 Fire Drill

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

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION – None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for services in connection with the cooperative bidding for supplies and other categories as mutually agreed upon for the 2014-2015 school year at a fee of \$3040.00. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the appropriation of 2012-2013 Extraordinary Aid and Non-public Transportation Aid to the General Fund for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

Extraordinary Aid \$92,998
Non-public Transportation Aid \$1,566

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

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

3. That the Board of Education acknowledge the request by Erika Steinbauer that contributions received in her name be used for the Building Bridges Program.

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

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky
A second motion was made by Mr. Busted to table 4D to the March 19th meeting, seconded by none.
Original motion was voted on:

4. That the Board of Education accept the donation of 100 Chrome books by the Cherry Hill PTO valued at approximately \$32,500.00.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Ms. Walker
Nays: Mr. Busted

PERSONNEL -None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION – None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Transportation Services Agreement between Region I Mahwah (Host) and Region V (Joiner).

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION- None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 10:00 PM made by Ms. Dansky and seconded by Mr. DiBella

Motion to adjourn the Closed Session at 10:25 PM made by Ms. Dansky and seconded by Ms. Walker

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:26 PM made by Mrs. Buckley and seconded by Mr. DiBella

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

