

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
ROBERGE ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
AGENDA

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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, 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. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Vacancy TBD	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
PRESENT							
ABSENT							

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

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

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Committee
September 20, 2022	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 11, 2022	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 15, 2022	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 13, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
January 3, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance

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.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items **G1** through **G4** as listed below.

G1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Minutes from the August 30, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.**

G1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Closed Session Minutes from the August 30, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.**

G3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Special**

Education out-of-district placement tuition costs for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

Student Id#	Program	LEA	Tuition	Duration
20342021	RISe at Ridge School	Ridgewood	\$140,421.28	July-June

G4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the 2022-2023 Nursing Services Plan.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Vacancy TBD	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items B1 through B9 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 July 31, 2022 in the following balances:**

Fund 10	-	\$10,393,046.66
Fund 20	-	\$ 75,524.65
Fund 30	-	\$30,241,535.41
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$ 765,577.28</u>
Total		\$41,475,684.00

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 **July 31, 2022** 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 violation 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 period ending August 31, 2022 in the amount of \$7,750.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds

			FROM	TO
T126	23-11-000-230-339-10-11-000	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS.	(\$2,800.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-252-610-10-65-098	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE/SUPPLIES	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-10-65-046	INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE/SUPPLIES	(\$2,450.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-230-104-10-11-122	BOE COMPUTER TECH SALARY	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
	23-11-000-252-105-10-11-075	P/T SECRETARY SALARY	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
	23-11-190-100-610-10-65-024	INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	\$0.00	\$2,450.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$7,750.00)	
	TO:			\$7,750.00

Note: Transaction Date 8/31/2022

- B4. 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 September 20, 2022 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 762,542.24
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 26,987.00
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$4,866,585.61
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	-	\$ 220,815.42
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 0.00
Total		\$5,876,930.27

B5. 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 the period dated September 20, 2022 in the amount of \$59,423.01.**

B6. 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 September 20, 2022 in the amount of \$25,601.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds

			FROM	TO
T121	23-11-000-291-260-10-11-000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	(\$25,526.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-262-590-40-14-000	R - MISC OTHER PURCH SERVICES	\$0.00	\$25,526.00
T123	23-11-000-216-610-10-18-079	CST-PT SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	(\$75.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-240-890-10-18-000	SUPERVISOR OF CST/DUES FEES	\$0.00	\$75.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$25,601.00)	
	TO:			\$25,601.00

Note: Transaction Date 9/20/2022

B7. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following change order through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey RFP #ESCNJ 20/21-50 in connection with the Roberge Elementary School Building Renovations as submitted and approved by LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent payment applications summarized as follows:**

Project #	Contractor	Original Contract Amount	Accepted Change Orders	Adjusted Contract Amount
2.2797.55.03	AME Inc.	\$ 387,333.33		\$ 387,333.33
	Change Order # 1 Approved 8-30-2022		\$ 6,114.66	\$ 6,114.66
	Change Order # 2		\$ 2,299.00	\$ 2,299.00
	Totals	\$ 387,333.33	\$ 8,413.66	\$ 395,746.99

B8. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the School Staffing Agreement for school based nursing services with Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services located in Eatontown, New Jersey for the 2022-2023 school year.**

B9. 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

Employee	Location/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Megan Rizer	HMS	IXL Live Virtual Workshop	Virtual	10/13/22	\$75.00
Kimberly Dowling	C&I	NJSBA Workshop 22	Atlantic City, NJ	10/24/22	Not to
				10/25/22	Exceed
				10/26/22	\$1,000.00
Angela Rossi	WES	Together in Art AENJ Conference	Long Branch, NJ	10/12/22	Not to
				10/13/22	Exceed
				10/14/22	\$700.00
John Garretson	HMS	Together in Art AENJ Conference	Long Branch, NJ	10/12/22	Not to
				10/13/22	Exceed
				10/14/22	\$700.00
Sean Smith	RES	Together in Art AENJ Conference	Long Branch, NJ	10/12/22	Not to
				10/13/22	Exceed
				10/14/22	\$250.00
Kathleen Keller	WES	Region II, Cohort 3	PHHS	10/6/22	\$1.41
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Region II, Cohort 3	PHHS	10/6/22	\$1.41
Denise Alex	CST	Sexuality Education: Consideration for Students with Special Needs	NVCC	3/29/23	\$220.00
Denise Alex	CST	Principles of Positive Psychology	NVCC	10/27/22	\$220.00
Denise Alex	CST	Creating Vision Boards as a Wellness Tool	HVCC	1/6/23	\$220.00
Daniel Beyer	WES	BCCTG Meeting	Paramus, NJ	9/22/22	\$0.00
April Callas	HMS	Year 3 Cohort Meeting	PHHS	10/6/22	\$0.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items **P1** through **P15** as listed below.

P1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for staff member #004022 beginning on November 14, 2022 through on or about January 5, 2023, followed by an unpaid Family Medical Leave beginning on or about January 6, 2023 through on or about March 30, 2023.**

- P2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for staff member #000655 beginning on September 2, 2022 through on or about September 30, 2022.**
- P3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for staff member #004035 beginning on September 8, 2022 through on or about September 30, 2022.**
- P4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves an unpaid leave of absences for Bracha Rand, LDTC, on October 4, 2022 and on October 10, 2022 through October 18, 2022, for a total of eight (8) unpaid days.**
- P5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively accepts, with regret, the resignation of Antonino Ciaccio, Maintenance, effective September 15, 2022.**
- P6. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively accepts, with regret, the resignation of Rosa Romero, Night Custodian, effective September 15, 2022.**
- P7. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **abolishes the position of Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds.**
- P8. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **abolishes the job description for the Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds.**
- P9. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **appoints the following district Staff/Faculty member(s) with NJDOE Emergency Certification for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of CEAS Certification and completion of the Criminal History Review process, as set forth below:**

Employee	Location/ Dept.	FTE	Position	Level/ Step	Salary	Account No.
Jillian Topolski	WES	1.0	School Library Media Specialist	MA/1	\$64,585.00	11-000-222-100-60-11-000

P10. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following student intern placements for the 2022-2023 school year, as set forth below:**

Name	School	Type	Teacher	College/School
Natalie Bachrach	WES	Internship	Gena Incantalupo	PVRHS
Trinity Park	RES	Internship	Margaret Hutter	PVRHS
Ashley Platt	RES	Internship	Patricia Davis	PVRHS
Bradley Zysfain	WES	Internship	Rachel Hadley	PVRHS

P11. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves the transfer of the following Custodial personnel for the 2022-2023 school year, effective as of September 12, 2022, as set forth below:**

Employee	From	Position	To	Position	Account No.
Alvaro Sosa	RES	Night Custodian	WES	Night Custodian	11-000-262-110-60-11-000

P12. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the transfer of the following Special Education Aide(s) for the 2022-2023 school year, as set forth below, effective September 8, 2022:**

Employee	From	Position	To	Position	Account No.
Wendy Augustensen	WES	SpEd Aide	RES	SpEd Aide	11-000-217-106-40-11-004
Alison Saunders	RES	SpEd ABA Aide	WES	SpEd ABA Aide	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

P13. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **advises pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17, 18A:16-17.1 and 52:14-17.46.14, that unless an employee waives health insurance coverage, the employee shall contribute to the cost of their health insurance coverage in the amounts required by law, or any applicable collective negotiations agreement, whether said contributions are a percentage of the health insurance premium based upon their salary range, or a percentage of their annual base salary, as determined by the health insurance plan in which the employee is enrolled.**

P14. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the 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 2022-2023 school year.**

P15. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the 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 2022-2023 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- **BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

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:

• **Candidate Discussions**

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 discussed 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. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Vacancy TBD	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the September 20, 2022 Closed Session Meeting be re-opened to the Regular Meeting at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Vacancy TBD	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the
September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting be adjourned at _____ P.M.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Vacancy TBD	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							