

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY 07661

"Building Bright Futures Together"

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – December 7, 2011

7:30 PM

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Media Center, Roosevelt School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Di Maulo called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Myers read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busted; Ms. Danksy; Ms. Di Maulo; Mrs. Myers; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, Ms. Heitman, Mr. Vouvalides, Mr. Henzel and approximately thirty members of the public.

Mr. Kucharski arrived at 7:50 PM.

Ms. Walker arrived at 8:00 PM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Summer Enrichment Program Report

Chris Armen, the Director of the program, thanked the Board of Education, secretaries, custodians, volunteers, and the teachers that contributed to the success of this program. This was Mr. Armen's sixth year of directing this program. He reviewed the enrollment, financial data and gave some recommendations for next year's success.

River Edge Five Year Technology Plan

Mrs. Heitman presented to the Board our Five Year Technology Plan. She read the four goals of the Five Year Technology Plan which are:

1. Literacy
2. Capacity Building
3. Connectivity
4. Social and Ethical Responsibility with Technology

She explained all goals support the NJ Technology Plan, NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards, National Education Technology Standards and International Society for Technology Education. She went over the technology needs assessment for use in future planning. She reported that this plan is only a draft, a vision for the district future

Budget Development 2012-2013 School Year-Special Projects Technology and Facilities

Ms. Trainor and Dr. Ben-Dov explained that this presentation was about Special Projects that enhance the district. These are long term projects for the district and not immediate needs. Ms. Trainor went over the technology budget options. There are two components of the budget infrastructure and equipment. In addition to the total purchase price, several leasing options were presented that would spread the cost of these items over 3 to 4 years. Ms. Trainor and Mr. Lyons reported on the Facility needs. There are not many immediate needs but a few that are long term. These projects concern Cherry Hill School only. The two projects are 2 roofing sections and the asbestos in front of the building ceiling. The money in the capital reserve will pay for one of these projects.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- This is a very busy season and we have many concerts taking place.
- There will be a chorus concert at S.C.O.R.E. on December 20, 2011.
- The Winter Concert at Roosevelt School will be on December 14, 2011 at 1:30pm.
- The Winter Concert at Cherry Hill School will be on December 15, 2011 at 1:15pm.
- New Bridge Center is having a Winter Wonderland Concert on December 21, 2011 at 9:15am in the Cherry Hill School Gym.
- There was a River Edge Education Foundation meeting on October 28, 2011. There was a small gathering. Next meeting will be in January.
- Many Board Committees were held. The Policy Committee met and they spoke about head injuries and concussions.
- Dr. Ben-Dov and Mr. Henzel are working with the River Edge Police Department regarding some concerns about increased traffic at dismissal with full day Kindergarten starting next school year. They came up with creative ideas and Dr. Ben-Dov is very optimistic about it.
- The Oradell School district is investigating a full day Kindergarten
- No new HIB to report.

- There was an amazing response to the School Climate surveys. 437 parents and 104 staff members responded. Student surveys close on Friday, December 9, 2011.
- Race to the Top will be available again
- Parent Literacy Night will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7pm.

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Vouvalides reported on the following:

- The PTO Book Fair was this week. It was very successful and Mr. Vouvalides thanked the parents for all of their hard work.
- The Roosevelt School Holiday Concert will be held on December 14, 2011 at 1:30pm.
- The Second Grade will have a class trip to the Liberty Science Center on December 8, 2011.
- There will be a guest speaker coming to the school on December 15, 2011 to speak to the 5th and 6th graders about Turrets.
- All Smartboards will be put up in the Roosevelt School by December 8, 2011.
- The Student Council asked for 2 picnic benches for the blacktop.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor had nothing to report for this meeting.

PRESIDENT

Ms. Di Maulo attended a Council meeting where they spoke about changing the zoning on Kinderkamack Road. They also spoke about the residential development they are building in town.

The Community Planning Event was previously scheduled for January 7, 2012. In the spirit of inclusion of clergy this date was changed to February 9, 2012.

Ms. Di Maulo spoke about committees and the usage of e-mails. She stated that committees can e-mail each other talking about committees. It is legal only within the committee. She stressed that e-mails can be subpoenaed.

COMMITTEES

- Ms. Dansky attended a Council Meeting right before Thanksgiving. Dr. Ben-Dov presented the River Edge testing reports at the meeting.
- Ms. Dansky stated that the Policy Committee met. Head injuries, concussions and transportation were discussed at this meeting.
- Ms. Walker asked if we should go forward with the Energy Audit. She stated that bathroom demolition should be completed right after the Christmas break.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education approves the following class trips:

| Date | School | Grade | Destination | Cost to District |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--|-------------------------|
| 12/8/2011 | Cherry Hill | 2 | Liberty Science Center 222 Jersey City Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ | \$1419.50 |
| 12/8/2011 | Roosevelt | 2 | Liberty Science Center 222 Jersey City Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ | \$1436.50 |
| 5/21/2012 | Cherry Hill | 4 | Liberty Science Center 222 Jersey City Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ | \$963.00 |
| 6/5/2012 | Cherry Hill | 1 | Montclair State University 1 Normal Avenue., Montclair, NJ | \$845.50 |
| 6/7/2012 | Cherry Hill | 3 | The Sterling Hill Mining Museum, Inc. 30 Plant Street, Ogdensburg, NJ | \$1087.00 |

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education approves the following emergency drills:

| School | Dates |
|--------------------|---|
| Cherry Hill School | November 28, 2011 Fire Drill November 29, 2011 Lock Down Drill |
| Roosevelt School | November 28, 2011 Fire Drill November 30, 2011 Lock Down Drill |

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

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Kucharski

that the Board of Education approves the First 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 |

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve the implementation of a Full Day Kindergarten Program effective for the 2012-2013 school year.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Kucharski

that the Board of Education approve the Summer Enrichment Program Report for the 2011 Summer Program.

that the Board of Education approves the bill list for Summer Enrichment Program 2011 in the amount of \$58,470.48. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approves \$3,000 compensation for Chris Armen, as Director of the 2012 summer enrichment Program.

that the Board of Education approves the Summer Enrichment Program teacher hourly rate to be \$30.87 for summer 2012.

that the Board of Education approves the Summer Enrichment Program Clerical Assistant at a stipend of \$1,250 for the Summer Enrichment 2012 Program.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Kucharski

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve maternity leave of absence for Jessica Doherty from April 25, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

that the Board of Education approve maternity leave of absence for Kristin Karam from April 16, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

that the Board of Education approve child care leave of absence for Eric Morgan from February 27, 2012 to May 21, 2012.

that the Board of Education approve child care leave of absence for Nicole Campbell from April 20, 2012 to October 28, 2012.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Claudia Levis as the Substitute Coordinator effective December 23, 2011.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alicia Vuoncino, from part-time instructional aide to full time ABA aide, effective November 21, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Pauline Choi, full time ABA aide effective December 5, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year.

Arlene Hazuka
Alan Lorber
Lewis Marx
Francine Sapone
Nicole Occhino
Theresa Scannapeco-Sims

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

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 2011-2012 school year.

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Beth Kaplan | Occupational Therapist |
| Lauren Kryzak | Behaviorist |
| Rachel Goulson | Physical Therapist |
| Patricia Mikiewicz | Speech and Language Specialist |
| Meira Bak | Psychologist |
| Eugene Tunik | Physical Therapist |
| Jaime Lee Livardo | Psychologist |
| Leslie Francis | Psychologist |
| Deanna Danielian | Nonpublic Consultant |
| Sarah Morin | Occupational Therapist |
| Hana Prashker | Nonpublic Consultant |
| Joyce Bendavid | Occupational Therapist |
| Rachel Erlich | Occupational Therapist |

that the Board of Education approve the following Summer 2011 Quote Contract for D&M Tours for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|------------|----------|
| Q131 | Horizon HS | \$220.00 |

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for First Student for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1030 | Valley Norwood | \$214.97 |
| 1290 | Slocum Skewes | \$246.93 |
| 1292 | Valley OLV | \$258.17 |
| 1594 | Sage Day Rochelle Park | \$145.13 |
| 1730 | Valley Program Harrington Park Public | \$183.98 |
| 1746 | Brownstone | \$205.79 |

that the Board of Education approve the following Quote Contract for Town & Country Bus for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1939 | New Milford Knight School | \$48.00 |

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for S&D Transportation for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1853 | Chancellor Academy I / Chapel Hill | \$144.76 |
| 1856 | Leonia MS/ Anna Scott | \$150.83 |
| 1859 | Slocum/ Skewes Ridgefield | \$109.33 |

that the Board of Education approve the following Renewal Contract for Alpha Care Transportation for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------------|----------|
| 1823 | Children's Therapy | \$172.00 |
| 1824 | Shaler Academy | \$160.09 |

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

| Route # | School | Per Diem |
|---------|--------------|----------|
| 1938 | C.P.Fairlawn | \$115.00 |

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Bartolloni commented on the changes to the ordinance for the proposed housing development on Kinderkamack Road. A second reading will be at the meeting of December 19, 2011 following the Planning Board's recommendation. He continued to explain that a professor from Rutgers university did a study and determined that there would be little impact on the school.

Further, Mr. Bartolloni, speaking as a parent, commented on how pleased he was to see that the district will be offering a full day kindergarten program.

Several members of the audience inquired about the pending contract with the After School Program. Ms. DiMaulo explained that the board was still in negotiations with the ASP and was unable to discuss the matter.

Mr. Manzelli, speaking as a resident, commented on the Technology plan presentation and said that he would like to see every child have their own device such as a tablet.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Ms. Walker

That the Board of Education convened into closed session at 10:00 PM to discuss personnel.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

RECONVENE

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

That the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 11:29 PM.

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers,
Ms. Walker

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Walker

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

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busteed, Ms. Dansky, Ms. Di Maulo, Mr. Kucharski, Mrs. Myers,
Ms. Walker

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator