

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Annex
March 23, 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. Puccio, Mr. Rosini,
Mrs. Rothenberg, Mrs. Senande, Mrs. Waldes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Schlereth

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Signore, Woodside School Principal
Mr. Wren, Roberge School Principal
Mr. Jasper, Holdrum School Assistant Principal
Ms. Dowling, Supervisor, Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. O’Gara, Supervisor, Director of Educational Technology
Ms. DeGaetano, Supervisor, Special Services
70 members of the public

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- Buildings & Grounds – None
- Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande indicated there were several new policies and regulations on this Agenda for second reading and approval.
- Curriculum & Technology – None
- Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli reported that last week the Finance Committee met with the School Auditor to review the 2019-2020 audit reports. Great news, as expected! There were no audit recommendations identified in the report. You will notice this on B-9 of

tonight's agenda. Thank you to Ms. Ippolito and her staff for all you do to ensure the District remains financially sound, financially responsible and compliant each year.

Mrs. Pintarelli also wished our teachers, administrators and staff a wonderful, well-deserved spring break filled with much relaxation. She thanked everyone for all that they do.

- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini indicated that contract negotiations with the RVEA are on-going.**
- **Personnel – None**

Committee Meeting Revised Schedule

Date	Time	Committee
March 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies-CANCELLED
April 13, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds-CANCELLED
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	Communications & Policies
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

THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION is committed to encouraging the citizens of River Vale and employees of the River Vale School District to speak directly to board trustees. In order to facilitate this communication, residents and employees are requested (1) to sign in before speaking; (2) to maintain an appropriate sense of decorum; and (3) to limit their remarks to no more than five minutes. The Board will also take under advisement the written comments and opinions of non-residents that are submitted to the Board Secretary. Being mindful of its responsibility to maintain the orderly conduct of meetings, the Board retains the right to rule on such matters as the speaker's right to address the Board, as well as the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The Board's decision in such matters is final.

The Board also reminds all members of the public that while it subscribes, without reservation, to the principle of keeping the community informed, by policy and law, it cannot allow public discussion of personnel matters nor can trustees comment on any current or pending litigation. If a matter concerning an employee of the River Vale Public Schools is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the responsible building principal or the Interim Superintendent of Schools by telephone, letter or email.

Meeting opened to public comments at 7:10 P.M.

**Public comments:
None**

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:12 P.M.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez reported that the District welcomed back Grade 3 students on March 8, and Grades 4 and 5 students on March 22 to a 5-days/week program. He noted that approximately 90% of our elementary students are attending in-person instruction 5-days/week. On average, 10% of elementary students are remote-only learners. He stated that the District is happy to continue to accommodate parent choice in this area.

He referenced that COVID-19 cases in the State and in our Region have increased in recent weeks. According to the COVID-19 Activity Level Index, our Region continues in the "high" or orange range--triggering a more conservative approach when there are in-school exposures. The District continues to be guided by our local health official--the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission--when making decisions regarding school closures and quarantine periods. He continued by noting that he is optimistic that with fewer cases and limited school-level transmissions following the Spring Recess, we will be able to offer Holdrum students a 5-days/week program on or around Monday, April 19.

In other matters, he noted the proposed referendum is on schedule for a vote on Tuesday, April 20 and encouraged attendance at the Virtual Referendum Forum on Tuesday, April 6, at 7 pm.

Dr. Alvarez also reported that the Woodside Principal Search continues with Round 2 interviews on Wednesday, March 24. A committee of 12 including teachers, administrators and the Board's personnel committee members will interview 5 finalists. Two will move to a final interview round with the full Board following the Spring Recess. The process is on target for an April 27 Board appointment.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board Members and Administrative Team that their 2021 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements were available on-line and must be completed by April 30, 2021. She also reminded Board Members of their NJSBA mandatory training requirements which need to be completed.

Additionally, Ms. Ippolito advised that the NJSBA Workshop 2021 will be held virtually again this year and run from October 26-28, 2021. Registration will open in May and further information will be provided at that time.

Ms. Ippolito announced that the district Audit had been completed and the Auditors made no recommendations that needed to be addressed. The Audit results will be accepted at this evening's meeting.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio

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 February 23, 2021.**

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

G2. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio

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 Board Meeting on February 23, 2021.**

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

G3. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Virtual Minutes from the Board Meeting on March 2, 2021.**

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

G4. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio

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>
6440	Cooperative Purchasing	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
6470.01	Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification	New	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021

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R1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
1643	Family Leave	New	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
R5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
R7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	New	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
2415	Every Student Succeeds Act	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
2415.02	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
R2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
4125	Employment of Support Staff Members	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
6360	Political Contributions	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
8330	Student Records	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021
9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups	Revised	March 2, 2021	March 23, 2021

	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 Mr. Rosini

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 28, 2021 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 409,951.78
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ (61.40)
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 Acct.	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 -Trust & Agency	-	\$1,570,555.55
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		<u>\$ 62.85</u>
Total		\$1,980,508.78

	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 Mr. Rosini
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 February 28, 2021 in the amount of \$26,353.00.****

	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 Mr. Rosini
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 23, 2021 as follows:****

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$1,127,644.32
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 Acct.	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 -Trust & Agency	-	\$ 213,501.16
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 5,251.16
Total		\$1,346,396.64

	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 Mr. Rosini
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 23, 2021 in the amount of \$254,509.37.****

	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 Mr. Rosini**
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 March 23, 2021 in the amount of \$61,637.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending March 23, 2021**

T607	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-10080.00
	TO	11-000-262-610-20-14-035	H-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	10080.00
T613	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-14375.00
	TO	11-000-262-610-20-14-035	H-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	14375.00
T628	FROM	11-000-251-105-10-11-009	EXEC SEC TO SBA/BD SEC/SALARY	-463.00
		11-000-262-110-40-11-103	RES-P/T SUMMER CUSTODIAL SALARIES	-320.00
		11-000-262-420-10-14-089	CLEAN, REPAIR & MAINT. SVCS – DISTRICT	-54.00
		11-130-100-101-20-11-001	TCHR LUNCH DUTY SALARIES	-2500.00
		11-204-100-106-60-11-000	W-LLD AIDE SALARIES	-4000.00
		11-213-100-101-40-11-000	R-RESOURCE TEACHERS SALARIES	-8738.00
		11-215-100-106-60-11-000	PS HAND. INST. AIDE SALARIES	-2895.00
		11-240-100-320-40-11-102	R-ESL PURCH ED SRV/SUBS	-152.00
	TOTAL			-19122.00
	TO	11-000-217-106-60-11-004	W-SPECIAL ED AIDES	6895.00
		11-000-251-100-10-11-000	BUSINESS ADMIN SALARY	463.00
		11-000-262-110-60-11-000	WOODSIDE SCHOOL CUSTODIANS	320.00
		11-000-262-420-20-11-000	H-COPIER REPAIRS/MAINT	54.00
		11-130-100-101-20-11-032	H-GRADES 6-8/EXTRA WORK	2500.00
		11-213-100-101-20-11-000	H-RESOURCE TEACHER SALARIES	485.00
		11-213-100-101-60-11-000	W-RESOURCE TEACHERS SALARIES	8253.00
		11-240-100-101-40-11-000	R-ESL SALARIES	152.00
	TOTAL			19122.00
T629	FROM	11-000-216-320-10-18-000	PURCH PROF SRVCS/COMM FOR THE BLIND	-100.00
	TO	11-000-219-320-10-18-000	HEALTH/PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES	100.00
T634	FROM	11-000-230-331-10-11-049	LEGAL SERVICE EXP. – SP SRVS	-10960.00
	FROM	11-000-230-590-10-11-056	LIABILITY INSURANCE	-2500.00
	FROM	11-000-230-610-10-17-000	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	-2500.00
	TOTAL			-15960.00
	TO	11-000-230-339-10-11-000	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	15960.00
T639	FROM	11-000-230-590-10-11-047	STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE	-2000.00
	TO	11-000-230-590-10-17-083	PRINTER RELATED EXPENSES	2000.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-61637.00
	TO			61637.00

Note: Transaction Date: 3/23/21

	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 Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **authorizes the procurement of goods and services through the WSCA-NASPO NJ State Contract Awarded Supplier: PBG Networks**

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that the River Vale Board of Education without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or

contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the Sate by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale School District has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to award the contract for technology products and services to PBG Networks through WSCA-NASPO NJ State Contract # 87722 in the amount of \$131,601.03.

Account No. 21-11-000-252-610-10-65-024 - \$18,593.75

Account No. 21-11-000-252-610-10-65-098 - \$65,007.28

Account No. 21-11-000-252-330-10-65-089 - \$48,000.00

	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 Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **authorizes the procurement of goods and services through the TIPS Cooperative Contract Awarded Supplier: Trafera Holdings, LLC;**

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that the River Vale Board of Education without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the Sate by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale School District has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to award the contract for technology products and services to Trafera Holdings, LLC through TIPS Cooperative Contract # 200105 in the amount of \$152,750.00.

Account No. 21-11-190-100-610-10-65-065- \$152,750.00

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

**B8. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **authorizes the procurement of goods and services through the WSCA-NASPO NJ State Contract Awarded Supplier: SHI****

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that the River Vale Board of Education without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the Sate by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale School District has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to award the contract for technology products and services to SHI through WSCA-NASPO NJ State Contract # AR3229 in the amount of \$28,095.01.

Account No. 12-000-252-730-10-65-000 - \$28,095.01

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

**B9. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **acknowledges receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and the Auditor’s Management Report on Administrative Findings-Financial Compliance and Performance and accepts the following 2019-2020 Audit Recommendations, submitted by the firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, School Auditor:****

- I. Administration Practices & Procedures
There are none.
- II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
There are none.
- III. School Purchasing Program
There are none.
- IV. Food Service Fund
There are none.
- V. Park Academy Fund
There are none.
- VI. Student Body Activities
There are none.
- VII. Application for State School Aid
There are none.
- VIII. Pupil Transportation
There are none.
- IX. Miscellaneous
There are none.

X. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

XI. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

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

B10. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to take the following actions to implement the recommendations submitted in the 2019-2020 audit report.**

There are no recommendations.

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

B11. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg 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 amending the District's Cafeteria Plan to comply with the new CARES Act provisions concerning**

reimbursement of over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, menstrual products, and telehealth; the temporary change in status provisions under IRS Notice 2020-29; the DOL/IRS updates to the claims procedures and COBRA timelines (IRS Notice 2020-23 and EBSA Disaster Relief Notice 2020-01), and the new cost of living adjustment for the carryover provisions under IRS Notice 2020-33;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education does hereby authorize the School Business Administrator to execute this Amendment to the Cafeteria Plan and certify the below required resolution as required by the Plan Administrator; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Amendment to the Cafeteria Plan is hereby approved and adopted and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Plan Administrator the Amendment and to take any and all actions as it may deem necessary to effectuate this resolution. *(See Attachment B11)*

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli

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 Bernadina Carillo-LeBow, a Roberge School Special Education Aide, from March 8, 2021 through March 12, 2021, and on March 18, 2021 and March 19, 2021, for a total of seven unpaid days.**

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

P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Tira-Lynn Smid, a Holdrum School Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.** *(See Attachment P2)*

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

P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Samuelle Jean-Charles, a Woodside School Special Education Aide, effective March 11, 2021.** *(See Attachment P3)*

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

**P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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							

**P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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							

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL ITEMS

THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION is committed to encouraging the citizens of River Vale and employees of the River Vale School District to speak directly to board trustees. In order to facilitate this communication, residents and employees are requested (1) to sign in before speaking; (2) to maintain an appropriate sense of decorum; and (3) to limit their remarks to no more than five minutes. The Board will also take under advisement the written comments and opinions of non-residents that are submitted to the Board Secretary. Being mindful of its responsibility to maintain the orderly conduct of meetings, the Board retains the right to rule on such matters as the speaker’s right to address the Board, as well as the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The Board’s decision in such matters is final.

The Board also reminds all members of the public that while it subscribes, without reservation, to the principle of keeping the community informed, by policy and law, it cannot allow public discussion of personnel matters nor can trustees comment on any current or pending litigation. If a matter concerning an employee of the River Vale School District is of interest or concern to a

resident, the matter should be referred to the responsible building principal or the Interim Superintendent of Schools by telephone, letter or email.

Meeting opened to public comments at 7:24 P.M.

Public comments:

Mitch Gibbs, 226 Graney Drive: Thanked the Board for their time and efforts. Asked why the Elementary schools are open and not the Middle School? How did other school districts open five (5) days a week and not ours? What is the plan to get students in five (5) days a week? Why are we at fourteen (14) days and not ten (10) days quarantine?

Dr. Frank Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools, responded that the District is where most other Elementary Schools are and in person five (5) days a week. The Middle School is more problematic and one of the larger Middle Schools in the Valley, however discussions are ongoing to try to get Middle School students in after the break. That will of course depend on the numbers and direction received from the County, State and Local Health Departments. The recommendation is for fourteen (14) days when the CALI rating is Orange.

Ms. Jo Ann Hirsch, District Head Nurse, responded that the ten (10) day quarantine is in relation to the CDC's travel regulations and the fourteen (14) days is for schools.

Brynn Dunn, 575 Rivervale Road: Ms. Dunn wrote a statement thanking the Board, Administration, the Holdrum Staff and everyone who has worked so hard over these past 12 months to navigate through this difficult time.

Ms. Ippolito, School Business Administrator, read Ms. Dunn's statement and thanked her.

Frank Romano, 787 Mattner Court: Thank you for all of your efforts and time. I disagree with the decision to shut down the entire Middle School. Is the Board bound by the information that you receive or is it a recommendation?

Dr. Frank Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools, responded that based on the number of cases and working with North West Bergen and the Nurses, the decision was made. It is a recommendation, however, we would be foolish not to follow it.

Matt de la Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: Thanked the Nurses for all of their efforts. Do we have any plans to move back to full days and have lunch?

Dr. Frank Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools, responded that that scenario has been looked at and that that will not occur in the near future.

Matt de la Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: I would ask that you please reconsider that. The first time that I heard about the referendum was back in December. Why isn't there a turf field for Holdrum in the project?

Ms. Ippolito, School Business Administrator, stated that it was unfortunate that he did not hear about the referendum project sooner as this process started over two (2) years ago and has been discussed at most of the Board Meetings. The Board has had the Architects in to present their Physical Needs Assessment, A/C Feasibility Study and the input from the focus groups held with the staff at each of the schools. Specifically the last in person Board Meeting, February 25, 2020 had a detailed report of the status to the Board under New Business outlining the background, process and scope as well as all of the items that were being considered for the referendum project. While a turf field is important to some, the focus of the referendum was on infrastructure needs, wellness, and presenting the community with the option to install air conditioning in the areas of the schools that currently do not have it. The Board's intent was to take advantage of the State Aid that is available for eligible projects and a turf field was not suggested nor is it eligible for State Aid funding. The projects that are most expensive are the roofs, Holdrum is a full roof replacement estimated at \$3.4 million dollars, Woodside is a full roof replacement estimated at \$2.4 million dollars and then the HVAC equipment in all three (3) schools adds up quickly. I am happy to further answer any questions, concerns or discuss any part of the referendum at any time. Please reach out to me.

Madhavi Gibbs, 226 Graney Drive: Ms. Gibbs stated that she understood the importance of the referendum but how could kids benefit when they are not in school. I do appreciate your time and efforts but we need to do more. We need to get kids back in school.

Board President, Lorraine Waldes, responded that she respects your opinion however you should not judge things based on this past year. Consider a broader scope and the work will take time to complete and children will be back in school and able to benefit from the improvements.

Dr. Frank Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools, stated that the superintendent's job is to give the Board the best recommendation for ensuring the best intentions for kids. We are trying to get kids back in school in a thoughtful, methodical and safe way.

Suzy Costello, 555 Whitenack Road: If the referendum doesn't pass, will taxpayers get back the \$230 once the current bond passes? Is there an estimated completion time regarding the referendum? Is it a 3-5 year? 5-7?

Ms. Ippolito, School Business Administrator, stated that if the referendum did not pass, yes, the average tax payer would no longer be paying the \$230 per year. The referendum project would be 2-3 years.

Meeting closed to public comments at 8:56 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
that the March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:57 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