

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

“Building Bright Futures Together”

AGENDA

December 14, 2011

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. 2012-2013 School Year Budget Presentation of Mandatory items

Presentation – Deborah Trainor and Dr.Tova Ben-Dov

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 staff development training as per the schedules for December 2011 including relevant mileage reimbursement.
(Addendum)

B. Motion by

Seconded by

Whereas, Under current law and practice, school district hiring decisions are made upon the recommendation of the chief school administrator to the local board of education; and

Whereas, Hiring procedures leading up to the chief school administrator's recommendation should always consider the perspective the school principal; and

Whereas, District-level factors, including the allocation of resources, programming considerations and educational goals, should take precedent when hiring and placing instructional staff; and

Whereas, Proposed legislation to provide long-overdue reform of the state's tenure process and seniority system also includes provisions that would significantly diminish the involvement of the superintendent and local school board in personnel matters; and

Whereas, In particular, the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey (TEACHNJ) Act, Senate Bill2925/Assembly Bill 4132, would give sole authority to appoint or remove instructional staff to the principal, in consultation with a "school improvement panel," consisting of the principal, an assistant principal and an instructional staff member nominated by the principal and approved by the staff; and

Whereas, The TEACHNJ Act would completely remove the local board of education and the district superintendent from future personnel decisions; and

Whereas, In New Jersey, the community selects a school board, which has a fiduciary relationship with taxpayers and which sets education policy goals; and

Whereas, The community vests in the board of education the authority to approve or reject personnel recommendations made by the superintendent; and

Whereas, In making his or her personnel recommendations to the local board of education, the superintendent normally seeks the input of district and building-level administrators, including school principals; and

Whereas, The current hiring and staffing process has worked successfully in school districts throughout the state, as evidenced by New Jersey students' performance on nationwide measures of achievement, such as the National Assessment of Education Progress.

Resolved, That the River Edge Board of Education urges the Legislature to amend Senate Bill 2925 and Assembly Bill 4132 to ensure that personnel hiring and placement decisions remain under the authority of the district superintendent, with the approval of the local board of education, the community's elected or appointed representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be delivered to Governor Chris Christie; State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney; Senator Teresa M. Ruiz, chair and all members of the Senate Education Committee; Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver; Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, chair, and all members of the Assembly Education Committee; Assemblyman Albert Coutinho; Assemblyman Troy Singleton; and the 39th Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Bergen County School Boards Association.

C. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the following policies:

Policy #	Title
3541.1	Transportation Routes

	and Services
4121	Substitute Teachers
4211	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
5141	Sports Related Concussion and Head Injury

- 2. CURRICULUM/EDUCATION - None
- 3. BUILDING & GROUNDS - None
- 4. FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

A. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated December, 2011, totaling \$1,479,219.57 including checks #32587 through #32780 . Payrolls dated November 15, 2011 and November 30, 2011, totaling \$957,061.22 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 October 31, 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 October 31, 2011.

Further, we certify that as of October 31, 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 authorize Daniel E. Riordan of On-Tech Consulting, Inc., an authorized agent, to represent the district in connection with completion of our application for the E-Rate for Funding Year 2012-2013.

5. PERSONNEL- None

6. RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION – None

7. REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

A. Motion by

Seconded by

that the Board of Education approve the 2011/2012 Transportation Services Agreement between PVRHSD-Region II (Host) and Region V (Joiner).
(Addendum)

VII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator