

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

AGENDA

January 18, 2012

Cherry Hill School

410 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661

Media Center

7:30 PM Public Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

MISSION STATEMENT

The River Edge School District is a partnership of students, parents, staff, and community members. We are dedicated to providing a supportive environment in which all students can reach their maximum academic potential, while developing as responsible citizens who respect individuality. Our goals will be achieved because:

- curriculum and instruction are aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum content Standards
- all decisions reflect the academic, social/emotional and physical needs of pre-K to sixth grade students
- cooperation and on-going communication exist between the school district and the community
- school administrators and the Board of Education work together to assess and adjust procedures in response to new mandates and the changing needs of the community

II. ROLL CALL

III. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of New Jersey, 1975 notice of this meeting, its date, time and place have been delivered to the Post Office, the Municipal Building, The Record and Town News newspapers circulated in the District, at least 48 hours prior to the time of this meeting.

IV. SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- B. Discussion of the River Edge Elementary School Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year – Dr. Tova Ben-Dov
- C. 2012-2013 Special Education Budget Review – Debbie Trainor and Rosemary Kuruc

V. REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT
2. PRINCIPAL
3. BOARD SECRETARY
4. PRESIDENT
5. COMMITTEES

VI. MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

A. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of November 16, 2011 and December 7, 2011.

B. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the Confidential Minutes of July 27, 2011, October 5, 2011, October 19, 2011, November 2, 2011, November 16, 2011, December 7, 2011 and December 14, 2011.

C. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent, and Denise Heitman, Principal, to attend NJASA TECHSPO Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, January 26-27, 2012.

D. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approves the following class trips:

Date	School	Grade	Destination	Cost to District
4/26/12	Cherry Hill	5-6 Artistically Talented	Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 rd Street, New York, NY	\$350.00

E. Motion by

Seconded by

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2012 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The River Edge Board of Education is one of more than 600 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The River Edge Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the River Edge Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2012 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the River Edge Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

F. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the following fire and evacuation drills:
(Addendum)

School	Dates
Cherry Hill School	December 9, 2011 Fire Drill December 21, 2011 Shooter Drill
Roosevelt School	December 2, 2011 Evacuation Drill December 5, 2011 Fire Drill

G. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the
schedules for January 2012 including relevant mileage reimbursement.
(Addendum)

2. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None

3. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – None

4. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

A. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated January 2012
totaling \$806,187.18 including checks #32781 through #32948. Payrolls dated
December 15, 2011 and December 23, 2011, totaling \$976,963.47 issued
therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes.
(Addendum)

B. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the Budget Transfers for the school year
2011-2012 as of November 30, 2011. (Addendum)

C. Motion by

Seconded by

that the River Edge Board of Education approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending November 30, 2011.

Further, we certify that as of November 30, 2011 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)

D. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve tuition at \$75.00 per enrichment class for the 2012 Summer Enrichment Program.

E. Motion by

Seconded by

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2012-13, and

WHEREAS, the River Edge Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Edge Board Of Education hereby authorized the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2012-2013 school year.

F. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education accept a donation from Craig and Andrea Horowitz in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used for the River Edge Building Bridges program.

G. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education establish the tuition rates per pupil for the 2012-2013 school year:

Integrated Pre-School Program 3 half days per week \$2,020.00

Integrated Pre-School Program 4 half days per week \$2,525.00

5. PERSONNEL

A. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the following individuals for the movement on the step guide based on educational credentials.

Jennifer Aleffi From MA to MA+15

B. Motion by

Seconded by

That the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the superintendent, approve Andrea Meher and Dorothy Ogden, Child Associate Instructional Aides, for the 2011-2012 school year.

C. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Shara Hirsch, Speech Intern, from January 23, 2012 to May 23, 2012.

D. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Emma Halik, Hourly Resource Room Teacher up to 12 hours a week, from January 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

6. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

7. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

A. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Morgan Educational Services for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

Route #	School	Per Diem
1613	C.P. Center Fairlawn	\$207.13
1834	Community Lower School & Anna Scott	\$144.76

B. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Radiant Transportation for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

Route #	School	Per Diem
1916	New Bridges Rockleigh	\$215.00

C. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contracts for First Choice Transportation for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

Route #	School	Per Diem
1757	Building Bridges @ Cherry Hill	\$53.00
1945	Barnstable Academy	\$113.00

VII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

VIII. CLOSED SESSION (Negotiations)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Deborah Trainor
Board Secretary/Business Administrator