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

"Building Bright Futures Together"
Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – October 19, 2011

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. Di Maulo called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Kuckarski read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mr. Busteed; Ms. Di Maulo; Mr. Kucharski; Mrs. Myers; Ms. Walker; also present were Dr. Ben-Dov, Ms. Trainor, Mrs. Heitman, Mr. Henzel and approximately twenty-five members of the public.

Ms. Dansky arrived at 7:50 PM.
Mrs. Buckley was absent.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Presentation of River Edge 2011 NJ ASK Results

Dr. Ben-Dov presented the results of the 2011 NJ ASK testing. Attached is a copy of the power point presentation. During her presentation, Dr. Ben-Dov explained grades 3-6 take the NJ Ask test and it includes all students of the district. Grades 3, 5 and 6 are tested in language arts and math. Grade 4 is tested in language arts, math and science. Dr. Ben-Dov informed us that in spite of the fact that benchmarks for student achievement were increased, this year for all grade levels and all subjects our students made adequate yearly progress. She presented statistics that compared grade level achievement over the past three years as well as the progress of cohorts of students from year to year. River Edge students were also compared to the State and to the District Factor Group. In all subjects for all grade levels River Edge students outperformed the "I" DFG, even though River Edge will be compared to the "GH" DFG in the future, as determined by the 2010 Census. Trends were discussed as significant percentage gains in the Proficient and Advanced Proficient categories from the previous year were noted. Dr. Ben-Dov thanked the instructional and administrative staff for all of their hard work with the NJ Ask testing and she also thanked MaryAnn Durante and Kate Arena for the PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Ben-Dov explained how the data will be used to inform and improve instruction.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- ELL parent night was on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 and it was successful.

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- 2nd cup of Coffee was on Wednesday, October, 12, 2011 at the Roosevelt School. She felt it was important to offer people an evening meeting and she hopes for better attendance in the future because 5 people and one board member attended. The meeting was very informative.
- Key Communicators meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 by Debbie Trainor and Dr. Tova Ben-Dov. 12 people attended the meeting. A PowerPoint that reviewed the upcoming budget process was discussed.
- Dr. Ben-Dov held an Executive PTO meeting during which the PTO gifts were discussed. The District's website now has a link to the PTO gifts for the public to view.
- Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the new Teacher Evaluation Model that the state is planning to implement in September 2012. The information is still sketchy at this point.
- Mondo Training is progressing as planned and is very favorably received enabling teachers to implement the program well.

PRINCIPALS

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- ELL parent meeting was on Tuesday, October, 18, 2011. 25 parents attended and it was a good turn out.
- Week of Respect was the week of October 3, 2011 and it went well.
- The students had a lot of fun with Multi-Cultural Day, Mix It Up Day, Peace Out Day and School Pride Day.
- There has been a change to the HIB form. Mr. Henzel gave the teachers a HIB checklist.
- The Climate Surveys for faculty, parents and students will be ready in a couple of weeks.
- The Kindergarten classes participated in "Let's Jump" with Ms. Brush. As part of a national program, the students jump as many jumping jacks as they can for 1 minute to promote physical fitness, along with First Lady Mrs. Obama.
- During Fire Safety week the children got to see fire trucks and firemen dressed in their uniforms.
- Parent Visitation Day was on October 5, 2011 and went very well.
- The Halloween parade for NBC is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2011 at 2:00pm.

Mrs. Heltman reported on the following:

- Respect week, ELL parent night and picture day all went very well.
- In honor of Fire Prevention week grades 4-6 will be visiting the smoke house. This house is provided by Bergen County to promote fire safety.
- The 5th grade classes went on a trip to Fort Lee Historic Park.
- Cherry Hill sent out an email blast reminding parents of the district nutrition policy.
- The PTO is sponsoring a Halloween party on Friday, October 28, 2011 for the whole school.
- The Halloween parade at Cherry Hill and Roosevelt is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2011 at 1:10 p.m.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Trainor reported on the following:

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There are 3 reports on the agenda related to building maintenance

1. The five year Maintenance Plan is approved every year. This is a general outline of necessary maintenance.
 2. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan reviews 3 years of spending on maintenance.
 3. M1 reports 10 years of maintenance expenditures and sets a minimum budget for the upcoming year.
- Building and Grounds wants to meet to discuss special projects on Monday, November 7, 2011.
 - The audits are just about done. Ms. Trainor will present the audit report in November.

PRESIDENT

Ms. DiMaulo reported on the following:

- Chalk Talk article has been submitted
- Ms. Sousa, a consultant that the Board was considering, did not like the two dates for the Community Planning Event. The Board decided to work with Susan McCusteer from NJBSA. A tentative date of Saturday, January 7, 2012 was set.

COMMITTEES

- Mr. Busted mentioned his brief meeting with our auditor. This is required as part of the audit process.

MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Ms. Walker

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of July 17, 2011, July 28, 2011, August 31, 2011 September 14, 2011 and October 5, 2011 Board Meeting.

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

Abstentions: Mr. Kucharski, Ms. Walker

Nays: None

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approves the staff development training as per the schedules for October 2010 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approves the annual report of Violence & Vandalism for the 2010-2011 school year.

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that the Board of Education approve the revised 2011 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between River Edge Elementary Schools and River Edge Law Enforcement Officials for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes: 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 approves the Bilingual/ESL Three-Year Program Plan for school years 2011-2014.

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

Nays: None

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Kucharski

that the Board of Education approves the Five Year Maintenance Plan ending in fiscal year 2012.

Further, certify that to the best of our knowledge, the district's planned and completed maintenance activities are reasonable to keep the districts' schools open and safe for use in its original condition and maintain the validity of their warranties.

that the Board of Education approves the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M1 School Facilities Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheet ending in fiscal year 2012.

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

Nays: None

FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS

Motion by Mr. Kucharski

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education approves the bills & claims dated October, 2011 totaling \$802,063.68 including checks # 32208 through # 32354. Payrolls dated September 15, 2011 and September 28, 2011, totaling \$948,970.25 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list are attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Abstentions: Ms. Walker

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Ms. Walker

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

that the River Edge Board of Education approves the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending August 31, 2011.

Further, we certify that as of August 31, 2011 after review of the secretary' 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.

The Board of Education approves the revised budget process documentation for the Standard Operating Procedure Manual. (Addendum)

The Board of Education approves the budget calendar for the development of the 2012-2013 school year budget.

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

Nays: None

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve the annual report for the year of 2011-2012 of persons employed in school aide positions, and

Further, provides information in compliance with the State Board of Education rules for persons employed as school aides (NJAC 6:11-4.6).

that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Theresa Scannapeco-Sims, Personnel Coordinator, effective December 31, 2011.

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Maureen Finnegan, Substitute Clerical Aide, from October 19, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Walker

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Seconded by Mrs. Myers

Move to Table the following motion:

that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Maureen Hassett, Teacher's Assistant, effective October 28, 2011.

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve a paid child care leave of absence for Gian Paolo Aroldi from January 3, 2012 through January 20, 2012.

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

Nays: None

RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION-None

REGION V ADMINISTRATION & TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Kucharski

that the Board of Education approve the following quote contract for Summer Quote Contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q130	St. Joseph for the Blind	\$221.15

that the Board of Education approve the following quote contract for N&Y Transportation for the 2011-2012 school year.

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q117	New Bridges Rockleigh	\$220.00

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

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Route #	School	Per Diem
1897	Springboard	\$181.68
1902	Bryan/Merritt	\$256.61
1908	Barnstable	\$167.14
1909	New Bridges Rockleigh	\$187.13
1920	Gramon/Banyan Upper	\$154.26

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

Route #	School	Per Diem
0798	River Dell Middle School	\$165.52
0829	Bleshman	\$199.97
1119	Washington South	\$205.78
1598	Sage Day Rochelle Park	\$193.48
1817	Bergen County Vo. H.S.	\$69.84

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

Route #	School	Per Diem
1933	Springboard	\$181.68

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

Route #	School	Per Diem
0722	ECLC	\$228.96

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

Route #	School	Per Diem
Q125	P/U @ Berkley School	\$55.00

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

Route #	School	Per Diem
1926	Clearview/Lakeview	\$106.90
1937	Panther Academy	\$66.90

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

Route #	School	Per Diem
1125	YCS Hackensack	\$183.39
1611	Brownstone	\$186.10
1855	Leonida H.S./Evergreen	\$135.55

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

Route #	School	Per Diem
0553	Community Lower School	\$131.55
1117	Hip @ Union Street	\$162.21
1132	Stillman Pre-School	\$118.18
1133	Stillman Pre-School	\$114.50
1523	SBJC	\$203.42
1536	Transition Center Woodridge	\$199.28

that the Board of Education approve the following 2011/2012 Transportation Services Agreement between Passaic County Educational Services Commission (Host) and Region V (Joiner). (Addendum)

Route #	School	Estimated Cost Per Route
4053	Skylands School	\$11,006.21

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION-None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

That the Board of Education convened into closed session at 9:00 PM to discuss contracts and the after school program.

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

Nays: None

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RECONVENE

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

That the Board of Education reconvenes the regular public meeting at 10:09 PM.

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

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Walker

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

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

Nays: None

Deborah Trainor

Board Secretary/Business Administrator