

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**River Vale, New Jersey 07675**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Roberge Annex**  
**January 19, 2021 – VIRTUAL MINUTES**

**Ms. Ippolito welcomed everyone to the virtual board meeting and explained how the meeting would run.**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**

**Mrs. Waldes called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.** In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, the Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting has been sent to all school offices, officially designated newspapers, filed with the Township Clerk and posted in the Board of Education Office, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT VIA**

**TELEPHONE:**

**Mrs. Pintarelli, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Rothenberg,  
Mr. Schlereth, Mrs. Senande, Mrs. Waldes**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Puccio**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Ms. Signore, Woodside School Principal  
Ms. Dowling, Supervisor, Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Peterson, Director of Buildings & Grounds  
72 members of the public**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Waldes addressed concerns regarding district math scores. Mrs. Waldes indicated that Ms. Dowling, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction would be giving a presentation. The Administration is addressing hiring Math Consultants and adopting a new math series called Big Ideas. Mrs. Waldes spoke of the need to address the language of the test.

Mrs. Waldes addressed concerns regarding the LBGTQ+ curriculum and indicated this is being discussed in grades 6 through 8, not the elementary schools, and the emphasis of the program is on empathy.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON**

- **Buildings & Grounds – None**
- **Communications & Policies – None**
- **Curriculum & Technology – None**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli read from a prepared statement:**

1. We did have a finance meeting January 1/5/2021.
2. Our audit has not been completed yet. It should be completed by the end of January.
3. As for the budget...Ms. Ippolito and the Administration have compiled a budget, but there are a few pieces needed in order to solidify the 21/22 budget, namely state aid figures which typically come out the end of February.
4. I also wanted to point out a couple of items that need to be kept in mind in regards to this budget:
  - a. Due to loss of revenue due to COVID, the RVEF is not able to provide the annual \$100K contribution towards tech initiatives. The District can take that on and secure a lease purchase if need be.
  - b. Cyber liability insurance has increased drastically. For this year and next, the district will be required to budget \$100K for cyber liability insurance. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021.

- **Negotiations –None**
- **Personnel – None**

**Committee Meeting Schedule**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Committee</u></b>
January 19, 2021	6:00 PM	Personnel
February 9, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
February 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 2, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Communications & Policy
April 13, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
April 27, 2021	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 11, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 14, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 28, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 12, 2021	6:00 PM	Communication & Policy
November 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 14, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
January 4, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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**Meeting opened to public comments at 7:12 P.M.**

**Public comments:**

**Matt de la Rosa, 712 Chalmers Ct:** What does Cyber Insurance cover? Is this because of home schooling?

Ms. Ippolito, School Business Administrator, stated that Cyber Liability Insurance covers the cost for a business to recover from a data breach, virus, or other cyberattack. It also covers legal claims and public relations resulting from the breach. Any business that stores sensitive data in the cloud or on an electronic device should have cyber liability insurance.

First-party coverage would be as follows:

This coverage pays for immediate expenses that a company incurs after a cyber breach. This includes:

- Cost of notifying employees and the public
- Repairing any damaged software or hardware
- Protecting the company's reputation with a marketing and public relations response
- Business interruption costs and missed income while business operations are suspended
- Extortion money (used to appease a hacker who threatens your data or systems unless you pay them a ransom)
- Other ancillary costs, such as paying for credit monitoring for customers

The increase in cyber risk is not limited to schools. This is a global issue that has increased due to all of the people working from home and an increase in cybercrime. It is the expectation that insurance underwriters will continue to push for increased protection at the district level, including Multiple Factor Authorization (MFA's) becoming the standard.

**Meeting closed to public comments at 7:20 P.M.**

### **INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Alvarez noted that the District continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our region and, in particular, on our schools. At the last Board meeting, he mentioned that if the District's numbers remained low schools could consider having more students back for in-person instruction 5-days per week. That discussion is on hold for the time being, given the recent rise in cases that have forced Holdrum and Woodside to operate in a remote-only mode.

In another on-going matter, he noted the District will be distributing a calendar to staff and parents before the end of the week that begins to address the disparity of in-person days between Cohort A and Cohort B.

Dr. Alvarez also announced that the Woodside Principals Search has begun. The application process will remain open until February 15. He noted that the District received close to 20 applicants within the first 24 hours. A good indicator of the interest this search is generating. The District will be surveying parents and involving staff in the process. After several rounds of interviews and reference checks, a recommendation to the Board is expected at the April 27 meeting, with an anticipated start date of July 1.

### **BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Ippolito reminded Board Members of the Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2021 and that they submit their biographies and pictures to update the district website. Additionally, Board Members will soon be notified of the mandatory training requirements of the New Jersey School Boards Association for the new year.

Ms. Ippolito spoke of the Special School Election currently scheduled for April 20, 2021 and discussed anticipated times for in-person voting.

### **GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

- G1. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Minutes from the Board Meeting on January 5, 2021.****

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED					√		

- G2. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the submission of the NJDOE Student Safety Data System (SSDS) 2020-2021 Report of HIB Trainings and Programs for Reporting Period 1. (See Attachment G2)**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

- G3. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Vale Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Vale 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 the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s 5,000 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 key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the River Vale Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2021 as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the River Vale Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children’s education.

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**G4. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following Board of Education Committees for 2021:**

<b>2021 Board of Education Committees</b>			
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	Jason Schlereth	Steven Rosini	Deborah Rothenberg
<b>Communications &amp; Policies</b>	Virginia Senande	Patrice Pintarelli	Deborah Rothenberg
<b>Curriculum &amp; Technology</b>	Deborah Rothenberg	Patrice Pintarelli	John Puccio
<b>Finance</b>	Patrice Pintarelli	Jason Schlereth	Virginia Senande
<b>Negotiations</b>	Steven Rosini	John Puccio	Lorraine Waldes
<b>Personnel</b>	John Puccio	Steven Rosini	Lorraine Waldes

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

- B1. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the revised bills list dated December 31, 2020 as follows:****

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 406,734.33
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 1,599,162.75
Fund 40 – Debt Service	-	\$ 0.00
Unemployment Trust Acct.	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 – Trust & Agency	-	\$ 1,599,162.75
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		<u>\$ 256.85</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,006,153.93</b>

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

- B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the revised purchase orders and adjustments for period dated December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$27,048.03.****

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

- B3. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the transfer of funds for month ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$158,058.00 as set forth below:****

**Transfer of Funds**  
**Month Ending December 31, 2020**

T465	FROM	11-190-100-610-40-40-036	R-SAGE SUPPLIES	<b>-119.00</b>
	TO	11-190-100-610-10-65-024	INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	<b>119.00</b>
T471	FROM	11-000-217-106-40-11-004	R-SPECIAL ED AIDES	-16646.00
	FROM	11-000-261-420-10-14-000	BUILDING REPAIRS/ROOF MAINT	-85950.00
	FROM	11-000-262-622-20-14-000	H-ELECTRICITY EXPENSE	-20025.00
	FROM	11-000-262-622-60-14-000	W-ELECTRICITY EXPENSE	-20000.00
	FROM	11-000-266-300-30-14-000	RA-SECRTY INSTALL/PURCH PROF SV	-4800.00
	FROM	11-000-266-610-20-14-000	H-BLDG/SECURITY/SUPPLIES/MAT.	-1300.00
	FROM	11-000-266-610-30-14-000	RA-BLDG/SECURITY/SUPPLIES/MAT.	-715.00
	FROM	11-000-266-610-40-14-000	R-BLDG/SECURITY/SUPPLIES/MAT	-2000.00
	FROM	11-000-291-260-10-11-000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	-1000.00
	FROM	11-213-100-101-40-11-000	R-RESOURCE TEACHERS SALARIES	-5503.00
	TOTAL			<b>-157939.00</b>
	TO	11-000-217-106-60-11-004	W-SPECIAL ED AIDES	16646.00
	TO	11-000-261-420-40-14-000	H-BLDG REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	85950.00
	TO	11-000-261-610-10-14-000	W-MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	40025.00
	TO	11-000-266-420-20-14-000	H-BLDG/SECURITY MONITORING	3900.00
	TO	11-000-266-420-40-14-000	R-BLDG/SECURITY MONITORING	2213.00
	TO	11-000-266-420-60-14-000	W-BLDG/SECURITY MONTIORING	2702.00
	TO	11-000-270-503-10-11-005	AID IN LIEU-NON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1000.00
	TO	11-213-100-101-60-11-000	W-RESOURCE TEACHERS SALARIES	5503.00
	TOTAL			<b>157939.00</b>
	TOTALS			
	FROM			<b>-158058.00</b>
	TO			<b>158058.00</b>

Note: Transaction Date: 12/31/20

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

**B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the bills list dated January 19, 2021 as follows:****

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$884,183.05
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 2,875.00
Fund 20 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 0.00



Fund 40 – Debt Service	-	\$	0.00
Unemployment Trust Acct.	-	\$	0.00
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$	0.00
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$	0.00
Fund 90 – Trust & Agency	-	\$	0.00
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$	0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$887,058.05</b>

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

**B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the purchase orders and adjustments for period dated January 19, 2021 in the amount of \$67,715.10**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

**B6. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the transfer of funds for period ending January 19, 2021 in the amount of \$555.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds  
Period Ending January 19, 2021**

T474	FROM	11-000-223-580-60-60-104	W-STAFF DEVELOPMENT	-160.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-60-60-063	W-MATH SUPPLIES	160.00
T479	FROM	11-190-100-640-40-40-063	R-MATH TEXTBOOKS	-395.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-40-40-063	R-MATH SUPPLIES	395.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-555.00
	TO			555.00

Note: Transaction Date: 1/19/2021

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

**B7. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following Travel and Conferences for the staff indicated below for professional improvement or development, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.**

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Patrice Pintarelli	Board of Education	Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting	Virtual	1/25/2021	\$0.00

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE			√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED	√						

**B7a.**

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
John Puccio	Board of Education	Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting	Virtual	1/25/2021	\$0.00

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

**B7b.**

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Steven Rosini	Board of Education	Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting	Virtual	1/25/2021	\$0.00

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√			√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED			√				

**B7c.**

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Deborah Rothenberg	Board of Education	Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting	Virtual	1/25/2021	\$0.00

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>	√		√		√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>				√			

**B7d.**

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Jason Schlereth	Board of Education	Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting	Virtual	1/25/2021	\$0.00

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√		√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>					√		

**B7e.**

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Virginia Senande	Board of Education	Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting	Virtual	1/25/2021	\$0.00

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√		√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>						√	

**B7f.**

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Lorraine Waldes	Board of Education	Bergen County SBA Virtual Meeting	Virtual	1/25/2021	\$0.00

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							√

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

- P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves an unpaid leave of absence for Martina Katsikiotis, a Holdrum School Aide, for December 23, 2020.**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

- P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves ESS Northeast, LLC, with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute teacher, secretary and substitute aide services to the district for the 2020-2021 school year.**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

- P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves Northern Region Educational Services Commission with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute aide services to the district for the 2020-2021 school year.**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√					
ABSTAINED							

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**Meeting opened to public comments at 7:37 P.M.**

**Public comments:**

**Matt de la Rosa, 712 Chalmers Ct:** Thanked Dr. Alvarez for giving parents a voice. Best of luck to you in your future endeavors. I am disappointed in all of the closures. With all of the protocols and safety precautions in place there does not seem to be a reason why students cannot be in school. Students need to socialize. There needs to be better evaluations of closures. Please allow my child back in school and make a better effort to get all kids back in school.

**Mrs. Waldes, Board President:** Thank you.

Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools, stated that decisions regarding school closings due to COVID are not arbitrary decisions. We are following a decision tree. We are working with the Bergen County Health Officials, CDC and State Guidelines. While we will continue to be cautious, we ideally want for all students to be back to in person learning every day.

**Meeting closed to public comments at 7:50 P.M.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli**  
**that the January 19, 2021 Closed Session Meeting be closed to the public at 7:51 P.M.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education of the Township of River Vale may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1)-(9);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to:

4. Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the proposals for inclusion in such, specifically, the following matter:

- RVEA Negotiations

7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation (other than any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the proposals for inclusion in such) in which the Board of Education is or may become a party, or any matter falling within the attorney/client privilege, specifically, the following matter:

- Lawsuit

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discuss in closed session by this Board of Education and administrative staff, and the minutes of said closed session discussion will be made available to the public when the reasons for the non-disclosure in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act no longer exist.

	<b>Mrs. Pintarelli</b>	<b>Mr. Puccio</b>	<b>Mr. Rosini</b>	<b>Mrs. Rothenberg</b>	<b>Mr. Schlereth</b>	<b>Mrs. Senande</b>	<b>Mrs. Waldes</b>
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande**  
**that the January 19, 2021 Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Regular Meeting at 8:24 P.M.**

	<b>Mrs. Pintarelli</b>	<b>Mr. Puccio</b>	<b>Mr. Rosini</b>	<b>Mrs. Rothenberg</b>	<b>Mr. Schlereth</b>	<b>Mrs. Senande</b>	<b>Mrs. Waldes</b>
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli**  
that the **January 19, 2021** Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

	<b>Mrs. Pintarelli</b>	<b>Mr. Puccio</b>	<b>Mr. Rosini</b>	<b>Mrs. Rothenberg</b>	<b>Mr. Schlereth</b>	<b>Mrs. Senande</b>	<b>Mrs. Waldes</b>
<b>AYE</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>		√					
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kelly Ippolito  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator