

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

“Building Bright Futures Together”

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – January 23, 2019
7:30 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

Mr. Herbst called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Ms. Brown; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Doyle; Ms. Kang; Mrs. Myers; Mr. Sim; Mr. Herbst. Also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Henzel and two members of the public.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Doyle read the Mission Statement.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mrs. Napolitano read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items –None

2019 - 2020 School Calendar Discussion

Dr. Ben-Dov proposed two drafts of the 2019-2020 school calendar to the Board members. The difference between the calendars is Draft A has June 2nd as a half day for students for the 2020 Primary Election Day with students and teachers ending school on June 24th and Draft B has June 2nd off for students for the 2020 Primary Election Day with students and teachers ending school on June 25th. A discussion took place and the Board decided on Draft B for the 2019-2020 School Calendar.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

- Dr. Ben-Dov read the Violence, Vandalism and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying report: As reported to the State, our reporting period 1 (July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018) indicates two HIB investigations at Roosevelt School which were not affirmed as HIB. Dr. Ben-Dov discussed some of the HIB training and proactive programs being implemented by the River Edge School District for students and staff, as well as volunteer training.
- Budget development began a little while ago. Our budget calendar will have to be revised because the Governor's address will be on March 5th and our state aid numbers will come out on March 7th.
- There was a District Safety meeting on January 10th. There will be a volunteer training at both schools on safety and HIB. Roosevelt will have one on January 28th and Cherry Hill will have one on January 29th.
- A Child Assault and Prevention workshop took place tonight. They train children on how to respond to a possible assault and how to avoid an assault. They try to give them options if they are approached by either a stranger or a person known to them.
- There will be a Reading workshop for parents of students in grades 3-6 on the evening of February 11th.
- Our Author in Residence, Janet Wong, will have a workshop for parents on the evening of February 21st called "There is a Poem for that."
- Liberty Science had assemblies for grades k-2 and 3-6. Dr. Ben-Dov attended the assembly for grades k-2. The assembly was on how to teach physics to kids. It was educational and entertaining.
- We have a three year grant called New Jersey Tiered System of Supports by the Department of Education. With this grant, Dr. Jessica Hammond, a Department of Education Coach, comes to our schools two times a month to work with our teachers and coaches. She is currently working on: 1). Universal screener for reading of children in grades k-2 and 2). She is doing a Needs Assessment for our Academic Support Personnel.
- The 2019 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the River Edge Elementary Schools and the River Edge Law Enforcement Officials came out in a new and more comprehensive version that includes the Memorandum of Understanding. Dr. Ben-Dov and Chief Cariddi reviewed and revised it to fit our district and signed it. This is a very big and involved agreement that was also shared with the River Edge Board President and the Principals as it informs their operations and coordination with law enforcement.
- Dr. Ben-Dov would like to set up monthly dates for Board committees and she will share the list with the Board.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Girls Who Code has begun at both school
- Kindergarten Orientation was held yesterday for Roosevelt School. It seems as though there are a lot of siblings coming this year
- We had our first Rapid Response Team meeting led by the nurse. We will have a drill after school soon and then run a drill during the school day.

BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Napolitano reported on the following

- The board calendar for budgeting is being updated and will be distributed to the Board to align with the new dates for the Governor's address and announcement of State Aid
- There is a resolution on tonight's agenda to approve the amendments to the FY 19 IDEA Grant for carryover funds
- Mrs. Napolitano is working with Mr. Stevens on keeping the buildings up to date

PRESIDENT

Mr. Herbst reported on the following:

- The meeting with the Mayor and Council for January 24th has been cancelled. They are working on a committee structure to continue their efforts for open communication between the mayor's office and the Board of Education
- Mr. Herbst stated January is Board of Education appreciation month. He complimented the Board for all of their hard work.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Herbst attended a Safety Committee meeting on January 10th. They discussed policies and procedures for safety and security and discussed our communication system.
- Mr. Herbst stated there was a Policy Committee meeting scheduled for January 24th but it will be re-scheduled for February 6th at 6:30 PM.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

1. That the Board of Education approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of January 7, 2019.

Motion by Ms. Brown
Seconded by Ms. Doyle

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst
Nays: Mrs. Myers

2. That the Board of Education approve the staff development and travel as per the schedules for January 2019 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)
3. That the Board of Education approve the River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. (Addendum)
4. That the Board of Education approve the Violence, Vandalism and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying Report and HIB Training Report for Reporting Period 1. (July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018)
5. That the Board of Education approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of Schools Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance for the 2018-2019 school year.
6. That the Board of Education approve the following class trip:

School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
Roosevelt	K	River Edge Cultural Center River Edge, NJ	\$0

7. That the Board of Education approve the 2019 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the River Edge Elementary Schools and the River Edge Law Enforcement Officials for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion by Ms. Doyle
Seconded by Mrs. Myers

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst
Nays: None

B. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. That the Board of Education approve to discard 62 district phone sets at a rate of \$6.00 per phone totaling \$372.00.

Motion by Mrs. Myers
Seconded by Ms. Kang

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst
Nays: None

D. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2019 totaling \$683,775.15 including checks #41792 through #41901. Payrolls dated December 14, 2018 and December 21, 2018, totaling \$1,253,089.44 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)
2. That the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year 2018-2019 as of November 30, 2018. (Addendum)
3. That the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2018.

Further, we certify that as of November 30, 2018 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 approve an amendment to the FY 19 IDEA Grant for carryover funds as follows:

Basic IDEA - Public	\$9,065.00
Basic IDEA - Non-public	\$42,965.00

5. That the Board of Education accept the \$140.00 donation from Jennifer Wong Hernandez for general use at Roosevelt School (Addendum).
6. That the Board of Education approve to reallocate additional state aid approved from November 28, 2018 from account 9-11-000-221-104 to account 9-11-000-221-320-00-00.
7. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December 2018 totaling \$39,994.50 including checks #41785 through #41791.

Motion by Ms. Kang
Seconded by Ms. Dansky

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst
Nays: None

E. PERSONNEL

1. That the Board of Education approve the following teachers for the Cycle III of the Post Dismissal Instructional Academy for the 2018-2019 School Year at the REBOE/REEA CBA hourly rate:

Cherry Hill

Rebecca DelPriore
Noy Frasciello
Katie O'Reilly
Andrea Siclari
Michelle Parisi
Gabrielle Dalmar

Roosevelt

Caroline Church
Nicole Colon
Alexandra McNeil
Lauren Proda
Courtney Sweet

2. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Michelle Campos, Full-Time ABA Aide, Step B, starting, January 24, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
3. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Amy Casaburro, ABA Aide, effective February 15, 2019.
4. That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following, Substitute Teachers, for the 2018-2019 school year.

Andrea Fernandez
Corrine Gubb
Jim McDonough
Julianne Monroe
Kim Polemeni -Pending Certification Completion
Amory Walsh -Pending Certification Completion
Angela Xhakolli -Pending Certification Completion

Motion by Ms. Dansky
Seconded by Mr. Sim

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst
Nays: None

F. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

G. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. That the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2019 totaling \$1,008,421.35 including checks #71326 through #71471.
2. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2408	Destiny 23	\$187.00
2418	Destiny 23	\$182.00

3. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2232	Alpha Care	\$232.00
2069	Jacoup's Transportation	\$103.53
1529	Rinaldi Transportation	\$235.23
2233	Rinaldi Transportation	\$213.85
2363	8 Transportation	\$178.54
2030	Destiny 23	\$191.78
1611	Town & Country Bus Co	\$201.85
1855	Town & Country Bus Co	\$198.44
2304	Town & Country Bus Co	\$133.49
2368	Town & Country Bus Co	\$130.39
2080	Galaxia Express LLC	\$167.65

4. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
Q303	8 Transportation	\$128.00
Q297	8 Transportation	\$138.00
Q293	Destiny 23	\$197.00

5. That the Board of Education approve the following bid results from the August 15, 2018 bid.

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2633	R&V Transportation	\$152.00
2634	A-1 Elegant	\$230.00
2635	A-1 Elegant	\$308.00
2636	8 Transportation	\$199.00
2637	Hernandez Medical	\$125.00
2638	Jacoup's Transportation	\$83.00
2639	A-1 Elegant	\$230.00
2640	Morgan Educational	\$217.00
2641	Rosa Scholastic Services	\$218.00
2643	Morgan Educational	\$218.00
2644	Sun Transport	\$134.00
2645	R&V Transportation	\$197.00
2646	Morgan Educational	\$166.00
2647	Pro Trans School Transportation	\$225.00
2648	Madison Invalid Coach	\$374.00
2650	A-1 Elegant	\$278.00
2651	Sun Transport	\$179.00
2653	Prime Transportation	\$172.00

2655	Morgan Educational	\$326.00
2656	A-1 Elegant	\$288.00
2657	John Leckie	\$276.99
2658	John Leckie	\$239.99
2659	John Leckie	\$218.99

6. That the Board of Education approve the following Bid Contracts for the 2018-2019 School Year

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2634	A-1 Elegant	\$230.00
2635	A-1 Elegant	\$308.00
2639	A-1 Elegant	\$230.00
2650	A-1 Elegant	\$278.00
2656	A-1 Elegant	\$288.00

7. That the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contracts for the 2018-2019 School Year

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2369	F.S. Transport	\$182.30
2473	F.S. Transport	\$304.53
2481	F.S. Transport	\$172.02
2484	Rise to Shine, LLC	\$100.47
1611	Town & Country Bus Co	\$204.90
1855	Town & Country Bus Co	\$201.44
2368	Town & Country Bus Co	\$182.36
1529	Rinaldi Transportation	\$238.78
2233	Rinaldi Transportation	\$217.08
1924	Ace Transportation	\$153.37
1995	Ace Transportation	\$165.26
1120	Valley	\$179.69
1303	Valley	\$205.14
1304	Valley	\$195.11
1277	Valley	\$194.01
1524	Valley	\$262.18
1541	Valley	\$236.05
1544	Valley	\$216.03
1616	Valley	\$165.08
1742	Valley	\$146.04
1814	Valley	\$119.24
1819	Valley	\$149.42
1857	Valley	\$177.24
1858	Valley	\$195.04

1899	Valley	\$184.67
1900	Valley	\$165.17
1963	Valley	\$182.16
1968	Valley	\$174.27
1989	Valley	\$193.25
2219	Valley	\$169.46
2221	Valley	\$97.02
2028	Valley	\$110.17
2035	Valley	\$250.00
2310	Valley	\$173.08
2311	Valley	\$148.05
2331	Valley	\$114.03
2332	Valley	\$240.28
2402	Valley	\$177.64
2409	Valley	\$148.20
2414	Valley	\$199.97
2472	Valley	\$690.27
2475	Valley	\$72.22
2493	Valley	\$101.51
2363	8 Transportation	\$181.24
1986	D & M Tours	\$193.83

8. That the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts for the 2018-2019 School Year

Route #	Transporter	Per Diem
2701	Town & Country Bus Co	\$179.00
2557	Town & Country Bus Co	\$219.15

9. That the Board of Education approve the following Addendum Contracts for the 2018-2019 School Year

Route #	Transporter	Original	Additional Per Diem	Total Per Diem
2369	F.S. Transport	\$182.30	\$60.00	\$242.30
2481	F.S. Transport	\$168.00	\$60.00	\$228.00
2484	Rise to Shine, LLC	\$100.47	\$60.88	\$161.35
1855	Town & Country Bus Co	\$201.44	\$238.56	\$440.00
2368	Town & Country Bus Co	\$182.36	\$192.84	\$375.20
1611	Town & Country Bus Co	\$204.90	\$219.14	\$424.04
1541	Valley	\$236.05	\$163.95	\$400.00
1900	Valley	\$165.17	\$144.77	\$309.94
2035	Valley	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$350.00
2493	Valley	\$101.51	\$99.99	\$201.50
2028	Valley	\$110.17	\$107.47	\$217.64

10. That the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V, River Edge (Host) and Trenton BOE (Joiner).
11. That the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region III, Northern Valley (Host) and Region V, River Edge (Joiner).
12. That the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V, River Edge (Host) and Region III, Northern Valley (Joiner).
13. That the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region V, River Edge (Host) and Region II, Pascack Valley (Joiner).
14. That the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Joint Transportation Agreement between Region II, Pascack Valley (Host) and Region V, River Edge (Joiner).

Motion by Mr. Sim
Seconded by Ms. Brown

Ayes: Ms. Brown, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kang, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sim, Mr. Herbst
Nays: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Brown stated she is attending the New Jersey Bergen County Meeting on January 30, 2019.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Dansky, seconded by Mr. Sim to convene into closed session at 8:30 PM.
All Ayes

RECONVENE

Motion made by Mr. Sim, seconded by Ms. Doyle to reconvene and adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:04 PM.
All Ayes

Louise Napolitano
Board Secretary/Business Administrator