

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

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – September 25, 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 7:45 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Busted read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were; Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busted; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Ms. Walker; also present were Ms. Salvati, Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Heitman 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

Tri-District Professional Development - Bill Feldman

Mr. Bill Feldman, Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, spoke about the curriculum work taking place, professional development, and plans he has at this point in time for the district. Mr. Feldman answered questions the Board had on the presentation.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov discussed the development of Student Growth Objectives. She stated Student Growth Objectives are driven by the profile of the student population in every class. Teachers need to know their students well before setting goals for them. They are in the process of assessing all students for baseline data.
- Dr. Ben-Dov announced the district was selected for a field test in March for PARC Assessment. Two third grade classes from Roosevelt School will be chosen in Language

Arts only. Dr. Ben-Dov has met with the administrators, Mr. Garofano, and Ms. Diminich to discuss mechanisms to facilitate readiness for all students.

- All staff was hired for the 2013-2014 school year. On tonight's agenda there is a resolution for hiring a part time Technology Assistant and a part time Clerical Aide for Roosevelt School.
- Cherry Hill has a clock challenge. The electricians caused a shortage when they were doing the wiring upgrade, on Friday, they will come and try to repair it.
- Mr. John Lyons met with the experts regarding the Lighting Detection System. We know that the first year of maintenance is free but we still need answers on who is responsible for maintenance moving forward.
- Dr. Ben-Dov and Ms. Salvati will attend a negotiations workshop on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at Seton Hall.
- Dr. Ben-Dov met with Mr. Ray Gant and Ms. Jennifer Goswami, REEF presidents, today to discuss REEF goals. The 2nd Annual REEF Chili Challenge, which is a big REEF fundraiser, will take place on October 6, 2013. They are moving forward and have many plans. REEF also sponsored a wonderful staff breakfast for all three schools. It was greatly appreciated. She will present the themes that emerge to the board.
- All Back to School Nights were successful. Surveys were left on each student's desk for parents to fill out regarding their goals for River Edge school district for 2013-2014. The surveys came to the Board Office today and Dr. Ben-Dov will go over and work on them before Mr. Alfred Annunizata attends the October 30th goal setting board meeting.
- Week of Respect will be during the week of October 7, 2013
- There will be a Tri-District meeting held on the evening of Wednesday, October 2nd at Cherry Hill School. River Edge is the host district this year.
- Principal Evaluation laws were discussed at the Superintendents Round Table. This was supposed to be a pilot this year but has become a mandate that we will be implementing.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following for Cherry Hill:

- The 2013-2014 school year is off to a smooth start.
- There have been some changes to our lunch times. There are less children in each session. Kindergarten is eating in the Multi-purpose Room. Administrators are doing rotations during lunch duty.
- Cherry Hill, Roosevelt, and New Bridge Center all had wonderful Back to School nights. They all had big audiences and got great feedback.
- REEF had a wonderful breakfast for all three schools this morning. It was much appreciated.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati will reach out to the board members regarding their Governance training that is needed.
- Governance training will be available during the NJSBA 2013 Workshop
- The Lighting Detection System will not go on the roof instead it will go on the pole. Ms. Salvati is waiting to hear back from the Borough on the maintenance responsibility for the equipment.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo had nothing to report

COMMITTEES

- Mrs. Buckley volunteered herself as the Roosevelt PTO Liaison for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Ms. Dansky stated New Jersey School Board's first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.
- Ms. Dansky stated the results are delayed for the Special Education Task Force. The results should be available in a couple of months.
- Ms. Dansky was appointed on the Special Education State Committee. She will be serving on that committee.

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

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

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

that the Board of Education approves the following class trip:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
10/11/13	Cherry Hill	3	Sterling Mine Ogdensburg, NJ	\$1,045.00
10/11/13	Cherry Hill Ms. Rehns	5	Fort Lee Historical Park Fort Lee, NJ	\$146.25

10/16/13	Cherry Hill Ms. Salvatore	5	Fort Lee Historical Park Fort Lee, NJ	\$146.25
10/17/13	Cherry Hill Ms. Haggerty	5	Fort Lee Historical Park Fort Lee, NJ	\$146.25
10/18/13	Cherry Hill Ms. Rush	5	Fort Lee Historical Park Fort Lee, NJ	\$146.25

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 Board Meeting.

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

Nays: None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated September, 2013 totaling \$395,200.30 including checks #35406 through #35524. Payrolls dated August 15, 2013 and August 30, 2013, totaling \$258,244.99 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mr. Sim

that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2013-2014 as of July, 2013. (Addendum)

that the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending July 31, 2013.

Further, we certify that as of July 31, 2013, 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)

that the Board of Education approve the Change Orders for the Ceiling and Lights Replacement Project at Cherry Hill Elementary School.

Company	Change Order #	Dollar Amount
Northeastern Interiors	GC-02	\$0.00
Northeastern Interiors	GC-03	(\$5,100.01)

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Sim

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

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

Rebecca DelPriore
 Tammy Lenihan
 Stephanie Piccinich
 Kam Walenza

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kathleen McKinless, Part-time Aide, starting, September 26, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kaitlin Keelan, Part-time Technology Assistant, starting, September 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kate Castellvi, Part-time Clerical Aide, starting, September 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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

Nays: None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education table until October 16, 2013 the approval of the Bid Contracts for Durham School Services

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
0553	Community Lower School	\$137.57
1117	HIP @ Union Street	\$169.63
1132	Stillman Pre-School	\$123.58
1133	Stillman Pre-School	\$119.73
1523	SBJC	\$212.71
1536	Transition Center Woodbridge	\$208.37

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

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated September, 2013 totaling \$25,552.24 including checks #61622 through #61657.

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2043	High Point	\$129.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for EZ Ride

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2034	Children's Institute/Verona	\$180.00
2036	Midland Park High School	\$154.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for First Choice

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q156	Berkley Street/New Milford	\$124.00

that the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contract for John Leckie

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2039	Academy at B.C./Hackensack	\$80.77

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for John Leckie

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
0771	Felician School	\$199.10
0902	Ridgefield Memorial H.S.	\$230.63
OH31	Slocum/Skewes	\$199.58
1023	Holmstead School	\$153.59
1772	New Bridge Center @ Cherry Hill	\$209.60
1907	Sawtelle Montclair	\$212.16

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.

Judith Engelbart-Knee	Psychologist
Rivka Chudnoff	Physical Therapist
Yael Bloom	PT
Stacey Gardin	Occupational Therapist
Nikola Coleski	Consultant
Shelly Napolitano	Speech and Language Specialist
Jennifer Shoenfeld	Speech and Language Specialist

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, 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 9:20 PM.

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati

Board Secretary/Business Administrator

