

**RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661**

*“Building Bright Futures Together”*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – April 9, 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 7:45 PM.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Dansky read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Mr. Busteed was absent.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

**SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Claudia O’Neil asked a question regarding a motion on the agenda approving the revised 2014-2015 school calendar. Dr. Ben-Dov answered her question.

P.A.R.C.C. Field Test Feedback –Marisa Kossoy and Julia Diminich

Ms. Kossoy and Ms. Diminich gave a presentation on the P.A.R.C.C. Field Test that was taken at Roosevelt School on March 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> in Language Arts by two third grade classes. The district gathered a lot of information from taking this test. River Edge tested the infrastructure and we were successful. The administrators came to the conclusion that more time was needed to prepare students for this test. Ms. Kossoy and Ms. Diminich answered all questions that were asked by the board and the audience.

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov received a letter from Trenton from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The letter stated that the District should not request identification pictures from

parents when registering their children for school. Dr. Ben-Dov spoke to the district's attorney, Steve Fogarty, and he did some research and advised Dr. Ben-Dov not to change our registration requirements until the attorneys representing many New Jersey districts come up with a position they will take.

- Dr. Ben-Dov gave a progress report on the district's space challenges. She met with the architect on March 27<sup>th</sup> and they explored varieties of long and short term suggestions. The principals in each school will fill out a chart of their building to show how they are utilizing each room. A demographic study will be completed once they receive and accept a proposal from a demographer.
- Ms. Kossoy and Ms. Diminch gave an in-depth presentation on the P.A.R.C.C. field test tonight. There will be a Technology Forum for parents on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The forum is a look to the future regarding P.A.R.C.C. Mr. Feldman and our supervisors are working on the Spring Parent Forum for Common Core State Standards and P.A.R.C.C. It will be presented on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Ben-Dov spoke to Mr. Alfred Annunizata in regards to planning a Community Planning Meeting. This was a goal of Dr. Ben-Dov's and they decided to have the meeting on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Kindergarten Orientation went very well and there was a huge crowd. Roosevelt's orientation was on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Hill's will be on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Spring Concerts at both schools were superb. Roosevelt's concert was on Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and Cherry Hill's concert was on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- International Day was held on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and it was very successful.
- There was a C.R.E.A.T.E presentation on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> that went very well.
- Teacher of the Year Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and the Teachers were selected. The winners will be announced tomorrow at the schools.
- The Bi-Boro meeting will not take place as planned. Dr. Ben-Dov asked the board members if they would like a meeting this year and the board responded yes. Dr. Ben-Dov will get a new date and inform the Board.
- On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> five boys will be honored as Eagle Scouts. That is the highest Rank for Boy Scouts. Dr. Ben-Dov asked the board if a board member could attend to present at this ceremony.

## **PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- Mrs. Heitman stated we had a great International Day. She thanked all of the volunteers and said they did a fabulous job.
- Kindergarten orientation was held on Tuesday, April 8th, for Roosevelt and will be on Thursday, April 10th, for Cherry Hill.
- REEF is sponsoring the Harlem Wizards show on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at River Dell Middle School.
- Both schools had a great Spring Concert. The children did a fantastic job.
- Arbor Day celebrations will be held on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in both schools.
- The Cherry Hill Book Fair will be the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>
- The Cherry Hill Art Show will be held on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

- It has been a busy year. Teachers and students are working hard on finishing end of the year projects.
- There will be two presentations for Tony Vouvalides on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first one will be at 3:00 PM at Roosevelt School where it will be the unveiling of the plaque dedicating the Discovery Lab to him. The second will be at 3:30 PM at the River Edge Public Library where the Roosevelt PTO is presenting an artistic tile to him for his service to the River Edge School District.

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated the Board will be voting on the two motions tonight for the Roof Project. One is to authorize execution and delivery of the SDA Grant Agreement and the other is authorizing Ms. Salvati to supervise the project.
- There is a resolution on tonight's agenda awarding the bid for the Roosevelt Bathroom Renovation. Once approved, the demolition can start on Monday.
- The roof bid opening was held on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The lowest bid was within our budget.
- Lighting detectors will be installed at both schools next week and additional lighting was installed by the front entrance to Roosevelt School. It will operate by motion sensors.
- Ms. Salvati reminded the board members that the online Disclosure Statements must be submitted to the County by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Myers had nothing to report on

### **COMMITTEES**

- Mr. DiBella attended a Curriculum meeting on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. They spoke about Math Curriculum at this meeting.

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

Motion By Mr. DiBella  
Seconded By Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 26, 2014, March 5, 2014, and March 8, 2014 Board Meetings.
2. That the Board of Education approve the confidential minutes of the March 5, 2014 Board Meeting.
3. That the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for April 2014 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

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

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	March 11, 2014 Fire Drill March 26, 2014 Lock Down Drill
Roosevelt School	March 24, 2014 Lock Down Drill March 28, 2014 Fire Drill

5. That the Board of Education approve the following class trips:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
4/22/14	Cherry Hill	2	Tenafly Nature Center Tenafly, NJ	\$960.00
5/7/14	Roosevelt	2	The Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$1056.00
5/15/14 and 5/16/14	Roosevelt	5	Hackensack River Keeper at the Meadowlands Secaucus, NJ	\$1200.00

6. That the Board of Education approve the River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. (Addendum)

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

**CURRICULUM/EDUCATION** - None

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley  
Seconded by Ms. Walker

1. WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, has undertaken a School Facilities Project entitled, "Roof Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School" Project DOE Project #4410-030-14-1002 SDA Project #4410-030-14-G1GR (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board sought to obtain funding for the Grant Project pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the SDA"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board received a proposed Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Agreement") from the SDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the Grant Agreement, as well as the governing regulations, N.J.A.C. 19:32-1, et seq., the Board is required to fulfill certain obligations as a condition to receiving the grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to enter into the Grant Agreement in accordance with the terms set forth therein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement to the Board President and the School Business Administrator.

2. **WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, has undertaken a School Facilities Project entitled, "Roof Replacement at Cherry Hill Elementary School" Project, DOE Project #4410-030-14-1002 SDA Project #4410-030-14-G1GR (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board sought to obtain funding for the Grant Project pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the SDA"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board received a proposed Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Agreement") from the SDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the Grant Agreement, as well as the governing regulations, N.J.A.C. 19:32-1, et seq., the Board is required to maintain a project file for the Grant Project and to fulfill certain obligations as a condition to receiving the grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that administration of the Grant Project will be facilitated if the responsibilities for maintaining the project file and for fulfilling the grant obligations are centralized to the Business Office.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the responsibilities for maintaining the project file and for fulfilling the grant obligations shall be centralized to the Business Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the delegation of authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project.

3. **WHEREAS**, the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") advertised for bids for the Toilet Renovation at Roosevelt Elementary School Phase II (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2014, the Board received eight (8) bids for the project, as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Alltec, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Alltec") with a base bid in the amount of \$44,669.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by Alltec is responsive in all material respects and the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the Project to Alltec;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby awards the bid for the Toilet Renovation at Roosevelt Elementary School Phase II to Alltec, Inc., in the total contract sum of \$44,669.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft an agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for this project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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

**FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. That the Board of Education accept the list of donations in memory of Erika Steinbauer for the Building Bridges Program in the amount of \$2,750.00. (List is on file in the Board Office)

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

**PERSONNEL**

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Leetal Birger, Full Time ABA Aide, effective May 27, 2014.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Jeanmarie Kossuth  
Julie Osterlof  
Alison Stephen  
Eloise Tietjen

3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Jennifer Glaydura to commence on, or about September 2, 2014 through October 20, 2014, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective October 21, 2014 through January 12, 2014 and a Child Rearing leave of absence through January 30, 2014.

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

**RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION** – None

**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Mr. Sim  
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid results from the March 26, 2014 Bid.

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
2069	Jacoups	\$70.00
2070	Pro Trans.	\$145.00
2071	Destiny 23	\$130.00
2072	Pro Trans.	\$120.00
2073	Jacoups	\$85.00
2074	Pro Trans.	\$130.00
2075	First Student 1309	\$151.25
2076	First Student 1309	\$165.10

2. That the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Joint Transportation Agreement between SBJC (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
3. That the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Region I (Joiner).
4. That the Board of Education approve the following Addendum Route # 1132 Contract for Durham School Services.

<b>Route #</b>	<b>Transporter</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
1132	Stillman School	\$123.58
	Final Adjusted Contract	\$247.16

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

Motion by Mr. DiBella  
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

5. **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.

Evolve Enterprises LLC	Social Worker
H&M Occupational Therapy LLC	Occupational Therapist
Michele McMahon Educational Consultant LLC	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Laura Guider	Teacher of Handicapped
Pro Trans School Transportation LLC	Transporter
Steven Weunsch	Behaviorist
Lauren Gallo	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Vincent DiPersia	Physical Therapist
Jennifer Schoenbrun	Occupational Therapist
Kathleen Pardo	Teacher of Handicapped
Lauren Dispoto	Speech and Language Specialist
Edward Kusaksizyan	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Caren Care LLC	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jacoups Transportation	Transporter
*Sara Tarzik	Nonpublic Consultant

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Dansky

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Kara O'Donnell, parent, asked about the status of the third grade to fourth grade movement. Dr. Ben-Dov answered her question

Claudia Rudolph, parent, asked about splitting of the two schools. Dr. Ben-Dov answered her question.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:48 PM made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. DiBella

Patricia Salvati  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator