

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting August 28, 2013**

**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, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Mrs. Myers read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker, also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Salvati, and approximately two 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-None

Board Self Evaluations - Alfred Annunziata

Alfred Annunziata from New Jersey School Boards Association reviewed the board's self-evaluation. Discussions were held regarding the results in each area. The River Edge Board of Education ranked high in all areas.

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Summer is coming to a close and we are finalizing all preparations for the 2013-2014 School Year. The Building and Grounds projects that took place this summer are complete.

- Our total enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year is 1,157 students. In Cherry Hill there are four 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes. Three classes have 22 students and one has 23 students. In Roosevelt there are three 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes with 22 students. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade Cherry Hill has four classes with 24 students and Roosevelt has room for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade Roosevelt has two classes with 25 students and one with 24 students and Cherry Hill's numbers are not high in 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Kindergarten has a total of seven classes, six classes with 20 students and one class with 21 students.
- New Teacher Orientation was held on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 27<sup>h</sup>. Dr. Ben-Dov stated seven teachers attended including the new librarian that anticipated start date is in September. She should be released from her district soon.
- The district's new Webmaster for the 2013-2014 school year is Paul Garafano
- Bill Feldman, the Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum, joined the new teacher orientation on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> along with the interim Superintendent of Oradell Mr. Larry Hughes.
- The dates for the Bi-Boro meeting will be established on Thursday, August 29, 2013
- Dr. Ben-Dov held a forum to address any concerns or questions that the teachers had regarding the supervisory plan. It was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 35 teachers attended and she received good feedback from it.
- The first day of school for teachers is September 3, 2013 and it will be a Professional Day. Stronge training will take place all day.
- Dr. Ben-Dov and the River Edge Administrators attended a Stronge Evaluation training today at the River Dell Middle School. The training was for the principals and administrators who will also have to create goals for the year that are based on student growth.
- The new teacher board meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2013
- Back to School Night for New Bridge Center will be on Monday, September 23, 2013 and Cherry Hill and Roosevelt will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2013.
- Dr. Ben-Dov is sending letters out to the parents on Thursday, August 29, 2013 regarding the allergy policy and the new support positions created in district.

**PRINCIPAL** - None

**BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- DiCara and Rubino are finishing up the Rod Grant Application and Ms. Salvati will deliver the paperwork needed to complete the application to their office on Thursday, August 29, 2013.

- The district is booked for the NJSBA Fall Conference on October 22-24, 2013. The hotel rooms must be paid for by September 23, 2013. Refunds will be allowed up October 13, 2013.
- Ms. Salvati is waiting to hear from the town about the revised shared service plan regarding the Lighting Detection System.

### **PRESIDENT**

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo cannot attend the staff address on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 so Ms. Dansky will attend in her place.
- Ms. Di Maulo will invite Mr. Alfred Annunziata to the October 30<sup>th</sup> board meeting to discuss the 2013-2014 Board Goals.

### **COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Dansky stated New Jersey School Board's first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 and the topic will be on Special Education.
- New Board Members will have an orientation the last week of February and the location will be announced shortly.
- There will be a Board of Education Leadership Training on February 8, 2013
- Ms. Dansky attended a meeting at River Dell Middle School last week regarding Officers of Professional Educators Organization of Bergen.

### **MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON**

#### **ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of July 31, 2013.

that the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of July 31, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for August 2013 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the list on file in the district office of pupil records maintained in the district for the 2013-2014 school year. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Title
5141.21	Food Allergies

that the Board of Education approves for dual use of rooms 130 and 131 in the Cherry Hill School for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the Special Milk Pricing at rate of .33 per day for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Nays: None

#### **CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 school year attendance of specific students at Cherry Hill or Roosevelt School which is other than their customary neighborhood school.(Addendum)

that the Board of Education approves to amend the motion of July 31, 2013 to approve Success for All Preschool Curriculum Consultant for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for \$2,150.00

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

Nays: None

#### **FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated August 2013 totaling \$704,605.91 including checks #35345 through #35405 . (Addendum) Payrolls dated July 1, 2013 and July 15, 2013, totaling \$180,442.87 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list to be attached as part of these minutes. Payrolls dated July15, 2013 and July 31, 2013, totaling \$368,241.12 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list to be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve the license agreement with the Extended School Program for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the filing of the IDEA 2013-2014 Grant Application

Basic IDEA Grant \$135,671	Pre-School IDEA Grant \$10,048
Basic Non-Public \$203,918	Pre-School Non-Public \$5,526
Total \$339,589	Total \$15,574

that the Board of Education approve the Change Orders for the Toilet Renovation Project at Cherry Hill Elementary School.

Company	Change Order #	Dollar Amount
Aero Plumbing and Heating	GC-01	(\$800.00)
Aero Plumbing and Heating	GC-02	\$0.00
Aero Plumbing and Heating	GC-03	\$0.00
Aero Plumbing and Heating	GC-04	(\$30.00)

that the Board of Education approve the Change Order for the Ceiling and Lighting Project at Cherry Hill Elementary School.

Company	Change Order #	Dollar Amount
Northeastern Interiors	GC-01	\$0.00

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

Nays: None

## PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Stan Stevens, Cherry Hill and Mark Jentz, Roosevelt as Lead Custodians for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alexandra Schmidt, Full-Time ABA Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kathleen Murtha, Part-time Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Ashley Gonnella, Part-time Aide, effective August 8, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alrick Douglas, Full-Time ABA Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Patricia Rodriguez, Part-time Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Karen Cabany, P/T Lunch Aide, for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the following individual for the movement on the step guide based on educational credentials effective September 1, 2013.

Tara Benevento from MA+15 to MA+30

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kimberly Chamberlain, Part-time Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Elizabeth Shuler, Part-time Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alyson Herrick, Part-time Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Janice Mawdsley, Part-time Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Rosa Marisela Best, Full-Time ABA Aide, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education approve Paul Garafano as the Webmaster for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the submission of the following Superintendent Merit Goals to the Executive County Superintendent for the 2013 - 2014 school year

**Quantitative:**

1. To increase Technology skills of staff by working with the Instructional Technology Coach to implement technology into core curriculum subjects and to implement the electronic component of the Stronge Evaluation System.

2. To improve writing skills of grade four students: 50% of students in grade four will improve by one rubric from their fall score to their spring score or show improvement on their Language Arts clusters of writing on the NJASK.

To improve writing skills of grade five students: 40% of students in grade five will improve by one rubric from their fall score to their spring score or show improvement on their Language Arts clusters of writing on the NJASK.

1. To implement successfully, the three new Instructional Supervisors/Coaches positions with the goal of addressing close monitoring of instruction and student achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

**Qualitative:**

1. To coordinate the manner in which support systems for struggling students are implemented in the River Edge School District. Specifically; to assure a cohesive interface between and implementation of Response to Intervention, Basic Skills Instruction, the Intervention & Referral Services Process, and Child Study Team Referrals in River Edge Schools.

2. To improve the River Edge School Culture and enhance students' understanding of Anti-bullying laws through ongoing character education, close monitoring of behavior, and community surveys.

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

Nays: None

**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated August 2013 totaling \$447,484.11 including checks #61432 through #61621.

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Town & Country Bus

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q154	JCC Tenafly	\$86.90

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Valley Transportation

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
2022	Brownstone	\$177.00
2023	CBI Tech	\$170.00
2024	Children's Therapy Fairlawn	\$288.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for ABC Transportation

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q142	Berkley School	\$93.80
Q149	Tenafly Middle School	\$78.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Radiant Transportation

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q153	New Bridges Rockleigh	\$160.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for S&D Transportation

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
Q152	TCI High School	\$150.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for S&D Transportation

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
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Q151	Coles Elementary	\$119.00
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that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Town & Country Bus

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q154	JCC Tenafly	\$86.90

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for First Choice Transportation

Route #	School	Per Diem
1744	Children's Institute	\$181.01
1747	Banyan/New Beginnings	\$221.24
1977	Garden Academy	\$187.81

**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.

Geri Powder	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Gisele A Winkler Brown	Physical Therapist
Stephanie Morgan	Teacher of the Deaf
Colette Robinson Doctor of Physical Therapy LLC	Physical Therapist
Abel Casteneda	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Meryl Schreiber	Speech and Language Specialist
Haber Associates	Speech and Language Specialist
Victoria Wozniak	Social Worker
Elizabeth Church	Behaviorist
Ellen Muhlberg	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Anita Lovallo	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Elissa Siev	Occupational Therapist
Victoria Fitzpatrick	Speech and Language Specialist
Kellie Tomago	Speech and Language Specialist

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for F. S. Transportation

Route #	School	Per Diem
1987	LREI N.Y.C.	\$191.92

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for First Student 1310-Rochelle Park

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
0798	River Dell Middle School	\$173.09
0829	Bleshman	\$209.11
1119	Washington South	\$215.18
1598	Sage Day Rochelle Park	\$202.32
1817	Bergen County Vocational HS	\$73.03

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for First Student 1309-Englewood

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
1030	Valley Norwood	\$224.79
1594	Sage Day Rochelle Park	\$151.76
1902	Bryan Merrit	\$268.34
1909	New Bridges/Rockleigh	\$195.68
1985	Springboard	\$155.23

that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Transportation Services Agreement between Region V (Host) and PCESC (Joiner).

that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Transportation Services Agreement between Region V (Host) and Red Bank (Joiner).

that the Board of Education approve the Renewal Contract for Town & Country

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
1125	YCS Hackensack	\$191.77
1611	Brownstone	\$194.61
1855	Leonia H.S./Evergreen	\$141.74
1950	Clearview Academy/Lakeview	\$144.21
1990	TCI	\$198.32
2029	Washington South/Montesano-Paramus	\$141.90

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for D & M Tours

<b>Route #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>
1986	Barnstable	\$183.70
1992	LCEC	\$178.58

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

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education adjourns the regular public meeting at 9:05 PM.

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator