

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

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – September 11, 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, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Walker read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

**SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- The 2013-2014 school year is off to a great start. The custodians, teachers, secretaries, and the administrative team did a fantastic job with getting the school ready for opening day.
- Dr. Ben-Dov went over some of the summer projects. They were: the Asbestos Abatement, connecting the outdoors speakers to the intercom at both schools, Ceiling and Lighting replacements, adding motion sensors to the cameras, painting, air conditioning cleaning, new message board at New Bridge Center, added more cameras at both schools, gym floors got waxed, repairs to the roof at Roosevelt School, and the boilers were cleaned.

- The shared service agreement with the River Edge Board of Education and the River Edge Borough Hall regarding the lighting detection system needs to be revised and will, hopefully, be on the September 25, 2013 agenda for approval.
- All teachers and administrators were trained in all components of the Stronge Evaluation System. There is still a great deal of “behind the scenes” work so that the system can be up and running electronically. On Wednesday, September 18, 2013 there will be training on the online component called Oasys.
- DEAC Committee (District Evaluation Advisory Committee) will start meeting this month. The district is looking for a parent from Roosevelt School to join the DEAC committee.
- The district is forming a data team regarding assessments and how they benefit us. It will help teachers address students’ needs based on assessments. It will also compare our STAR benchmarking assessment results to the NJASK.
- NJ ASK results came in and we will analyze them in three different ways: 1. Incoming teachers will get the scores of their current students. 2. Last year’s teachers will get the scores for his/her last year’s students 3. Longitudinal scores for students will be compiled.
- 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. There will be a survey on each student’s desk for parents to fill out regarding their goals for the 2013-2014.

### **PRINCIPAL**

Ms. Kossoy reported on the following:

- The 2013-2014 school year opening was successful. The teachers and custodians did an excellent job with preparing the school for the start of the school year.
- Ms. Kossoy has met with many parents already at drop off and pick up. She has stopped in every classroom and met with the students.
- Ms. Kossoy stated that she has received a warm welcome to the River Edge District by parents and students and is thrilled to be here.
- The teachers had Stronge Evaluation training on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.
- Paul Garofano, our new Instructional Technology Coach, has set up meetings with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to go over the new Goggle Chrome Books.
- Back to School Night is Tuesday, September 24, 2013

### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- The audit started today and the auditors will be here approximately for the next two weeks.
- There are new state requirements for administrating Non Public Nursing Aid. They were developed to increase oversight and accountability for the use of funds. Ms. Salvati met with all four private schools and went over the checklist with them.

- Ms. Salvati has been spending time with Region V, getting familiar with their work, getting to know how they use their systems, and gaining information on their operation.
- Ms. Salvati would like to know by October 13, 2013 the status of the Board Members attending the NJSBA Convention.

### **PRESIDENT**

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Ms. Di Maulo invited 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.
- Mr. Busted attended a Mayor and Councils meeting on Monday, August 5, 2013 and they spoke about the Lighting Detection System and the fitness classes that will be held on Friday nights at New Bridge Center.
- Mr. Sim spoke about the Korean Overseas Exchange Program.

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

#### **ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 28, 2013 Board Meeting.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Busted

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education renew the Interlocal Agreement with the River Dell School District for the coordination of curriculum services between River Dell, Oradell and River Edge School Districts for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the revised 2013 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between River Edge Elementary Schools and River Edge Law Enforcement Officials for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve Wendy Walker, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve Mary Kay Buckley, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mrs. Buckley

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve Gyuchang Sim, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Sim

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve Paris Myers, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mrs. Myers

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approve Sheli Dansky, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Dansky

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve Colin Busted, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Busted

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve Lucy Di Maulo, River Edge Board Member, to attend the NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Di Maulo

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent and Patricia Salvati, Business Administrator to attend NJSBA Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2013.

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

Nays: None

## CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and St. Peter's Academy to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Sinai School at RYNJ to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approve the contract between the River Edge Board of Education and Yeshiva of North Jersey to provide Non-public Nursing Services for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Nays: None

## FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Walker

**Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Education of the River Edge School District wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$55,000.00 in 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant funds for Handicapped Accessible Improvements to Roosevelt School; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Patricia Salvati to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Patricia Salvati to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board of Education recognized that the River Edge School District is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of Board Members is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2AL53A-7 et. seq.

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

Nays: None

**PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mrs. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Mary Genneken, School Library Media Specialist, starting, September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Lauren Meccia, Part-time Aide, effective August 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Christine Pfeiffer, Part-time Aide, effective August 30, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as Student Teachers, from September 12, 2013 to December 12, 2013.

Mengxi Chen  
Lauren Slade

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following as a Substitute Teachers for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Mengxi Chen  
Lauren Slade

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Margaret Belger, Clerical Aide, effective September 17, 2013.

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Nigel Pieters, Part-time Computer Technician, effective September 25, 2013.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Marie Davis, Part-time Aide, for the 2013-2014 school year.

that the Board of Education approves Maria Pepe and Andrea Meher as the Primary Project Aides for the 2013-2014 School Year.

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

Nays: None

**RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Tuition Contract with Bergen County Special Services, for a student whose name is on file in the Board Office, for \$62,172.00. This includes the extended school year for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Nays: None

**REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

**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.

Laurie Bronstein	Occupational Therapist
Simara Bruhim	Behaviorist
Eileen Mulcahey	Physical Therapist
Haber and Associates	Speech and Language Specialist
Ellen Muhlberg	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Hetal Naik	Behaviorist/Psychologist
Ivy Kagan	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Megan Toomey Lynch	Psychologist
Michelle Goodman	Behaviorist
Paula Varrassi	Social Worker
Sharon Kaplan	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
Vivian Genn	Occupational Therapist



Michel Telem	Consultant
Diane Harrison	Vision Consultant
Julie Dock	Vision Consultant
Leslie Harmony	Speech and Language Specialist
Valerie McBurney	Social Worker
Teaneck Speech and Language	Speech and Language Specialist

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

Nays: None

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education convened into closed session at 8:34 PM to discuss a legal matter.

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

Nays: None

### **RECONVENE**

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 8:55 PM.

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

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:00 PM.

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator