

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Annex
August 25, 2020 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,
Mr. Schlereth, Mrs. Senande, Mrs. Waldes**

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

**Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Dowling, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Signore, Woodside School Principal
Ms. DeGaetano, Supervisor of Special Services
Mr. Peterson, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Wren, Roberge School Principal
96 members of the public and teaching staff**

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Waldes read the following prepared remarks:

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the last days of the summer break. We realize this has been a difficult time for our community as well as for our nation. Our administrators have been working diligently all summer to ensure that the District has the best possible educational and safety plans in place for our opening on September 3rd. The process remains fluid as state mandates and guidance continue to evolve

Your Board Trustees have stayed involved and have been as always, advocating for our students and staff. I know that when it comes to your precious children the only measure that counts is excellence, which is what we have always strived to deliver and are still striving to deliver.

It was interesting, that when the state issued direction for preparing The Restart Plan, they offered very little guidance, instead they suggested we refer to “best practices” for every requirement necessary to be included in our plan. The problem of course is there are no best practices. We are in uncharted waters, unprecedented times, an unparalleled situation and any other words or sayings that mean we are all doing this together for the very first time.

I truly understand that as a parent there will never be enough information, transparency or guidance, but I urge you to visit our website, it contains so much vital information and many helpful resources. I think a few visits will go a long way to giving you better insight in what we have been working on all summer.

You may not agree with our decisions, but PLEASE, please never doubt our commitment and dedication to serving your children. Their well-being and that of our educational community is why we spend countless hours, days and years doing what we do. I always tell new board members that once elected they all of a sudden have 1300 sons and daughters and that they have to advocate for and love and cherish each and every one of them as they do their own. Thank you

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds** – None
- **Communications & Policies** – Mrs. Senande reported that there is a second reading of policies and regulations on this agenda.
- **Curriculum & Technology** – None
- **Finance** – None
- **Negotiations** – None
- **Personnel** – None

Committee Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>
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
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

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 7:08 P.M.

Public comments: None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:08 P.M.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez made several comments related to the reopening of schools including discussion of timeline and preparation leading to the Restart Plan and school reopening on September 3; presentation of data regarding the number of River Vale students attending in-person instruction vs. remote-only learners; development of the school calendar for the first trimester, and the possibility of changes to the calendar in the near future; addition of staffing as a result (3 permanent substitutes and 1 nurse); and report on the number of Bergen County districts going remote at this time--fewer than 15%.

Kimberly Dowling, Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, continued presenting available parent resources and information, as well as shared photographs of modifications to hallways, classrooms, and other instructional spaces to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito spoke to the question raised about the Local School District – K-8 River Vale comprising 42.44% of the total property taxes paid annually.

	Percentage of Levy	Tax on Average Home Assessed at 592k
Local School District	42.44%	\$ 6,563.53
Regional High School	25.08%	\$ 3,879.79
County Taxes	9.30%	\$ 1,438.79
County Open Space	0.39%	\$ 60.44
Municipal Open Space	0.38%	\$ 59.20
Municipal Library	1.30%	\$ 200.61
Municipal Budget*	21.11%	\$ 3,264.64
	100.00%	\$ 15,467.02

Net Assessed Valuations

**Township of River Vale
2020 Tax Allocation**

**The difference from 2019 to 2020 in the Municipal Budget is an increase of \$70.26 on an average home assessed at \$592,000.*

The tax levy cap for school districts is set at 2.00% unless specific criteria are met which would allow for an increase over 2.00%. The River Vale Board of Education has subscribed to a financially prudent philosophy that includes being fiscally responsible and respectful to the community while maintaining the best quality education for the children of River Vale. The River Vale Board of Education has stayed below the 2.00% tax levy cap since 2014-2015.

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Tax Levy Increase	2.82%	1.87%	1.93%	1.80%	1.90%	1.90%	1.89%	1.89%
Tax Impact on Avg. Assessed Home	2.57%	2.92%	1.54%	1.37%	1.52%	1.43%	1.34%	1.41%
\$ impact on Avg assessed home annual				\$ 84.06	\$ 94.45	\$ 89.98	\$ 85.84	\$ 91.17
\$ impact on Avg assessed home monthly				\$ 7.01	\$ 7.87	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.15	\$ 7.60

While there are provisions in the law to provide for school districts to incur banked cap, which allows for raising the tax levy cap over the 2.00% without voter approval, the River Vale Board of Education has been committed to its fiscal conservatism and living within its means. To that end, the River Vale Board of Education has allowed \$360,846 in banked cap to expire based on the fact that their budgets were able to be prepared with all of the educational, technology and facilities needs included within the 2.00% tax levy cap.

- a. Banked Cap
 - i. 2014-2015- \$104,660 expired 2017-2018
 - ii. 2015-2016 - \$96,785 expires 2018-2019
 - iii. 2016-2017 - \$139,400 expires 2019-2020
 - iv. 2017-2018 - \$20,000 expires 2020-2021 – total \$360,846 allowed to expire

Governor Murphy's Executive Order 177

December 2020 special school elections pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2(a) shall be suspended until the authorized January 2021 special school election date. No special elections to fill any vacancies shall be held prior to January 12, 2021. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Some questions from the public were asked prior to this meeting. There are as follows:

1. Will there be clear plexiglass around students' desks? Plexiglass dividers are being used in the classrooms and areas that have tables vs. desks that can be physically separated six (6) feet.
2. Are our schools changing their filter HEPA systems to cover not just allergens but also bacteria/viruses to circulate air from outside instead of just inside? We have engaged a vendor to provide us with a quote on installing needlepoint bi-polarization systems in our schools. We must abide by the Public Contract law and follow the prescribed regulations in purchasing supplies, equipment and materials. This installation would be in all classrooms as well as the rooftop units and would be a major undertaking. The cost of this project exceeds a purchase that can be made without Board approval and it requires a Notice of Intent to Award to be posted 10 days in advance of the award. To that end, the quote was just received last week and the goal is to place this contract award on the September 8, 2020 Board agenda. It is important to understand that there is a great demand for systems such as this and there may be a delay in not only securing the products but also the vendor's availability to install the systems.
3. If I understand this correctly, the new code is now requiring to have 100% fresh air and our schools are not providing that. So how can our schools open without being up to code. By code, we were required to bring in 20% of outside air into the building. That has now been increased to 100% outside air must be brought into the buildings, utilizing either windows or building mechanicals such as rooftop units, which pull the outside air through the system and into the unit ventilators that are in each classroom. Our building mechanicals are fully capable of complying with this requirement.

Regarding **portable ac units- not window units-** that plug in and can provide a bit of relief for our teachers and students.

Are parents permitted to chip in to purchase these units for their kids and teachers if the administration is not?

We appreciate your interest and concern. The portable AC units that you would like to donate would not be permissible as there is still not enough capacity in the electrical panel to provide electricity to the individual units in each classroom. Also, due to the new regulations that require

the district bring in 100% outside air, this portable AC unit would never be able to handle cooling the classroom. They are rated for a room of up to 700 sq. ft. and most of our classrooms are near 900 sq. ft. It is certainly a nice gesture however not going to be effective. Ms. Ippolito stated that questions regarding ventilation and air conditioning have been raised. One of which is why wait for a referendum? Why vote on improvements?

Ms. Ippolito led the discussion with providing background information as follows:
Currently there is Debt service aid still available to districts

What is a Bond Referendum?

It's a vote (referendum) in which the school district seeks permission to borrow (through the sale of bonds).

Schools use this method strategically to manage large-scale improvements, but not just because it spreads out payments similar to the way a consumer uses a car loan or mortgage. When voters approve a bond referendum, qualified projects are eligible for up to 40% in state funding called debt service aid. Paying for those projects with the regular budget means local taxes cover 100% of the costs. Plus, it would take many more years to pay for the project through the regular budget alone – without any support from state aid. There are only five (5) times a year that you can go to the voters for permission to borrow money through the sale of bonds.

Ms. Ippolito spoke to the following

1. Funding of Project(s) Identified

- a. Operating Budget
- b. Capital and Maintenance Reserve
- c. Second Question
- d. Bond Referendum

2. Advantages of a Bond Referendum:

- a. Debt Service Aid (DSA) is still available for eligible projects for up to 40%. Average DSA typically is 34%.
- b. Spread the cost over 20 years and continue the same if not less than the current debt which is due to end in 2021.
- c. Referendum question can be separated into multiple questions.

3. Timeline For Referendum

- a. The board of education of a Type II (elected) school district may call a special election as follows:
 - i. The fourth Tuesday in January
 - ii. The second Tuesday in March
 - iii. The last Tuesday in September
 - iv. The second Tuesday in December
 - v. When in its judgment the interests of the schools require it. N.J.S.A. 19:60-2.

For 2020, the following Tuesdays are the dates for special elections: January 28, March 10, September 29, and December 8. (Postponed by Executive Order 177).

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, approves the Minutes from the July 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.**

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

**G2. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, approves the Closed Session Minutes from the Board Meeting on July 28, 2020.**

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

**G3. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, approves the HIB Report for 2019-2020 Reporting Period II for incidents, trainings and programs. (See Attachment G3)**

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

**G4. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, 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>
0155.1	Board Member Participation at Board Meetings Using Electronic Device	New	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
1648	Restart and Recovery Plan	New	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (Covid-19) Response Act	New	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
2270	Religion in Schools	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
2468	Independent Educational Evaluations	New	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020

2622	Student Assessment	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
R5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
5200	Attendance	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
5320	Immunization	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
R5320	Immunization	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
5610	Suspension	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
R5610	Suspension Procedures	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
5620	Expulsion	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
8320	Personnel Records	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020
R8320	Personnel Records	Revised	July 28, 2020	August 25, 2020

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

**G5. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, affirms a Non-HIB report:**

- HIB – HMS – 001

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

**G6. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, approves the 2020-2021 District Mentoring Plan. (See Attachment G6)**

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

**G7. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, approves the District 2020-2021 Professional Development Plan. (See Attachment G7)**

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

**G8. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, approves the Special Education out-of-district placement tuition costs for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:**

Student Id#	Program	LEA	Tuition	Duration
2022843	Alpine Learning Group	Private	\$104,139	July-June

	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, retroactively approves the revised bills list dated July 31, 2020 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$400,124.28
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	-	\$349,645.90
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 57.85
Total		\$749,828.03

	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, **retroactively approves the purchase orders and adjustments for period dated July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$238,192.08.**

	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, **retroactively approves the transfer of funds for month ending July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$243,246.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending July 31, 2020**

T03	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-9821.00
	TO	11-000-262-610-20-14-035	H-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	5821.00
	TO	11-000-262-610-40-14-035	R-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	4000.00
	TOTAL			9821.00
T37	FROM	11-000-262-420-10-18-000	CST-EQUIP MAINT CONTRACTS	-75.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-10-40-114	R-SCIENCE SUPPLIES	-300.00
	TOTAL			-375.00
	TO	11-000-240-890-10-18-000	SUPERVISOR OF CST/DUES FEES	75.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-40-40-063	R-MATH SUPPLIES	300.00
	TOTAL			375.00
T70	FROM	11-000-223-320-10-17-000	PURCH PROF. SERVICES	-4000.00
	FROM	11-000-230-100-10-11-000	SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY	-185000.00
	FROM	11-000-251-610-10-11-000	OFFICE SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	-450.00
	FROM	11-000-266-300-30-14-000	RE-SECRTY INSTALL/PURCH PROF SV	-2100.00
	TOTAL			-191550.00
	TO	11-000-221-890-10-17-000	CURRIC & INSTR MISC/DUES/FEES	4000.00
	TO	11-000-230-100-10-11-122	INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	185000.00
	TO	11-000-251-590-10-11-000	BUS. OFFICE/OTHR PURCH SRVCS	450.00
	TO	11-000-266-300-20-14-000	H-SECRTY INSTALL/PURCH PROF SV	1580.00
	TO	11-000-266-300-40-14-000	R-SECRTY INSTALL/PURCH PROF SV	260.00
	TO	11-000-266-300-60-14-000	W-SECRTY INSTALL/PURCH PROF SV	260.00
	TOTAL			191550.00
T74	FROM	11-000-291-260-10-11-000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	-12800.00
	TO	11-000-213-610-20-20-000	H-NURSE'S SUPPLIES	3300.00
	TO	11-000-213-610-40-40-000	R-NURSE'S SUPPLIES	6200.00
	TO	11-000-213-610-60-60-000	W-NURSE'S SUPPLIES	3300.00
	TOTAL			12800.00

T94	FROM	11-000-262-590-10-14-000	VEHICLE REPAIRS	-3700.00
	TO	11-000-262-622-20-14-000	H-ELECTRICITY EXPENSE	3700.00
T993	FROM	11-000-291-260-10-11-000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	-25000.00
	TO	11-000-291-220-10-11-000	SS CONTRIBUTIONS	25000.00
TOTALS:				
FROM:				-243246.00
TO:				243246.00

Note: Transaction Date: 7/31/2020

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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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 bills list dated August 25, 2020 as follows:****

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$374,884.55
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$247,685.00
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	-	\$ 51,711.31
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 0.00
Total		\$674,280.86

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
A YE	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
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 purchase orders and adjustments for period dated August 25, 2020 in the amount of \$779,602.90.****

	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, **retroactively approves the transfer of funds for period ending August 25, 2020 in the amount of \$9,700.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Period Ending August 25, 2020**

T94	FROM	11-000-262-622-20-14-000	H-ELECTRICITY EXPENSE	-3700.00
	TO	11-000-262-590-10-14-000	VEHICLE REPAIRS	3700.00
T122	FROM	11-000-262-621-40-14-000	R-NATURAL GAS EXPENSE	-6000.00
	TO	11-000-263-420-20-14-000	H-GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2000.00
	TO	11-000-263-420-40-14-000	R-GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2000.00
	TO	11-000-263-420-60-14-000	W-GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2000.00
	TOTAL			6000.00
	TOTALS:			
	FROM:			-9700.00
	TO:			9700.00

Note: Transaction Date: 8/25/2020

	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 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 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
Frank Alvarez	Superintendent's Office	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
Kelly Ippolito	School Business Administrator	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

Ken Peterson	Buildings & Grounds	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
Tom O'Gara	Technology	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
Joelle DeGaetano	Child Study Team	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
Kim Dowling	Curriculum & Instruction	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
James Cody	Holdrum	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
Justin Jasper	Holdrum	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
Melissa Signore	Woodside	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00
Stephen Wren	Roberge	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

	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
Lorraine Waldes	Board of Education	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

	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	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

	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
Patrice Pintarelli	Board of Education	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

	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
John Puccio	Board of Education	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

	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
Deborah Rothenberg	Board of Education	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

	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
Jason Schlereth	Board of Education	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

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

B7g.

Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Virginia Senande	Board of Education	NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/20, 10/21/20, 10/22/20	Group rate of \$900.00

	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, **approves the Interlocal Services Agreement, Joint Purchasing Agreement for ABA, OT/PT services, and the Joint Transportation Agreement with Region II for the period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.****

	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, **approves Shelly Klein Consulting, LLC to provide 15 days of Literacy Consulting/Professional Learning services, at a rate of \$1,700.00 per day, not to exceed \$25,500.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.****

Account No. 11-000-223-320-10-17-000

	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, **approves the Official's Fees for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:****

SPORT	FEE
Basketball – Boys and Girls	\$60
Baseball	\$60
Softball	\$60
Soccer – Boys and Girls	\$60
Wrestling	\$60
Volleyball	\$60
Track – 4 or less combined teams	\$86
Track Starters – 4 or less combined teams	\$96
Track – 5 or more combined teams	\$101
Track Starters – 5 or more combined teams	\$111
Track League Championship meet	\$100

	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 the Annual Contract for Hospital Instruction, between the Bergen County Special Services School District and the River Vale School District for the 2020-2021 school year for students who are confined during school hours for medical and/or rehabilitative care in one of the following hospitals:****

- **New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, NJ**

	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. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Kimberly Jordan-Aversa, a Woodside School teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective August 31, 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. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Amy Kantowitz, a Woodside School Aide, effective August 31, 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. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Kevin Monahan, Woodside School Lead Custodian, effective September 16, 2020.****

	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. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Jamie Klouda, a Woodside School Aide, effective August 31, 2020.****

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

- P5. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for faculty member #000159, beginning on or about September 8, 2020 through November 3, 2020 followed by a Family Medical Leave beginning on or about November 4, 2020 through February 5, 2021.****

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

- P6. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for faculty member #004022 beginning on or about September 1, 2020, through on or about September 17, 2020.****

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

- P7. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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:****

BE IT RESOLVED that the River Vale Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) hereby adopts and approves the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Sidebar Agreement by and between the Board and the River Vale Education Association, which is incorporated herein by reference, and agrees

to be bound thereby. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Sidebar Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate said Sidebar Agreement.

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

P8. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the change in FTE for a Holdrum School staff member for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:**

Name	Degree/Step	From FTE	Salary	To FTE	Salary	Account No.
Lidia Ortelio	MA/16	0.60	\$53,979	1.00	\$89,965	11-130-100-101-20-11-000

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

P9. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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 faculty members to teach an additional period per day for Spanish at Holdrum School to cover a leave of absence per the Sidebar agreement with the RVEA for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:**

Employee	Dates	Degree/Step	Base Salary	Extra Pay	Total Salary	Account No.
Juan Nieves	9/1/2020-6/30/2021	BA/17	87,095.00	14,515.83	101,610.83	11-130-100-101-20-11-000
John Noone	9/1/2020-6/30/2021	MA/18	104,940.00	17,490.00	122,430.00	11-130-100-101-20-11-000
Lidia Ortelio	9/1/2020-6/30/2021	MA/16	89,965.00	14,994.17	104,959.17	11-130-100-101-20-11-000

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

**P10. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the transfer of the following staff for the 2020-2021 school year as outlined below:**

- **Transfer Patricia Davis, a BSI Teacher at Roberge Elementary School, to a 1st Grade Teacher at Roberge Elementary School**

Account No. 11-120-100-101-40-11-000

- **Transfer Kim Ullrich, a 2nd Grade Teacher at Roberge Elementary School, to a BSI Teacher at Roberge Elementary School**

Account No. 11-230-100-101-40-11-000

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

**P11. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Head Nurse stipend of \$3,749.00 to JoAnn Hirsch for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Account No. 11-000-213-110-10-11-000

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

**P12. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Athletic Coordinator stipend of \$3,120.00 to James Gallucci for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Account No. 11-402-100-100-20-11-000

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

**P13. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to the RVEA Agreement, approves the following staff member for Movement on the Guide – Round I, for 2020-2021 school year:**

EMPLOYEE NAME	FROM	TO
Anna Dore	BA15/7 (\$58,120)	MA/7 (\$66,215)

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

**P14. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, appoints Megan Rizer and Maureen Monaghan as Jr. Lead Co-Moderators for the 2020-2021 school year.**

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

**P15. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, approves Danielle Mule to work up to 20 hours per week as a Nurse’s Aide at the rate of \$25.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Account No. 11-000-213-106-20-11-004
11-000-213-106-40-11-004
11-000-213-106-60-11-004

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

**P16. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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 student intern placement for the 2020-2021 school year:****

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TYPE	TEACHER	COLLEGE/SCHOOL
HMS	Leonardo	Leuci	Student Teacher /Music	Craig Yaremko	New Jersey City University
RES	Lauren	Fontana	Student Teacher	Patti Davis	St. Thomas Aquinas College

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

**P17. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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 district substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year:****

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SUBSTITUTE CATEGORY
Ann	DeRiso	Office
Karen	Gallagher	Office
Cynthia	Mazza	Office
Danielle	Mule	School Nurse
Amara	O'Neill	Office
Tracey	Sumereau	Office
Janet	Gemignani	Office

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

**P18. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves an additional 2 days for a total of 5 days for reimbursement for 2020-2021 summer work for the time and amounts as set forth below:****

Name	Compensation
JoAnn Hirsch	5 days at 4 hours per day at the per diem rate \$521.70 between July 1 – August 31, 2020 Account No. 11-000-213-100-40-11-103

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

**P19. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **appoints the following faculty members for the 2020-2021 school year at the step and salary listed below, pending completion of the Criminal History Review Process.****

EMPLOYEE NAME	SCHOOL	FTE	POSITION	STEP	SALARY	ACCOUNT NO.
Kathleen Keller	WES	1.00	BSI	MA/5	\$64,965	11-230-100-101-60-11-000

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

**P20. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the 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							

**P21. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves Northern Region Educational Services Commission with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute 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 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.

From Noelle Grskovic, 712 Westwood Avenue: Why are surrounding towns making accommodations for K and 1st grade for more in school accommodations ... how do you expect a Kindergarten student to sit in front of a computer; how is the working parent supposed to sit with them ... and why does Cohort A go a week less than B?

Dr. Alvarez responded that the intent was for equity and consistency for parents. The Cohorts do balance by the end of the trimester however; I will review the concerns with the Administration.

From Jamie Alexander, 510 Dorchester Drive: Attendance is capped at 100 people; there are people who cannot join - can the limit be increased?

Ms. Ippolito responded that the current setting for the number of participants can be increased for the future however not in the middle of the current meeting. Based on the previous Zoom meetings held since March the 100 participants was not an issue. Previous meetings were not well attended.

From Melissa: If your commitment is to our children then they all should have equal time in school. The schedule you sent out is very unbalanced. Why is the schedule so unbalanced?

Dr. Alvarez responded that the intent was for equity and consistency for parents. The Cohorts do balance by the end of the trimester however; I will review the concerns with the Administration.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: The meeting is limited to 100 people parents cannot get in.

Ms. Ippolito responded that the current setting for the number of participants can be increased for the future however not in the middle of the current meeting. Based on the previous Zoom meetings held since March the 100 participants was not an issue. Previous meetings were not well attended.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: This meeting violates open meetings.

Ms. Ippolito responded. This is an incorrect statement. The current setting for the number of participants can be increased for the future however not in the middle of the current meeting. Based on the previous Zoom meetings held since March the 100 participants was not an issue. Previous meetings were not well attended.

From Jamie Alexander, 510 Dorchester Drive: 40% of our taxes go to the school system and it's not working for a good percentage of the town.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: Has the River Vale reopening plan been approved by the governor at this time?

Dr. Alvarez responded that School Districts are required to submit their reopening plans to the County Offices for review. The Governor does not approve the plans.

From Nicole Chamberlain, 545 Baylor Avenue: My comment is in regard to the Restart plan. There appears to be an inequitable number of face-to-face days between the cohorts. Cohort A is face-to-face for 12 days. Cohort B is face-to-face for 17 days. That's a full five school days difference. The restart plan is intentionally fluid and flexible, and I'm curious.

From Edward Salib, 562 Faletti Way: What are the agenda items?

The Board's meeting agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of Board meetings at <https://www.rivervaleschools.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=146193&pageId=32587024>

From Karen Kramer, 307 Alpine Circle: What is on the agenda?

The Board's meeting agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of Board meetings at <https://www.rivervaleschools.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=146193&pageId=32587024>

From Julia Geffner, 557 Barr Court: I would like to know exactly how the remote learning will work if the remote and non-cohort day students are not allowed to participate except to watch.

Ms. Dowling stated there is an entire schedule regarding the reopening plan on the District website.

From Nicole Chamberlain, 545 Baylor Avenue: If the district would revise this schedule so that both face-to-face cohorts would have equitable time. An easy fix is to use the Wednesday 9/30 and 10/14 as cohort A days so each cohort would go 2 days that week.

Dr. Alvarez responded this was asked and will be reviewed.

From Samantha Hannigan, 507 Alosio Drive: I would like to better understand how the A/B schedule was determined? It is very unbalanced with A having 5 less days in school which does not seem to be in the best interest of the children.

Dr. Alvarez responded this was asked and will be reviewed.

From Melissa: Kids should be able to meet their teachers before school.

Dr. Alvarez responded this was a possibility and will be discussed with the Administrators.

From Julia Geffner, 557 Barr Court: I would also like to understand how you plan to bring in FRESH air into the classrooms.

Ms. Ippolito responded that the District has ventilation systems in all the schools which bring in outside air to every room.

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: Can you advise re: temperature in the rooms? In the past when it reached a certain degree the children were sent home. Will this be the case this year and if so at what temperature that go into effect?

Ms. Ippolito responded that the temperatures will be monitored and humidity plays a role in the comfort of a room also. An 85 degree day with no humidity is not the same as a few humid days in a row followed by a humid day at 77 degrees. Students will also be dismissed according to the modified schedule.

From Karen Kramer, 307 Alpine Circle: I would like to know if there will be transparency of COVID cases; and if a teacher or student has it, will everyone in the school be quarantined or just the class?

Dr. Alvarez responded that the District will be following CDC and Department of Health guidelines.

From Holly Schepisi, 757 Tiffany Avenue: To what extent are we receiving guidance from the Bergen County Superintendent and NJ DOE with respect to the fully remote data? What portion of those days will be zoom meetings as opposed to “self-taught”? Many parents are exploring hiring supplemental pod type models out of concerns for learning based upon the spring model.

For working parents with younger children the spring was a bit of a disaster. Trying to plan for what the fall plan may be.

Ms. Dowling responded that lessons were learned from the spring and a rigorous schedule was carefully developed (see website for more information) to provide a solid educational plan until such time as students are back full time in person.

From Bridget Grant, 36 Bock Drive: How many people and or classrooms will need to be exposed to Covid before the school goes fully virtual?

Dr. Alvarez responded that the State sent out guidance for school districts to follow.

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: There are way too many links... the district needs to streamline this and keep it simple. This is overwhelming for the parents and children. This should be a lesson learned from last year.

Dr. Alvarez thanked Ms. Giummarra for her comment.

From Enza Sardella, 665 Woodside Avenue: When will students learning remotely have an opportunity to engage with their teacher?

Dr. Alvarez responded yes.

From Carmen Martin, 635 Maple Street: In reference to the ventilation system can you explain why the district is not using the recommended MERV 13 filters?

Ms. Ippolito responded. The District's filters are MERV 8 which are the manufacturer's recommendation. Using a MERV 13 filter when not the recommendation would result in the equipment being over stressed to bring outside air thru the system and causing the equipment to fail.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: Did the state accept our plan yet?

Dr. Alvarez stated he did sign the Governor's assentation and the teachers have been provided the appropriate professional development.

From Bridget Grant, 36 Bock Drive: Why haven't tents been purchased for our schools but in other district such as Old Tappan they have been? The children should be out door as much as possible. I hear "safety" is the issue. Please respond with what safety is the concern that would be more important than the health of the children?

Dr. Alvarez responded that the District is not using tents for outdoor teaching however, teachers may take students outside depending on the lessons.

From Carmen Martin, 635 Maple Street: Can you provide an update on the price quote for installing needle point bi-polarization systems in the schools.

Ms. Ippolito responded that the District must follow the Public Contract Law and is set to award the contract for the purchase and installation of the needle point bipolar ionization systems in each school in the amount of \$217,834 at the September 8th Board meeting.

From Cheryl Berkowitz, 570 Wayne Drive: What kind of training have the teachers gone through for remote learning other than tutorial; and what will grading look like for the middle school?

Ms. Dowling responded that the teachers will continue to receive professional development as is the District's practice.

From Melissa: Group A and group B should also share the first week of school. Group A goes Thursday Group B on Friday.

From Amy Dahl, 608 Abbe Court: Will teachers be supplied with PPE.

Ms. Ippolito responded. The River Vale Public Schools has purchased additional masks for students and staff; however, we are asking that all families and staff members provide their own face covering(s). We recognize that students and staff might have a preference and want everyone to be as comfortable as possible when at school. Please note that students and staff who choose to wear a face shield MUST also wear a mask. The River Vale Public Schools purchased face shields for all staff members. All schools will be equipped with additional masks for both students and staff.

From Rachel Galatt, 421 Margiasso Court: What does the filter actually filter? There is a chart that details this and would be good to understand if the manufacturer filters do anything

Ms. Ippolito responded. The District's filters are MERV 8 which are the manufacturer's recommendation. (Chart on the FAQs)

From Amy Dahl, 608 Abbe Court: Is there a maximum temp that is allowed for the children to be in the classroom? Will room temps be monitored?

Ms. Ippolito responded that the classroom temperatures are monitored daily. Temperatures and humidity will both be factors in deciding if the rooms are too hot to be occupied.

From Edward Salib, 562 Faletti Way: What specific cleaners/disinfectants are being used to sanitize? Same for the foggers? Are these tested chemicals done by trained professionals?

Ms. Ippolito responded that the disinfecting of classrooms and high touch areas is done by the custodians. The specific cleaners and disinfectants are on in the FAQs for the reopening plan on the District website.

From Melissa: Also why can't we schedule outdoor meetings with the teachers for the kids? before school. These are easy fixes.

Dr. Alvarez stated that he would be discussing this with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: Yes, what does the manufacturers filter do? Can you properly spec the filters? Please explain what rooms the ion filters will be in?

Ms. Ippolito stated that the manufactures filters are appropriate for schools and all rooms will have the needle point bipolar ionization equipment.

From Bridget Grant, 36 Bock Drive: The Cohorts should be split as even as possible for the first four weeks considering most colleges have already opened and shut in a matter of weeks. The answer should not be the schedules will even out by November (flu/cold season).

Dr. Alvarez responded this was asked and will be reviewed.

From Amy Dahl, 608 Abbe Court: Do we have the capability for not only drawing in air but also forcing air out?

Ms. Ippolito stated the building ventilation system provides for outside air to be exchanged for the air that is in the room dissipating the CO2 build up.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: Has the plan been approved by the governor? Have you or will you sign the governor's attestation prior to the teachers return? Will the teachers be given professional development on this new learning prior to the start of the school year?

Dr. Alvarez stated he did sign the Governor's assentation and the teachers have been provided the appropriate professional development and it will be on going.

From Jamie Alexander, 510 Dorchester Drive: What training/support have teachers received to accommodate the simultaneous in-person and remote learning plans for September?

Ms. Dowling stated that new software was purchased and the teachers will be provided professional development prior to the start of school and throughout the year.

From Julia Geffner, 557 Barr Court: Asking on behalf of someone not able to get on the zoom. Why did participants on the restart and implementation committees not get a say or get to participate but only check a box. This was supposed to be an inclusive process but the committee of parents seemed to be silenced. What was the process there and what was their role?

Dr. Alvarez stated that the process did allow for input not only in the restart meeting but through email as well, which he said he had received many emails providing feedback.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: We were told that kids would be logging in and out throughout the day, as opposed to just staying logged in for the day. Why.

Ms. Dowling responded.

From Rachel Galatt, 421 Margiasso Court: What is the training that is occurring for our teachers to ensure they are comfortable and confident with any new technology and Covid 19 protocols occurring in schools?

Ms. Dowling stated that the teachers have and will have the appropriate professional development not only starting the year but throughout.

From Mario Blanch, Valerie Blanch, 615 Poplar Road: What is the training that is occurring for our teachers to ensure they are comfortable and confident with any new technology and Covid 19 protocols occurring in schools.

Ms. Dowling stated that the teachers have and will have the appropriate professional development not only starting the year but throughout.

From Rosalie Boothe, 327 Spring Street: What happens if the referendum does not pass in January? Our schools still need air conditioning! What can we do to inform the people of River Vale so they can vote yes? Thank you

Ms. Ippolito stated that should the referendum not pass in January there is a date in March that the Board could go back out to the voters. The Board is assembling a communications committee to get the information out to voters.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: Was plan accepted by the state

Dr. Alvarez stated he did sign the Governor's assentation

From Rachel Galatt, 421 Margiasso Court: The restart committee never discussed K/1 plans nor were we presented an option to have them go 5 days per week!

Dr. Alvarez stated that option was absolutely presented.

From Michele Ortiz, 564 Roosevelt Avenue: I have an incoming Kindergartner, second grader, and fourth grader. I know this is a challenging time but I need to share concerns tonight that I and other parents I know are feeling. I know it was a challenging task to create a schedule that is best for all our students and families. With that being said, I'm disappointed that the administration could not find a way for grades K&1 to have in-person half day instruction every day. Grades K&1 are vital developmental years in a child's education and certain skills like imaginative play, social skills, can only be learned in a classroom environment. It is almost impossible for a 5/6 year old to have a long enough attention span when staring at a computer for hours. Most if not all surrounding districts including Hillsdale made a few slight changes to make this happen. I'm disappointed that our district did not try to make this happen. Why can't we use specials, Art, music classrooms (since these won't be used) to add additional classes? I know that in second grade there are only two sections. The extra classroom and teacher from second grade could have been used for a Kindergarten class. What is that classroom being used for? The class sizes are all much smaller now, then why couldn't we move an interventionist into a classroom teaching position. I am also speaking tonight regarding the inequality of in-

person education in our district between Cohort A and cohort B. September/October are the most important months of a child's school year especially a kindergartner who is just starting out for the first time in a new school. It's an important time to build the foundation for the school year; the students to get to know their teacher, build relationships, and a sense of school community. It is unfair that one cohort will have this advantage over the other. I don't know how you can expect these cohort A and remote learning students to begin virtual learning without having even met their teacher? Especially a scared new kindergartner. I'm disappointed that the district didn't take this into consideration. Please consider changing the schedule to meet the needs of All your students. Thank you

Dr. Alvarez said thank you for your comments and we will be discussing these issues with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Alyssa Ellner, 561 Barr Court: Has anyone researched adding tents on school grounds so that school can be taught outdoors while the weather is decent with proper Wi-Fi and security measures in place? I would like to know exactly how the remote learning will work if the remote and non-cohort day students are not allowed to participate except to watch.

Dr. Alvarez responded that the District is not using tents for outdoor teaching however, teachers may take students outside depending on the lessons. Dr. Alvarez also stated that teachers will not be ignoring the remote learners and will weave their questions into the lesson as appropriate.

From Bridget Grant, 36 Bock Drive: How many people and or classrooms will need to be exposed to Covid before the school goes fully virtual? The cohorts should be split as even as possible for the first four weeks considering most colleges have already opened and shut in a matter of weeks. The answer should not be the schedules will even out by November (flu/cold season) Why haven't tents been purchased for our schools but in other district such as Old Tappan? The children should be out door as much as possible. I hear "safety" is the issue. Please respond with what safety is the concern that would be more important than the health of the children?

Dr. Alvarez stated that the District will be following the CDC and Department of Health protocols as directed.

From Melissa: 40% less in school days for the first month and a half is unacceptable especially if school ends up shutting down because of a COVID case. the days should be balanced in the beginning!

Dr. Alvarez said thank you for your comments and we will be discussing these issues with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Jaclyn David, 758 Beechcrest Drive: Will the air quality be up to the State's requirement on Day 1?

Ms. Ippolito stated absolutely.

From Valerie Blanch, 615 Poplar Road: Can you provide a copy of the questions that the state has posed to the board for clarification?

Dr. Alvarez stated that would not be possible.

From Michele Ortiz, 564 Roosevelt Avenue: Can we please have students in cohort A and remote learning students be able to meet their teacher when they pick up their laptops before virtual learning?

Dr. Alvarez stated that he would be meeting with the Administrators tomorrow and this shall be discussed.

From Amy Dahl, 608 Abbe Court: How will IEP's be adjusted for remote learning?

Dr. Alvarez stated that you should reach out to your case manager or Ms. DeGaetano for the specifics.

From Karen Kramer, 307 Alpine Circle: Is Holdrum live streaming like elementary?

Ms. Dowling stated yes.

From Amy Dahl, 608 Abbe Court: How will remote/non on campus kids ask a question during the actual lesson or do they need to wait until the afternoon?

Dr. Alvarez indicated that the teacher would incorporate this into the lessons as appropriate.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: Will you be signing the governor's attestation agreeing that you will be meeting the minimum standards by next Tuesday?

Dr. Alvarez stated that he already had signed the Governor's attestation.

From Holly Schepisi, 757 Tiffany Avenue: To confirm, on the days that our children aren't physically in school they will still be participating in live instruction for the entire day?

Ms. Dowling stated yes.

From Rachel Galatt, 421 Margiasso Court: If someone tests positive will any tests be administered? There are rapid tests which provide results within 2 hours.

Dr. Alvarez stated that the District will not be administering tests to anyone.

From Lisa Quirk, 826 Rivervale Road: Are there any plans to host parent body Zoom meetings with each school principal prior to the start of school in order to both ask questions and better understand how we can prepare our students for new routines and protocols? I know you are planning minute to minute, but information is scarce, and it may help parents to feel more secure.

Dr. Alvarez stated not at this time.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: Has the Wi-Fi and service been updated to allow for the livestreaming? It has always been spotty Wi-Fi.

Ms. Ippolito stated that the District has continued to improve our technology and is comfortable moving forward with the livestreaming.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: In the past, the nurse has not been available at all times. Will this change?

Ms. Ippolito stated the District has hired a substitute nurse/nurse's aide that will assist and if need be the District will contract with a third party nursing service should there be a need.

From Jacqueline Tovar, 215 Highland Street: Can a parent switch their child in the Elementary/Holdrum schools and switch them to 100% remote at any point during the school year. The high school is allowing hybrid students to become remote at any time a parent doesn't feel comfortable sending them hybrid?

Dr. Alvarez responded yes.

From Jamie Assor, 512 Bernita Drive: What happens if parents/sibling contract Covid? Does that impact the classroom to be shut down because of possible exposure, or even if family members of teachers contract it? Will the classroom be made virtual?

Dr. Alvarez stated that the District will be following the CDC and Department of Health protocols as directed.

From Heather Wider, 564 Egan Terrace: How many students will be in each class? Specifically for Kindergarten.

Dr. Alvarez stated the numbers were small. Anywhere from 6-9 students depending on the cohort.

From Edward Salib, 562 Faletti Way: There have been 0 new Covid cases in River Vale in 2 months (as of 8/14). This is according to the Bergen DOH site. (<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/health-promotion/2019-novel-corona-virus>),

Dr. Alvarez said "Thank you for your comment".

From Jacqueline Tovar, 215 Highland Street: Are children still going to have snack time?

Ms. Dowling responded that the Principals are working with the teachers to incorporate snack time with perhaps a mindful walk or activity.

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: Can you revisit outdoor learning as this is what NYC is doing? If they can figure it out for 100 plus school districts you should be able to as well. We have more money and certainly more space.

Dr. Alvarez stated that the District is not looking to revisit outdoor learning at this time.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: Teachers need to be provided time. It cannot be expected that they will do this this summer. Resources is not training. Is there any talk about bumping the kids reporting to after Labor Day?

Dr. Alvarez stated that he was meeting with the Administrators tomorrow and it would be discussed.

From Lisa Starobinsky, 605 Kennedy Court: Will the kids have the opportunity to remove their masks for fresh air, especially when classroom temps may be very warm?

Ms. Dowling responded. Elementary students will have a 10-15 minute outside break, weather permitting, or in the classroom being socially distant.

From Rachel Galatt, 421 Margiasso Court: Why are other districts delaying open date to train teachers in person and we do not find it important enough to help ensure they are comfortable and confident? Tutorials are not enough.

Dr. Alvarez responded this was previously asked and answered.

From Mary Beth Mulry, 695 Alden Court: Can you please comment on mask breaks, snack & water breaks in the Middle school. Concerned about going from 7:30 (on bus) to 1pm (off bus)? Thank you.

Ms. Dowling responded. We do not offer snack at the middle school. Whenever possible, we are trying to make sure that they have mask breaks. We will be providing this during PE and other times when PE is not offered.

From Joanne Wells, 45 Mark Lane: Can someone explain how the grading will be done.

Ms. Dowling explained.

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: Can you please answer what is the temperature that is considered too hot? Please elaborate.

Ms. Ippolito explained that there are many factors involved with the rooms being considered too hot. The temperatures will be monitored as well as the students and staff regularly.

From Carmen Martin, 635 Maple Street: Several districts are returning to school after Labor Day to allow teachers and staff more professional training. Why are River Vale students returning to schools next week?

Dr. Alvarez stated that this was asked and answered earlier.

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: When are you looking to do the ionization filters by? Will this be done by the first day of school?

Ms. Ippolito reiterated that the Board will be approving the purchase at the September 8, 2020 Board Meeting. Hopefully the vendor has the items in stock and is able to start working ASAP. This will not be in for September 3rd.

From Kate Dalton, 695 Wicklow Way: What is specifically being done to adjust for students with IEPs?

Dr. Alvarez stated to contact your case manager or Ms. DeGaetano.

From Christopher Pinto, 564 Central Avenue: The Attestation for Reopening of schools certifies that the school district satisfies the 20-21 criteria for reopening. Many superintendents have to refused to sign. Will you be signing this form that certifies that you have reached the anticipated minimum standards set forth by the NJDOE?

Dr. Alvarez stated that he already signed the Governor's attestation.

From Cheryl Berkowitz, 570 Wayne Drive: If we don't have the proper filters to keep everyone safe from air contamination how can we open.

Ms. Ippolito stated the filters are proper and able to keep everyone safe. The District is seeking to enhance the ventilation in the near future.

From Bridget Grant, 36 Bock Drive: There are rumors of a teachers strike. What is the plan if that happens?

Dr. Alvarez indicated that he had not heard that.

From Edward Salib, 562 Faletti Way: Can you post the cut sheets for chemicals being used to sanitize and being used in the foggers on the FAQ site?

Ms. Ippolito stated yes.

From Bridget Grant, 36 Bock Drive: I find it difficult to understand why allergies and insect bites is the answer for not pursuing tents/outdoor learning. I think the risk of Covid-19 is a much larger threat to our students. Hasn't the student body always been exposed to the great outdoors during PE, recess, field day etc.?

Dr. Alvarez said that the District is not looking into outside learning at this time.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: You said under the advice of your attorney, was it the governor's attestation signed or your attorney's modified version?

Dr. Alvarez stated that he already signed the Governor's attestation.

From Rachel Galatt, 421 Margiasso Court: Please advise when the teachers will get in person training. Again, many districts have delayed opening to do so diligently and ensure their staff are confident and comfortable and can master the technology that they are being asked to utilize to teach our kids. I would like a detailed answer to this and not glossed over. Thank you.

Ms. Dowling stated that this was asked and answered earlier.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: Since the remote children will not be logged in during the work sessions, how will remote children be evaluated?

Ms. Dowling responded.

From Randi Ciancio, 505 Dorchester Drive: Can assignments on home days be allowed to be handed in after school hours so parents have the opportunity to help their kids.

Dr. Alvarez stated that was a reasonable request and he would discuss this with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Jennifer Weber, 573 Green Lane: 5 1/2 days was never presented as an option during the restart committee meetings.

Dr. Alvarez stated that it was presented as an option.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: Also are children going to receive grades this year, as opposed to asterisk.

Ms. Dowling responded.

From Elisha Fischbein, 403 Faletti Circle: What are the general class size going to be?

Dr. Alvarez indicated the classes would be small depending on the cohorts. 6-8 students in some cases.

From Amy Salib, 562 Faletti Way: If the students are spaced in the hallways (per your photos) to walk alongside the walls, won't that increase surfaces being touched in the hallways and multiple students touching the same areas? How will children be corrected for "undesired actions" like "touching things" in a way that doesn't affect their mental wellness. I'm concerned about the amount of "correcting" that will be done for generally age appropriate child behavior that is worrisome in COVID circumstances and how all the correcting will affect self-esteem, etc.

Ms. Dowling indicated that students movement is being limited and the District has hired a mental health professional to assist with the students mental wellness.

From Cathy Corcoran, 731 Westwood Avenue: What is happening to the specials, specifically the music program?

Ms. Dowling indicated that specials will be virtual at the end of the day for the elementary schools and during some periods in person at the middle school.

From Ann Marie Zihal, 731 Beechcrest: Will the school nurse administer rapid COVID tests if a student/teacher develops symptoms while in-person? If not, will the district provide guidance where to go to get tested? If a student has to quarantine, will they be allowed to log on remotely on their in-school days? Will it be interchangeable?

Dr. Alvarez stated that the District will not be administering tests and will be providing guidance in accordance with the CDC and Health Department guidance. Students at home certainly can log on remotely.

From Marnie Zansitis, 217 Cedar Lane: Are you confident the schools have enough bandwidth to support virtual learning?

Ms. Dowling stated yes.

From Elizabeth Sklerov, 305 Spring Street: Will live streams be staggered between classrooms so parents can help the younger children?

Ms. Dowling responded.

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: How are handling the substitute situation if a teacher is out sick? Are subs allowed to work in multiple schools?

Ms. Ippolito stated that the District is hiring a building based sub for each school and using preferred subs to limit people in the buildings.

From Tracie Volpe, 631 Long Hill Road: Will there be a phase 3 and if so, what is the timing for changing models for phase 3?

Dr. Alvarez stated that this is an on-going process and shall be reviewed should there be a need.

From Randi Ciancio, 505 Dorchester Drive: Has the district purchased proper equipment for live streaming? My understanding is that they are propping laptops on desks.

Ms. Dowling responded

From Alyssa Ellner, 561 Barr Court: If we choose to keep our child home one day due to heat or a personal situation, can they log on and be part of the virtual learning or are do they have to take a sick day?

Dr. Alvarez stated yes.

From Jamie Assor, 512 Bernita Drive: You mentioned how many kindergarten children there will be physically in each class at the same time. Can you share similar information for each of the grades?

Dr. Alvarez indicated that the class sizes were between 6-9 depending on the grade.

From Jacqueline Tovar, 215 Highland Street: When will the 2nd grade get their chrome books? Will there be anyone monitoring how the children are washing their hands when going to the restroom? Should the children take their own soap/sanitizers? Can the children wear mask shields instead of a mask?

Ms. Dowling indicated that the handing out of chrome books was being coordinated and will be discussed at the Administrative meeting tomorrow. Students will be reminded to wash their hands and masks must be worn even with a face shield.

From Mary Beth Mulry, 695 Alden Court: If a child is sick or parent suspects they coming down with something (common cold, Covid exposure and need to quarantine etc.), on a day they are to be in person, is it as simple as them joining virtually if they are well enough to participate in school?

Dr. Alvarez stated yes.

From Jennifer Weber, 573 Green Lane: I'm having trouble understanding how there are only 4-6 kids in person at a time in K classes. This is really the largest # of kids possible in person?

Dr. Alvarez indicated that this number is based on the cohorts and number of student staying home. This may change in phase 2 and it is important to assign the students to a teacher that they will be with all year.

From Patrizia Sanelli, 616 Abbe Court: Are there any methodologies or timeframe to assess learning gaps across all grades for the time student have been in a remote learning situation to where they should be now?

Ms. Dowling responded that they will be reviewing and monitoring the situation.

From Catherine Corcoran, 731 Westwood Avenue: What will happen to the Holdrum band and choral programs, and how will they work for remote students?

Dr. Alvarez stated that these types of programs may run however look very different for this fall.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: How can teachers accurately assess (especially reading) while maintaining 6ft distance? If using the plexi glass, who is responsible for cleaning it?

Ms. Dowling responded.

From Lauren Reinmann, 551 Dale Court: For those children on complete remote learning, how will they receive the beginning of the year assessments that you described?

Ms. Dowling responded

From Marisa Knudsen, 279 Collignon Way: Will the live streaming be recorded? This way students can watch later in the day if the live schedule does not work for their family?

Dr. Alvarez stated that this would be discussed with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Catherine Corcoran, 731 Westwood Avenue: Can you walk us through a typical elementary day and a typical middle school day?

Ms. Dowling referred to the reopening plan that is on the District website and depicts a typical day.

From Jennifer Weber, 573 Green Lane: Can you explain the logic on intermingling cohorts with 1 teacher? If intent to minimize interaction of students, how does this help? Would it be easier to have 1 teacher 5 days with the same students and allow remote students to live stream, especially for K-1?

Dr. Alvarez indicated that the class was split into two sections therefore when students are back full time in person, the class is intact.

From Jaime Biegel, 710 Wilson Court: We can't expect teachers to disinfect the rooms.

Ms. Ippolito stated that the teachers are not expected to disinfect the rooms. They will have wipes and cleaning products to use should an accident or minor incident occur.

From Ann Marie Zihal, 731 Beechcrest: Will there be flexibility with assignment deadlines to help the families who work full-time?

Dr. Alvarez stated that was reasonable and would be brought up with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Valerie Steiner, 615 Poplar Road: Who are the remote learning teachers? Are these new teachers that have been hired or substitute teachers.

Dr. Alvarez stated that the remote teachers are current staff reassigned to the remote learners.

From Randi Ciancio, 505 Dorchester Drive: For middle school students, why are we using in-person time for subjects that can easily be done at home? Like world language and gym? It seems like a waste of limited in-person that can be devoted to core subjects.

Ms. Dowling stated that the Middle school schedule was a bit more complicated than the elementary school schedule and required some of the classes which are not core subjects to be taught in person to make the schedule work.

From Dana Porrazzo, 239 William Street: Hi. Will teachers have evening hours to accommodate communication from working parents who might not be able to help their kids during the day? Or will hours be limited to the school day?

Dr. Alvarez stated this was something he would discuss with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Cheryl Berkowitz, 570 Wayne Drive: Can you specify the training teachers have already gone through, and how many hours/what kind of training they will be receiving before school begins?

Dr. Alvarez stated that teachers received the appropriate amount of training and will continue to do so throughout the year.

From Dana Porrazzo, 239 William Street: Thank you

From Marla Giummarra, 790 Drake Lane: Do you have online assessments for reading?

Ms. Dowling responded that they did.

From Elise Dykowsk, 432 Margiasso Court: Will the remote children be able to opt back in to in person learning? How will that work if classroom numbers are at capacity?

Dr. Alvarez stated that we are asking parents to commit to Phase 1 and then if changes would like to be made, it's re-evaluated and changed at that time.

From Jennifer Weber, 573 Green Lane: Follow Up: if we can fit 10 kids in a room and the K class is 4 - 6 students, why not land at 10 kids 5 days a week with 1 teacher? If the teacher will be seeing the same children, why not have them there for the 5 days, especially K-1 while having class size within allowable limits?

Dr. Alvarez stated this was asked and answered previously

From Dana Porrazzo, 239 William Street: Hi again. Will club opportunities still take place in HMS as applicable? Thank you.

Dr. Alvarez indicated that this is the case.

From Paola Vallejo, 832 Rose Court: How do working parents accommodate their young children who are unable to type their questions to their teacher?

Ms. Dowling stated that there are many parent resources on the District website along with the restart plan.

From Nicole Brayton, 577 Hamilton Place: I understand that another nurse has been hired to cover all three schools. What happens in the event that coverage is needed in more than one school?

Ms. Ippolito indicated that should the need arise; the District will contract with a third party agency to provide nursing services as in the past.

From Sakina F. Dinani, 663 Rita Drive: Do we have a team in place to monitor if there is learning disparities between cohorts or remote learners over time?

Ms. Dowling indicated that this would be monitored.

From Lauren Reinmann, 551 Dale Court: For completely remote learners that do not see the homeroom teacher in person, is there a time they have 1:1 remote time to connect with the primary teacher? It sounds like the remote teacher is there main point of contact (other than live stream)

Ms. Dowling indicated that there would be time made available for this purpose.

From Elizabeth Sklerov, 305 Spring Street: Can you commit to staggering live stream for younger grades for parents who have kids in, for example, both K and 1 who need 1:1 computer help?

Ms. Dowling responded.

From Randi Ciancio, 505 Dorchester Drive: What happens if students miss live streams that have working parents? Will they be penalized?

Dr. Alvarez stated that the student would not be penalized and this will be brought up with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Paola Vallejo, 832 Rose Court: How do working parents accommodate their young children who are unable to type their questions to their teacher?

Ms. Dowling stated that this will be brought up with the Administrators tomorrow.

From Marzena Santos, 747 Rolling Hill Drive: Do you feel that full remote kids will get equal quality programming as f2f as guidelines read?

Ms. Dowling responded yes.

From Michelle Martino, 726 Tiffany Avenue: What accommodations are being made for special education students that should have in person support as dictated by their IEPs?

Dr. Alvarez responded that parents can reach out to their case workers or Ms. DeGaetano.

From Lauren Reinmann, 551 Dale Court: For children that are pulled out for services, will that occur during main subject times?

Ms. Dowling responded that pull out services will be scheduled not during main subject times as best as possible.

From Elyssa Sawyer, 774 Rolling Hill Drive: Who are the remote teachers? Classroom aides, new hires?

Dr. Alvarez responded that the remote teachers are River Vale teachers.

From Beth Tulino, 554 Green Lane: A cohort will start on 9/3 live stream?

Ms. Dowling responded that was correct.

From Sakina Dinani, 663 Rita Drive: If a student/staff member misses school for fever/illness: 1) are they required to be out 14 days; 2) must they provide a Covid test to return?

Dr. Alvarez responded that we are following all of the CDC protocols.

From Andrew Luciano, 568 Egan Terrace: This might have been asked already but are the remote teachers the same as the normal teachers?

Dr. Alvarez responded that is correct. Remote teachers are River Vale teachers.

From Michelle Martino, 726 Tiffany Avenue: Sorry if already asked - has the disproportionate days between A and B indicated in the calendar been discussed when it seems simple to give A some Wednesdays when a holiday falls on Monday?

Dr. Alvarez responded that was previously asked and answered.

From Kate Dalton, 695 Wicklow Way: It is my understanding that the only IEP students in the separate, individual classrooms are allowed for 5 days per week. Those with IEPs that are integrated in the general classroom must follow the assigned cohort. Is that correct?

Ms. Dowling responded that was correct. Dr. Alvarez responded that parents can reach out to their case workers or Ms. DeGaetano.

From Marzena Santos, 747 Rolling Hill Drive: This may have been asked already. Are you confident that we are meeting all the newer/updated codes 100% now?

Ms. Ippolito responded – Absolutely

From Beth Tulino, 554 Green Lane: What will you do to even out the cohort days?

Dr. Alvarez responded that was previously asked and answered.

From Catherine Corcoran, 731 Westwood Avenue: This may have been addressed. Since middle school students have unique schedules (different electives, languages, math levels, POG, etc.) will they be moving from room to room?

Ms. Dowling responded that the students in the middle school are going to be limited to changing classes as much as possible. Changing classes will be very limited.

From Kate Dalton, 695 Wicklow Way: Follow up question from above. For the IEP students that have a shared aide that are now only on campus in cohorts has there been any thought on how the aide will support on remote days?

Dr. Alvarez responded that parents can reach out to their case workers or Ms. DeGaetano.

From Marianne Grace: How will attendance be monitored for virtual learners?

Ms. Dowling responded. Students who are attending remote instruction will post attendance via Genesis, just as last year.

From Edward Salib, 562 Faletti Way: What specific metrics are the district or County/State DOE looking at to return to having all students back in classes 5 days a week?

Dr. Alvarez stated that the District would be looking for guidance from the CDC and Health Department.

From Kristin Rosenstein, 515 Forest Court: Thank you for answering all these questions. many - multiple times over and over. we appreciate the hard work you're putting into this and ensuring the parents have the CHOICE.

Meeting closed to public comments at 9:41P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

**NB1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regrets, the resignation of Laurie Moffitt, Executive Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective October 31, 2020.****

	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. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini

that the August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting be closed to the public at 9:45 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:

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. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini

that the August 25, 2020 Closed Session Meeting be opened to the public at 10:19 P.M.

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

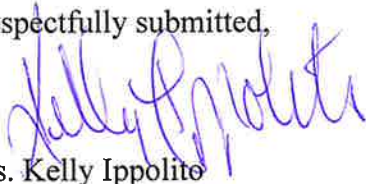
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Rothenberg

that the August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kelly Ippolite
Board Secretary/
School Business Administrator

