

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

*"Building Bright Futures Together"*

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting – September 14, 2011**

**7:30 PM Public Meeting**

The Board of Education, Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey met in the Project Room, New Bridge Center, 101 Greene Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Ms. Di Maulo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Mrs. Walker read the Mission Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Busted; Ms. Dansky; Ms. Di Maulo; Mr. Kucharski; Mrs. Myers; Ms. Walker; also present were Ms. Trainor, Dr. Ben-Dov, Mrs. Heitman, Mr. Henzel, Mr. Vouvalides and staff members and several members of the public.

Mr. Busted arrived at 7:40 PM

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE**

Ms. Trainor read the Open Public Meeting Act Notice.

**SPECIAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Dr. Ben-Dov began by explaining that the new staff will introduce themselves. We welcome the staff to the River Edge School district.

Pauline Choi – NBC Leave Replacement – Building Bridges  
Deborah Falla – Full Time ABA Aide  
Megan Kierce – Cherry Hill School – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Jamie Krupka – Cherry Hill School Leave Replacement – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Deborah Maher – NBC – Kindergarten  
Beth McLaughlin – Cherry Hill School Leave Replacement - Art  
Jessica McSherry – NBC – Multiple Disabled  
Michael Murphy – Cherry Hill School Custodian

Nicole Occhino – NBC – Kindergarten  
 Maria Pico – Part Time – Spanish  
 Nigel Pieters – Part Time District Computer Technician  
 Marilena Puma – Roosevelt School – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
 Diana Richards – Cherry Hill School – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
 Nevin Werner – Roosevelt School – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Reception*

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Ben-Dov reported on the following:

- Energy and enthusiasm was evident in the hallways
- Accountability-process needs to be in place

**PRINCIPALS**

Mrs. Heitman reported on the following:

- The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start despite the weather
- The PTO served a great "Welcome Back" tea.
- All programs are running, scheduling is working.
- NJ Ask Scores were mailed out last week.
- Art teachers September 21, 2011, International Peace Day, Pinwheels for Peace.

Mr. Henzel reported on the following:

- Welcome Tea for the PTO was September 14, 2011, about 75 people
- HIB video for Roosevelt School was tested today
- October 13, 2011 Ms. Brush-jumping jacks

**SECRETARY** - None

**PRESIDENT**

Ms. Di Maulo reported on the following:

- Mayor and Council schedule
- PTO reps

**MOTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON****ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Motion by Mrs. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011, June 15, 2011 and June 24, 2011 Board Meeting.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Mr. Busteed

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the Board of Education accept the Certified and Non-certified Nurses Plan for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Motion by Mrs. Buckley

Seconded by Mrs. Myers

that the Board of Education approve the staff development training as per the schedules for September 2011 including relevant mileage reimbursement. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education approve the application for Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$180,000 for the barrier free improvement and renovations of 2 bathrooms at Cherry Hill School.

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

Policy #	Title
6171.4	Special Education
1100	Communicating with the

	Public
6164.1	Intervention and Referral Services for General Education
5113	Attendance, Absences and Excuses

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

Nays: None

### **FINANCE/GRANTS/GIFTS**

Motion by Mrs. Myers

Seconded by Ms. Dansky

that the Board of Education approve the bills & claims dated September, 2011 totaling \$238,572.61 including checks #32036 through #32084. Payrolls dated August 15, 2011 and August 31, 2011, totaling \$ 234,115.73 issued therefore, a copy of such warrants list be attached as part of these minutes. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Ms. Walker

Motion by Ms. Dansky

Seconded by Mr. Kucharski

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

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

Further, we certify that as of July 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 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. (Addendum)

that the Board of Education award the Dental Benefit Plan contract to Bollinger with premium rates for a period of twelve months effective September 1, 2011.

that the Board of Education approve the filing of the IDEA 2011-2012 Grant Application

Basic Grant Total \$347,011	Pre-School Grant Total \$16,391
Non-Public Portion \$198,591	Non-Public Portion \$8,478

Ayes: Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Busted, 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, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Cindy Femia, .8 Board Office Secretary, starting September 20, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a salary on file in the Board Office.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Mr. Kucharski

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busted

that the Board of Education, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lindsey Coffman, part-time instructional aide, starting September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a maximum of 23 hours per week.

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

Nays: None

### **RIVER EDGE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Motion by Mr. Busted

Seconded by Mrs. Buckley

that the River Edge Board of Education approve Bergen County Special Services, Private School Services, under Chapter 192/193 for 2011-2012.

that the River Edge Board of Education approve the following out of district students in the Building Bridges Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

<u>School District</u>	<u>No. of Classified Students</u>
Tenaflly	3
Rochelle Park	2
Cresskill	1
Teaneck	1

that the River Edge Board of Education approve Community Based Instruction Schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. (Addendum)

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

Nays: None

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – None

**ADJOURMENT**

Motion by Ms. Walker

Seconded by Mr. Busteed

that the Board of Education adjourn the regular public meeting at 9:45 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