

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

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

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>
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 _____ 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 G1 through G4 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 Board Meeting on January 5, 2021.**
- G2. 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)**
- G3. 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.

- G4. 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:**

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

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 **B7** as listed below.

B1. 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-		\$ 256.85
Total		\$2,006,153.93

B2. 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.**

B3. 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	-119.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-10-65-024	INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	119.00
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			-157939.00
	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			157939.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-158058.00
	TO			158058.00

Note: Transaction Date: 12/31/20

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 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
Total		\$887,058.05

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 period dated January 19, 2021 in the amount of \$67,715.10**

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 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

B7. 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
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

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
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

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
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

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							

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items P1 through P3 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, **retroactively approves an unpaid leave of absence for Martina Katsikiotis, a Holdrum School Aide, for December 23, 2020.**
- P2. 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.**
- P3. 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.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Public comments:

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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 **January 19, 2021** Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Regular 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 **January 19, 2021** Regular 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							