

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – May 28, 2014

7:30 PM Public Meeting

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Multi-Purpose Room, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Dansky called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. DiBella read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Ms. Dansky; Mr. DiBella; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, Mrs. Heitman, Ms. Rosen, Ms. Kossoy, Mrs. Kuruc, and approximately sixty five members of the public.

Mr. Busteed arrived at 8:05 PM
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

Dr. Ben-Dov welcomed parents, students, families, and colleagues to our Teacher of the Year ceremony. She stated this is one of the best evenings of the year. She explained the process through which the teachers are selected for this achievement. She congratulated the three Teachers of the Year and had each of them come up to accept the honor.

Mrs. Heitman, Ms. Kossoy, Ms. Rosen, and Mrs. Kuruc congratulated each of the Teachers they supervised on the honor of being Teacher of the Year and spoke about each teacher's contributions to the district. The Board of Education presented flowers, a Golden Apple, and a certificate to each teacher. In addition, the PTOs and students presented the Teachers with flowers and a Gift Card. The teachers thanked everyone and commented on their teaching experience in River Edge.

Motion by Mr. Busteed
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

that the Board of Education authorize \$500.00 each to Cherry Hill School, Roosevelt School, and New Bridge Center for the Teacher Recognition Award for the 2013-2014 school year, to be spent at the discretion of each Teacher of the Year for the benefit of the school.

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

Reception

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- NJASK testing has been completed. Students seemed better prepared and more comfortable with this year's testing based on students' and teachers reports.
- A parent informational evening titled: "Common Knowledge of The Common Core and PARCC" was held on Monday, May 12, 2014 and it was well attended. Julia Diminich, the Literacy Supervisor, Kristen Crawford, the Math Supervisor, and Bill Feldman, the Tri-District Curriculum Supervisor, spoke about the Common Core and PARCC, the overview of the current Curricular Shifts, Implementation of the CCSS in Mathematics, Integrating English Language Arts in CCSS, and Gianna Apicella, the Behavior Analyst and Instructional Supervisor, discussed how parents can support student learning.
- Dr. Ben-Dov stated there will be a free mathematics website for students to use and it will be available starting this summer.
- REEF presented the Harlem Wizards vs the REEF Rebels at River Dell High School on Saturday, May 17th. It was greatly attended with 700 people present. There was staff participation and everyone had a great time.
- On Wednesday, May 28, 2014 Cherry Hill, Roosevelt, and New Bridge Center had a Walkathon to Celebrate Uniqueness.
- Open House and Science Celebrations is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014.
- There will be a Community Planning Meeting with Mr. Alfred Annunizata, New Jersey School Boards Representative, on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.
- The administrators are very busy with staffing, placement decisions, and hiring new teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.
- The next edition of R.E.A.C.H will be available at the end of this week.
- Thursday, May 29, 2014, is the Bergen County Teacher of the Year Luncheon that will be held at The Fiesta in Wood Ridge. Dr. Ben-Dov is chairperson of this event. River Edge Teachers will be attending.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- It is a busy time of the year. Teachers and students are working hard on finishing end of the year projects and lots of meetings are taking place.
- Field Days are taking place and will continue over the next few weeks.
- Middle School orientation for the current 6th grade classes will be held on Friday, June 6, 2014.
- The Cherry Hill Recorder Concert was held on Wednesday, May 21st and it was well attended.
- The 5th and 6th grade Health Fair was held on Friday, May 16th.
- The Cherry Hill Award Ceremony will take place on June 20th.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The Bathroom Renovations at Roosevelt School are almost complete.
- The Board Members are signed up for the 2014 NJSBA Workshop and the hotel is booked for the convention.
- The November election petition sheets are now available. Ms. Salvati will hand them out at the next board meeting.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Dansky reported on the following:

- Ms. Dansky stated the Policy Committee will talk tonight about the Re-registration of all students starting in the fall of 2014.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. DiBella and Mr. Sim attended a Policy Committee where they discussed the re-registration of students starting in the fall.
- Ms. Walker and Ms. Dansky attended the Delegate Assembly on Saturday, May 17, 2014

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 March 19, 2014, April 9, 2014 and April 23, 2014.
2. That the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of March 19, 2014 and April 23, 2014.

3. That the Board of Education approve the following bus evacuation drills:

Class	Date	Time
Pre-k P.M.	4/28/14	12:15 PM
Building Bridges Preschool	4/28/14	2:00 PM
Building Bridges (Primary Class) and Building Connections (Primary and Elem Class)	5/12/14	1:45 PM

4. That the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
6147.1	Evaluation of Individual Student Performances
5141	Health
6145	Extracurricular Activities
5145.4	Equal Employment Opportunity
4111	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
5141.6	School Clearance Following Crisis Situation

5. That the Board of Education approve the following State Contract vendors for 2013-2014.

Spruce Industries	Contract #83721	Custodial Supplies
Northeast Janitorial	MRESC #12/13 - 65	Custodial Supplies
CDW Government (Cisco)	Contract# A83083	Technology
Keyboard Consultants	MRESC #12/13- 18	Technology

6. **WHEREAS** the River Edge Board of Education has requested and received a detailed proposal for the replacement of multifunctional copiers; and

WHEREAS the River Edge Board of Education has selected to lease ten (10) new Savin digital copiers under NJ State Contract A51464.

RESOLVED that the River Edge Board of Education approve the lease agreement with Municipal Capital Finance, 4600 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104.

Lease terms: \$3,680.00 per month for 60 months

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

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
6/12/2014	Roosevelt	5	Bronx Zoo Bronx, NY	\$1,000.00

8. That the Board of Education approve the 2014 Summer Enrichment Program

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

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

BUILDING & GROUNDS - None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Walker

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May, 2014 totaling \$435,644.11 including checks #36204 through #36300. Payrolls dated April 11, 2014 and April 30, 2014, totaling \$1,058,040.16 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Mr. DiBella, Mr. Sim

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Ms. Walker
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2013-2014 as of March 31, 2014. (Addendum)

3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending March 31, 2014.

Further, we certify that as of March 31, 2014 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 overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Addendum)

4. That the Board of Education accept the list of donations in memory of Erika Steinbauer for the Building Bridges Program in the amount of \$68.00. (List is on file in the Board Office)

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Mary Ellen Cameron, part-time health aide, 19 hours per week for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Karen Horn, Nancy Hurm and Kate Castellvi part-time clerical aides, for a maximum of 23 hours per week from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
3. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kaitlin Keelan, Part-Time Computer Technician, for a maximum of 23 hours per week from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Tenured Staff for the 2014-2015 school year as per the list, on file in the District Office.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Non-tenured Staff for the 2014-2015 school year as per the list, on file in the District Office.
6. That the Board of Education approve the Board Office Support Staff Salaries for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 on file in the District Office.
7. That the Board of Education approve, John Lyons, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a salary on file in the District Office.
8. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Amy Falk, Leave Replacement Teacher for Keri Rehns, from June 2, 2014 through June 30, 2014, BA+15, Step 1-2.
9. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Pitingolo, 6th Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2014.
10. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Amy Falk
11. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a Maternity/Disability leave of absence for Danielle Rigg to commence on or about September 11, 2014 through December 5, 2014, to be followed by a State Family leave of absence effective December 8, 2014 through March 6, 2015.
12. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Student Teachers, from September 2, 2014 to December 11, 2014.

Cara Clinton
Alison Stephen

13. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as a Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Cara Clinton
Alison Stephen

14. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the River Edge Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") appoints Patricia Salvati as the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the River Edge School District for the period beginning on or about July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Patricia Salvati for the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the foregoing period of appointment, which Employment Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Patricia Salvati.

15. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Holly Fox, School Library Media Specialist, from September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, MA+15, Step 6.
16. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Noy Sapir, Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2014, BA, Step 1-2.

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

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

1. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Revised Community Based Instruction Schedule for the 2013-2014 school year. (Addendum)

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

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mr. Busteed
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated May, 2014 totaling \$705,716.14 including checks #62455 through #62608.
2. That the Board of Education approve the following Addendum Contract for Durham School Services

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
1133	Stillman Pre School	\$119.73
Second bus added to route	Final adjusted contract amount	\$239.46

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Morgan Educational

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q176	Maywood Avenue School	\$175.00
Q177	Memorial School Maywood	\$177.00

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q178	David E. Owens	\$125.00

5. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for EZ Ride Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q172	Smith School	\$108.00

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to convene the Closed Session at 9:45 PM made by Mr. DiBella and seconded by Mr. Sim

Motion to adjourn the Closed Session at 10:00 PM made by Mr. Busteed and seconded by Mr. DiBella

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:01 PM made by Mrs. Buckley and seconded by Ms. Walker

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator