

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
SPECIAL MEETING
ROBERGE ANNEX
November 10, 2020
AGENDA

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>
November 17, 2020	6:00 PM	Negotiations
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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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 _____ 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** and **G2** 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 following resolution:**

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor has declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency, and ordered all schools closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, in response the continued COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor announced re-opening guidance for New Jersey schools for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the guidance announces that, absent a change in public health data, public schools will open for in-person instruction and operations in some capacity at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, each district will be expected to develop, in collaboration with community stakeholders, a plan to reopen schools in the fall that best fits the district’s local needs; and

WHEREAS, the District did develop, in collaboration with community stakeholders, a plan to reopen schools in the fall that best fits the District’s local needs;

WHEREAS, the District shall amend the District’s Restart and Recovery Plan a second time, effective November 16, 2020, to accommodate the return of students in grades K and 1 to a 5-day per week program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the amendment to the District’s Restart and Recovery Plan which was submitted to the Department of Education on July 29, 2020, amended October 13, 2020, and to be implemented effective November 16, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

G2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the first and only reading of the new River Vale Board of Education Bylaw:**

<u>Bylaw #</u>	<u>Bylaw Title</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>1st & Only Reading</u>
0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency	New	November 10, 2020

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

None

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL ITEMS

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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 **November 10, 2020** Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Special Session 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 10, 2020** Special Session 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							