

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – July 30, 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, Cherry Hill School, 410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Buckley read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Ms. Dansky; Mr. DiBella; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Salvati, and approximately five members of the public.

Mr. Busteed arrived at 8:50 PM.
Ms. Walker was absent.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Salvati read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

That the Board of Education convene into closed session at 7:40 PM to discuss a Personnel Matter.

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

RECONVENE

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Mr. Sim

That the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 8:35 PM.

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

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Re-Registration

Dr. Ben-Dov read the drafted re-registration letter to the board members. She wanted to make clear the purpose of re-registration and establish a timeline for parents. This letter will go home to parents in late August. There will be six sessions for re-registration and it will go in alphabetical order. She would like experienced secretarial staff to conduct the registration and also have one law enforcement person involved so he/she can follow up on it. The projected budget for the re-registration is \$5,186.00.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Dr. Ben-Dov is busy with search for personnel and observing demo lessons. The positions that still need to be filled are part time basic skills teacher, part time gifted and talented teacher, and two leave replacement positions.
- All evaluations will be submitted to the State by Friday, August 1st. The district learned a lot from implementing this evaluation system for the first time and there will be some modifications for next year. The State is weighing things differently for this school year, more information will follow.
- Dr. Ben-Dov discussed the new schedules. Teachers in grades 3-6 will now have preps during Spanish instead of Library. Teachers will go to the library with their students and work on integrated curriculum, research, and technology skills.
- Dr. Ben-Dov was approached by the Cherry Hill PTO to start an After School Enrichment Program. The proposal was to have the program three days a week, for six weeks. It would be an hour long program and it would start in October. It will be open to both schools. More details and information need to be worked out.
- Dr. Ben-Dov is speaking with the architect regarding the district's space challenges. She is going over suggestions for utilizing our space in the most effective manner.
- Our total enrollment for Kindergarten is 168 Students. There will be a total of eight classes, with 21 students. Dr. Ben-Dov may consider opening up another class if needed. Right now we don't feel that this is a great option.
- Dr. Ben-Dov is preparing for New Teacher Orientation and Professional Development. New Teacher Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 27th and Thursday, August 28th.

PRINCIPAL

No Principal attended this meeting

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Salvati reported on the following:

- Ms. Salvati stated the Roof Replacement project is almost completed. The capping still needs to be done. The fire repairs are completed and paid for by Laumar Roofing.

- There are some leaks above the Board Office windows. Ms. Salvati would like to have them repaired while the contractor is here.
- The Business Office is busy opening up the 2014-2015 school year. The office closed the June 30th financials.
- There are three resolutions on tonight's agenda regarding the Bond Refunding.
- The Bond Counsel will attend the September 3rd Board Meeting.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Myers reported on the following:

- There is a new item on our agenda Old/New Business. This is where the board will be able to discuss any old or new business.
- The deadline for submitting a petition for School board elections was Monday, July 28th. One only candidate applied for the two seats available.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Sim announced the Policy Committee met tonight before the Board Meeting, and they discussed a new policy and the policy updates.
- Mr. Sim attended a REEF Meeting on Monday, July 14th.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. Busted
 Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education approves the completion of the following emergency drills:

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	June 18, 2014 Fire Drill June 19, 2014 Lock Down
Roosevelt School	June 2, 2014 Lock Down June 19, 2014 Fire Drill
Cherry Hill School	July 8, 2014 Fire Drill July 24, 2014 Lock Down
Roosevelt School	July 2, 2014 Fire Drill July 10, 2014 Evacuation Drill

2. That the Board of Education authorize Bergen County Special Services School District to provide non-public student services under the provisions of Chapter 192/193 for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. That the Board of Education authorize Region V to provide non-public student services under the provisions of Chapter 192/193 for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is meeting in public session on July 30, 2014 and it will not meet again in public session until September 3, 2014.

WHEREAS, certain business transactions must necessarily be addressed during the hiatus of public sessions of the Board, including but not limited to, the offering of contracts of employment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to offer contracts of employment on behalf of the Board between July 30, 2014 and September 3, 2014 subject to final approval of the Board.

5. That the Board of Education approve the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills, as necessary, during the month of August which will be ratified at the next Regular Public Meeting.
6. That the Board of Education designate Parsells Agency, Inc. of Closter, New Jersey as the Broker for NESBIG Insurance Fund.
7. That the Board of Education approve the First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
4119.26/4219.26	Electronic Communication by School Staff
5111	Admission
5113	Attendance, Absences, and Excuses
5118	Nonresidents
5131.6	Substance Abuse

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

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

8. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of June 10, 2014.

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

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

9. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of June 25, 2014.

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

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

1. That the Board of Education approve the Health Curriculum- Grades K-12.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS – None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Mr. Busteed

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June 2014 totaling \$269,221.35 including checks #36389 through #36457. Payrolls date June 13, 2014 and June 30, 2014 totaling \$1,134,115.29 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list to be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated July 2014 totaling \$423,872.77 including checks #36458 through #36490. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2013-2014 as of May 31, 2014. (Addendum)
4. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending May 31, 2014.

Further, we certify that as of May 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 over expended 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)

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7. That the Board of Education approve the results of the bids for instructional Supplies from Educational Data Service for the 2014-2015 school year. (Addendum)
8. That the Board of Education ratify the purchase of 2 Macbook Air Laptop carts (50 laptops in total) from Apple Computer Inc. for a total of \$55,547.90 - Contract #B27158.

9. That the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bill List totaling \$319,069.00 issued therefore, and a copy of such warrant list be attached as part of these minutes.

		July 30, 2014	
Service	Vendor	Amount	PO#
RS Bathrooms Renovations	Alltec Inc.	\$41,669.00	14000641
CHS Roof	Laumar Roofing	\$110,200.00	15000414
CHS Roof	Laumar Roofing	\$167,200.00	15000414

10. That the Board of Education authorize the contract with Educational Data Services for Cooperative Bidding Services for Cooperative Skilled Maintenance Trades for a fee of \$1,990.00. (Addendum).

11. **WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2006, The Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$8,855,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt School Bonds dated October 15, 2006 (the "2006 School Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the "Refunding School Bonds") to refund all or a portion of the \$7,210,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2006 School Bonds maturing on October 15, in the years 2017 through 2031, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the "Refunding Bond Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,100,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of public hearing for the Refunding Bond Ordinance in The Record, in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

12. **WHEREAS**, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the undertaking of a refunding and the authorization and the issuance of obligations by The Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

WHEREAS, such special legal services can be provided only by a recognized law firm, and the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is hereby retained to provide specialized bond counsel legal services necessary in connection with the undertaking of a referendum and the authorization and the issuance of obligations by the Board.
2. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute a Bond Services Contract (the "Contract").
3. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding and as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board. The publication required pursuant to Section 5(a) (1) of the School Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:-1 et seq. is hereby authorized.

13. **WHEREAS**, there exists a need for specialized financial advisory services in connection with the undertaking of a refunding and the issuance of obligations by The Board of Education of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the financial analysis of the Board's financing options, the tax impact implication of such options and other financial services related to the issuance of the obligations; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The firm of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey is hereby retained to provide specialized financial advisory services in connection with the undertaking of a refunding and the issuance of obligations by the Board.
2. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute a Financial Advisory Services Contract (the "Contract").
3. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), because the cost for such services does not exceed \$17,500.
4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board.

14. Payrolls date July 15, 2014 and July 29, 2014 totaling \$412,577.55 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list to be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mr. DiBella

1. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the re-employment of the following lunch aides, for Cherry Hill School, two (2) hours per day, five (5) days per week.

Elaine Pepi Cleo Perekupka Dawn Innantuano

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the re-employment of the following lunch aides, for Roosevelt School, two (2) hours per day, five (5) days per week.

Hagop Aram Yvonne Bell Amy O'Leary

3. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Cassandra Perez, Teacher, effective June 30, 2014.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sharon Cardia, Instructional Technology Coach, starting, September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, MA + 15, Step 12.
5. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Pat Olski as a Substitute Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year.
6. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Nichol DelRosso, Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2014, MA, Step 6.
7. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alyson Herrick as a Part Time Aide for the 2014-2015 school year.
8. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Sheila Lane, Part-time Aide, effective July 20, 2014.
9. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Alicia Vuoncino, ABA Aide, effective July 31, 2014.
10. That the Board of Education approve the following individual to be approved for Morning Supervision Duty as per Article XIII Section 13.3 of the River Edge Education Association Contract Agreement.

Whitney Castellvi

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

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

1. That the Board of Education approve Eden Consultant for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of approximately \$150.00 per hour for approximately 3 hours per month plus travel expenses.
2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Bergen County Special Services for Bed Side Instruction for the 2014-2015 school year for students who are confined during school hours for medical and/or rehabilitative care in one of the following institutions at a rate of \$60.00 per hour.
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the following out of district students in the Building Bridges Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

<u>School District</u>	<u>No. of Classified Students</u>
Tenafly	5
Rochelle Park	2
Oradell	3
River Vale	1
Hillsdale	1
Montvale	1
Harrington Park	1
Caldwell	1
Hackensack	1
New Milford	1

4. That the Board of Education approve Care Plus NJ, Inc. Contract effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at a maximum of \$50,000.
5. That the Board of Education approve a Tuition Contract with the Children's Therapy Center in Fair Lawn, for a student whose name is on file in the Board Office, in the amount of \$82,008. Transportation to be determined.
6. That the Board of Education approve a Tuition Contract with Bergen County Special Services, for a student whose name is on file in the Board Office, for \$61,950.00. This includes the extended school year for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mrs. Buckley
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated June 2014 totaling \$6,559.69 including checks #62783 through #62794.
2. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated July 2014 totaling \$7,636.11 including checks #62795 through #62798.
3. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Jacoup's Transportation

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q181	New Bridges/Mt. Carmel	\$73.50

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

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q179	Camp Soar-Ramsey	\$97.00

5. That the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Jointure Transportation Agreement between P.C.E.S.C. (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
6. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGION V COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION WILL OPERATE A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB) GRANT-FUNDED SUMMER WORK READINESS PROGRAM (PROJECT SCOPE) FOR ITS MEMBER DISTRICTS AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the grant allocation from the Bergen County Technical Schools and the Bergen County Workforce Investment Board for the Region V WIA In-School Youth program (Project SCOPE) in the amount of \$192,963.34. The grant funding will serve 138 youth and run from July 1st, 2014 until June 30th, 2015.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGION V COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION WILL OPERATE A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB) GRANT-FUNDED SUMMER WORK READINESS PROGRAM (PROJECT SCOPE) FOR ITS MEMBER DISTRICTS AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following

Staff members for the 2014-2015 SCOPE program:

Kay Lee	Job Coach
Jaclyn Moriarty	Job Coach
Juli O'Neill	Job Coach
Meghan Polak	Job Coach
Oswaldo Sanchez	Job Coach
Carol Tully	Job Coach

8. **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, Translators to provide evaluations, direct services and consultation, to non-public and public schools for member districts upon request for the 2014-2015 school year.

Edvard Kusaksizyan	Bilingual LDTC
Victoria Wozniak	Social Worker
Karen Wagner	Speech/Language Specialist
Martie Goldberg	Speech/Language Specialist
Talia Lipton	Speech/Language Specialist
Melissa Xepolitos	Teacher of Handicapped
Diane Harrison	Vision Consultant
Julie Dock	Vision Consultant
Tracy Feldstein-Gardner	Shadow
Anita Lovallo	Teacher of Handicapped
Nicole Aquilino	Psychologist
Claire Tunik	Teacher
Carol Keegan	Physical Therapist
Melisa Sapio	Psychologist
Christine Horohoe	Behaviorist
Jolie Siegel	Psychologist
Robert Alvir	Physical Therapist
Jaclyn Gonzalez	Physical Therapist

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid results from the June 17, 2014 Bid.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2116	4 Diamond	\$150.00
2117	4 Diamond	\$155.00
2048	Leckie Bus	\$87.00
2051	Destiny 23	\$119.00
2077	First Student	\$145.25
2086	First Student	\$291.12

10. That the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Jointure Transportation Agreement between Region V (Host) and Keansburg B.O.E. (Joiner).

11. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated July 30, 2014 totaling \$659,383.09 including checks #62799 through #62945.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Tara Finely, a River Edge parent, spoke about birthday celebrations in the River Edge School District.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. DiBella
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

That the Board of Education convene into closed session at 9:35 PM to discuss Contractual Matters.

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

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

That the Board of Education reconvene the regular public meeting at 10:30 PM.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Busted
Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

That the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 10:30 PM.

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

Nays: None

Patricia Salvati
Board Secretary/Business Administrator