

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Annex
March 3, 2020 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Waldes 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: Mrs. Pintarelli, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Rothenberg,
Mrs. Senande, Mrs. Waldes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Puccio, Mr. Schlereth

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Six Holdrum School Students
36 members of the public

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Waldes welcomed the students and their parents along with members of the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds** – Ms. Ippolito reported on the Woodside School Paving/Drainage Project that was presented to the Planning Board at the February 20, 2020 meeting
- **Communications & Policies** – None
- **Curriculum & Technology** – None
- **Finance** – Mrs. Pintarelli reported that the District received \$871,427 in State Aid, which was an increase of \$116,832. However the District was hit with the same assessment for Debt Service of \$50,531 for a net State Aid figure for the 2020/2021 school year of \$820,896. Mrs. Pintarelli also reported that the proposed 2020-2021 Budget is under cap.
- **Negotiations** – None
- **Personnel** – None

Committee Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Committee
March 3, 2020	6:00 PM	Finance
March 10, 2020	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	Policy & Communication
April 14, 2020	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds

April 28, 2020	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 12, 2020	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 8, 2020	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 22, 2020	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 13, 2020	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 17, 2020	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 15, 2020	6:00 PM	Finance

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only

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Meeting opened to public comments at 7:05 P.M.

Public comments: None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:05 P.M.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez reported he was on a statewide conference call regarding the coronavirus outbreak with education stakeholders—school superintendents, heads of private schools, directors of day care centers, etc.—and key state officials just prior to the Board Meeting. Providing updates and guidance were Governor Phil Murphy; Judith Persichilli, Commissioner, Department of Health; Dr. Lamont Rapollet, Commissioner, Department of Education; and Dr. Tina Tan, State Epidemiologist. Governor Murphy continues to call this outbreak a “low health risk,” indicating there are no confirmed cases in New Jersey according to the Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Alvarez noted he recently sent two communiques on this matter to the school community and will continue to communicate as the situation evolves.

In other matters, Dr. Alvarez reported the district was monitored under the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) last spring. NJQSAC is an extensive monitoring process by the Department of Education, which includes a multi-day visit to the district. He

announced that the River Vale Public Schools received the top rating as “high performing” school district.

Finally, he introduced Mr. Jim Cody, Holdrum School Principal, and Holdrum Middle School students and teachers who presented on what it means to be a Global Communicator. Students and teachers provided examples of classwork illustrating how Portrait of a Graduate is being realized in daily class work.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board about Mandatory Training is due December 31, 2020; and that Financial Disclosure forms must be completed by April 30, 2020.

Ms. Ippolito also thanked the Finance Committee, the Board and Administrators for all their work on the proposed 2020-2021 Budget.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande 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, **affirms one HIB report:****

- **HIB – HMS – 005**

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

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 February 29, 2020** as follows:**

Fund 10 - General Fund	-	\$	404,884.65
Fund 10 - Voided Checks	-	\$	0.00
Fund 20 - Special Revenue	-	\$	0.00
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$	0.00
Fund 30 - Capital Projects	-	\$	0.00
Fund 40 - Debt Service	-	\$	0.00
Unemployment Trust Account	-	\$	0.00
Fund 60 - Milk Account	-	\$	0.00

Fund 65 - Enterprise Fund	-	\$	0.00
Fund 90 - Trust & Agency	-	\$	1,602,944.73
Fund 91 - Merchants Account	-	\$	0.00
Total		\$	2,007,829.38

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

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 **purchase orders** and adjustments for period dated **February 29, 2020** in the amount of **\$92,732.89**.

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

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 **bills list** dated **March 3, 2020** as follows:

Fund 10 - General Fund	-	\$	162,113.34
Fund 10 - Voided Checks	-	\$	0.00
Fund 20 - Special Revenue	-	\$	243.80
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$	0.00
Fund 30 - Capital Projects	-	\$	0.00
Fund 40 - Debt Service	-	\$	0.00
Unemployment Trust Account	-	\$	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
Total		\$	162,357.14

	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 **purchase orders** and adjustments for period dated **March 3, 2020** in the amount of **\$0.00**.

	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 following **Travel and Conferences for the staff** indicated below for professional improvement or development, for the period **July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020**.

Name	School/Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Kimberly Dowling	Curriculum & Instruction	Bergen County Diversity Summit	Lyndhurst, NJ	4/1/2020	0.00
Kimberly Dowling	Curriculum & Instruction	Visible Learning Plus Institute	Mahwah, NJ	4/29/2020	\$399.00
Melissa Signore	Woodside	Bergen County Diversity Summit	Lyndhurst, NJ	4/1/2020	0.00
Melissa Signore	Woodside	Visible Learning Plus Institute	Mahwah, NJ	4/29/2020	\$399.00

	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 following school sponsored trips/assemblies for the period September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:**

School	Grade	Trip/Assembly	Location	Date
Woodside	Grade 4 (5-8 students)	Battle of the Books Competition	Roberge Elementary	5/1/2020

	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 resolution:

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) has retained the professional services of LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the “Architect”) as Architect of Record for preparing a major amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan for the River Vale Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the Long Range Facility Plan is required to be amended once every five (5) years and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Board has reviewed and accepted said amendment and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves and authorizes LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. to submit the major amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan for the Board which shall satisfy the New Jersey Department of Education’s requirement for the Long Range Facility Plan to be amended once every five (5) years.

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. 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 an unpaid leave of absence for Cynthia Mazza from March 5, 2020 through March 13, 2020.**

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

- P2. 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, **accepts the resignation of Kristine Berta, a Woodside School Special Education Aide, whose last day of employment was February 25, 2020.**

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

- P3. 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 ESS Northeast, LLC, with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute teacher, secretary and substitute aide services to the district for the 2019-2020 school year.**

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

- P4. 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 Northern Region Educational Services Commission with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute aide services to the district for the 2019-2020 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 7:42P.M.

None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:42 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

NB1. 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 School Business Administrator, **adopts the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget** and authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the **2020-2021 Tentative Budget** to the Bergen County Executive County Superintendent for review and approval.

- a) General Fund appropriations budget in the total amount of \$24,537,440 which includes sub-fund budgets for General Current Expense, \$23,733,925, Capital Outlay, \$803,515, (which includes a statutorily restricted increase in Capital Reserve of (\$36,000) and a mandated assessment for debt service aid on SDA funding of (\$50,531), and approve the schedule of anticipated revenue, as hereinafter indicated to fund appropriations budget for **2020-2021**.

Balance Appropriated (General Fund)	877,884
Local Tax Levy	22,602,121
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve	36,000
Tuition	20,000
Miscellaneous: restricted	103,055
Miscellaneous: unrestricted	26,953
State Aid	871,427
Total Anticipated Revenue	24,537,440

- b) Special Revenue Funds appropriations budget in the total amount of \$162,962 and to adopt the schedule of anticipated revenue as hereinafter indicated, to fund this budget for **2020-2021**.

Local Aid (restricted)	-
State Aid (restricted)	-
Federal Aid	162,962
Total Anticipated Revenue	162,962

- c) Debt Service Fund appropriations budget in the total amount of \$807,775 and adopt the schedule of anticipated revenue, as hereinafter indicated, to fund this budget for **2020-2021**.

Balance Appropriated	-
Local Tax Levy	807,775
State Aid	-
Total Anticipated Revenue	807,775

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

NB2. 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 School Business Administrator, **approves the General Fund Tax Levy to be raised for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$22,602,121.**

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

NB3. 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 School Business Administrator, approves the following resolution regarding Employee Travel and Related Expenses:

WHEREAS, school district policy 9520.B1 Employee Travel and Related Expenses and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) provided that the Board of Education shall establish in the **2019-2020** school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement in the amount not to exceed **\$54,000**; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has incurred travel and related expenses as of February 29, 2020 in the amount of **\$16,516.59** for the **2019-2020** school year; and

WHEREAS, school district policy 9520.B1 Employee Travel and Related Expenses and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B01.2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the **2020-2021** school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education hereby **establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget in the sum of \$49,250**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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

NB4. 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 School Business Administrator, approves the following resolution regarding Public Relations and Purchased Professional Services:

WHEREAS, The Accountability Regulations, specifically N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-5.2 a(1) provided that the Board Of Education shall establish annually a maximum dollar limit for public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14 and each type of professional services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum annual dollar limit for public relations and professional services for the **2020-2021** school year in the amount of **\$15,000 and 1,102,504** respectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Rothenberg
that the **March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting** be closed to the public at 7:43 P.M.**

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

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:

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

- A HIB incident

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:

- Superintendent Search

**MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Rothenberg
that the **March 3, 2020 Closed Session Meeting** be opened to the public at 8:39 P.M.**

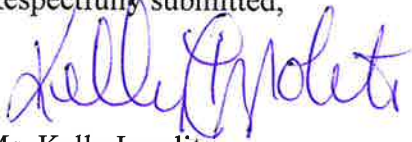
	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

**MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
that the **March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting** be adjourned at 8:40 P.M.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kelly Ippolito
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator