

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
SPECIAL MEETING
Roberge Annex
November 24, 2020 REVISED AGENDA

Special Note: N.J.S.A. 10:4-8b authorizes local units to conduct public hearings through the use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms in certain circumstances. Therefore, in light of the public health emergency, the Board of Education will hold its regular meeting entirely online via Zoom.

Meeting Regulations

During this regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited on agenda items. The second opportunity will occur just prior to adjournment, when residents may address general comments to the Board with time limits being at the discretion of the President. Participants wishing to make public comment shall comply with Policy 0167. Additionally, the Board hereby adopts the following procedures: Individuals participating via Zoom and wishing to make a public comment shall use the “Chat” feature to identify themselves before speaking which shall include typing the individual’s name, address, topic, and areas of concern. The Board shall facilitate a dialogue with the commenter to the extent permitted by the electronic communications technology.

If a member of the public becomes disruptive during a remote public meeting, including during any period for public comment, the Board President or individual in charge of the remote meeting platform shall mute or continue muting the disruptive member of the public and warn that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking during the remote public meeting or removed from the remote public meeting. Disruptive conduct includes sustained inappropriate behaviors such as, but not necessarily limited to, shouting, interruption, and use of profanity. A member of the public who continues to act in a disruptive manner after receiving an initial warning shall be muted while other members of the public are allowed to proceed with their questions or comments. If time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to make comment. Should the person remain disruptive, the Board President or individual in charge of the remote meeting shall mute, or keep muted, the disruptive member for the remainder of the remote public meeting, or remove him or her from the remote public meeting.

To inspect or obtain a copy of any public record required to be made available under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, Examination and Copies of Public Records, please contact Ms. Kelly Ippolito, 609 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, NJ 07675. Copies of all public meeting agendas are online on the district website: <http://www.RiverValeSchools.com>

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, the Laws of 1975, and 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 this meeting.

ROLL CALL	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
PRESENT							
ABSENT							

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Schlereth**
- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande**
- **Curriculum & Technology – Mrs. Rothenberg**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli**
- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini**
- **Personnel – Mr. Puccio**

Committee Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>
December 15, 2020	6:00 PM	Finance
January 5, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
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 30, 2021	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
April 27, 2021	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 11, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only

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Meeting opened to public comments at _____ P.M.

Public comments:

Meeting closed to public comments at _____ P.M.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve
Resolution G1 through G5 as listed below.

- G1. **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 November 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting.**
- G2. **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Closed Session Minutes from the November 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting.**
- G3. **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 November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.**
- G4. **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Closed Session Minutes from the November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.**
- G5. **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the second reading and revisions of the following new/revised River Vale Board of Education Policies and Regulations:**

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>New/Revised</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>
1620	Administrative Employment Contracts	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
2431	Athletic Competition	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
R2431.1	Athletic Competition	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
2464	Gifted and Talented Students	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020

5330.05	Seizure Action Plan	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
R5330.05	Seizure Action Plan	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
7440	School District Security	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
R7440	School District Security	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
7450	Property Inventory	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve
 Resolution Items **B1** through **B5** as listed below.

B1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, **retroactively approves the Financial Report of the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending October 31, 2020 in the following balances:**

Fund 10	-	\$10,460,450.81
Fund 20	-	\$ 5,450.13
Fund 30	-	\$ 97,146.75
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$.39</u>
Total		\$10,563,048.08

B2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator /Board Secretary, retroactively approves the adoption of the monthly certification(s) of Major Budgetary Account and Fund Status as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has accepted and reviewed financial reports for the period ending **October 31, 2020** including the Report of the Secretary, A-148, and the Secretary’s certification; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed financial reports issued by the Business Administrator;

WHEREAS, the Board has had consultations with the appropriate school administrators;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that members of the Board of Education do hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge, no major accounts appear to be overextended in

violations of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district board of education’s financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

- B3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **retroactively approves the transfer of funds for month ending October 31, 2020 in the amount of \$64,902.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds
Month Ending October 31, 2020

T382	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-64902.00
	TO	11-000-252-105-10-11-075	P/T SECRETARY SALARY	64902.00
	TOTALS:			
	FROM:			-64902.00
	TO:			64902.00

Note: Transaction Date: 10/31/2020

- B4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **retroactively approves the transfer of funds for month ending November 24, 2020 in the amount of \$64,917.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds
Month Ending November 24, 2020

T383	FROM	11-000-252-105-10-11-075	P/T SECRETARY SALARY	-64902.00
	TO	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	64902.00
T377	FROM	11-190-100-610-60-60-046	W-GENERAL SUPPLIES	-15.00
	TO	11-000-240-890-60-60-057	W-MIS & OTHER EXPENSES	15.00
	TOTALS:			
	FROM:			-64917.00
	TO:			64917.00

Note: Transaction Date: 11/24/2020

- B5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, approves the following depositories and signators for the River Vale Public Schools for the school year 2020-2021 as set forth below:

Account Name	Account #	Financial Institution	Required Signatures on each Account for Withdrawals
River Vale Board of Education Holdrum School Activity Account	7047728414	Capital One	2 Signers: Kelly Ippolito plus Principal James Cody, Assistant Principal Justin Jasper, Raniua Bajati or Gloria Gallucci

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items **P1** through **P6** as listed below.

P1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the additional assignment for the following Special Education Aide as listed below for the 2020-2021 school year:**

EMPLOYEE NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	HOURS	STEP	HOURLY RATE	ACCOUNT
Elizabeth Courtney	WES	SpEd Aide	Up to 5 per day	10	\$20.00	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

P2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following student intern virtual placement for the 2020-2021 school year:**

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TYPE	TEACHER	COLLEGE/SCHOOL
CST	Bradley	Zirlin	Student Teacher	Laura Rella	Quinnipiac University

P3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively accepts, with regret, the resignation of Caitlin Dowling, a Woodside School Special Education Aide, effective November 20, 2020.**

P4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following faculty member to provide Home Instruction for student #2021700 from November 23, 2020 through January 25, 2021.**

EMPLOYEE NAME	MAX. HRS PER WK	HOURLY RATE	ACCOUNT
Allison D'Amico	2.0	\$80.00	11-150-100-101-10-18-000

P5. 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.**

P6. 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 services to the district for the 2020-2021 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL ITEMS

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Public comments:

Meeting closed to public comments at _____ P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss matters which are not appropriate for

discussion in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, these subjects are within the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act and are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education intends to discuss matters as follows:

1. Any matter which by provision of law is rendered confidential or excluded from the requirements of subsection A of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically, the following matter:

_____.

2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the government of the United States, specifically, the following matter:

_____.

3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, specifically, the following matter: _____

_____.

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

_____.

5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds which would adversely affect the public interest, specifically, the following matter: _____

_____.

6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law, specifically, the following matter: _____

_____.

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: _____

_____.

8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or discipline of any current or prospective officer or employee, unless all individual employees or appointees request in writing that such matter be discussed in public, specifically, the following matter: _____

_____.

9. Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or loss of the license or permit belonging to the responding party, specifically, the following matter:_____

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.

Meeting closed to the public at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION BY_____ **SECONDED BY**_____ that the **November 24, 2020** Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Regular Session Special Meeting at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY_____ **SECONDED BY**_____ that the **November 24, 2020** Regular Session Special Meeting be adjourned at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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