

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Elementary School Gym
February 15, 2022
REVISED AGENDA

Live Stream Can Be Found At: www.rivervaleschools.com/youtube

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, 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. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
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 – Mrs. Pintarelli**

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Committee
February 15, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
March 1, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
March 15, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
March 29, 2022	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies Committee “Zoom” Meeting
April 5, 2022	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds

April 26, 2022	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 10, 2022	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 6, 2022	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds “Walk Through” Meeting
September 20, 2022	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 11, 2022	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 15, 2022	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 13, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
January 3, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Meeting opened to public comments at _____ P.M.

Public comments:

Meeting closed to public comments at _____ P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve
Resolution Items **G1** through **G5** as listed below.

- G1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Minutes from the Board Meeting on January 25, 2022.**
- G2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 1, 2022.**
- G3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Special Education out-of-district placement tuition costs for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:**

Student Id#	Program	LEA	Tuition	Duration
20372405	Valley Program	NVRHSD	\$48,781.25	December-June

- G4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **authorizes the disposal of the following textbooks at Holdrum Middle School:**

Title of Book	Publisher	ISBN #	Qty	Condition	Date of Publication
Teen Health – Course 2	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	978-0-07-869761-6	23	Fair	2007
Teen Health – Course 3	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	978-0-07-869762-3	27	Fair	2007
Teen Health - Course 1	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	978-0-07-869760-9	26	Fair	2007
Teen Health - Course 2	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	0-02-653128-3	27	Poor	1999
Teen Health – Course 2	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	0-02-653205-0	27	Poor	1999
Teen Health – Course 1	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	0-02-651774-4	29	Poor	1999
America’s Past & Promise	McDougal Fittell	0-395-81254-2	94	Fair/Poor	1997

- G5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the River Vale PTA as additional insured under the River Vale Board of Education insurance for the PTA-sponsored ski trip on March 5, 2022.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve
Resolution Items **B1** through **B11** as listed below.

- B1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, **retroactively approves the Financial Report of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending December 31, 2021 in the following balances:**

Fund 10	-	\$ 9,748,309.60
Fund 20	-	\$ (105,998.13)
Fund 30	-	\$34,320,644.02
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$ 716,232.33</u>
Total		\$44,679,187.82

- B2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator /Board Secretary, **retroactively approves the adoption of the monthly certification(s) of Major Budgetary Account and Fund Status as follows:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has accepted and reviewed financial reports for the period ending December 31, 2021 including the Report of the Secretary, A-148, and the Secretary’s certification; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed financial reports issued by the Business Administrator;

WHEREAS, the Board has had consultations with the appropriate school administrators;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that members of the Board of Education do hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge, no major accounts appear to be overextended in violations of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district board of education’s financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

- B3. 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 December 31, 2021 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 836.64
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	-	\$	0.00
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total		\$	836.64

B4. 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 January 31, 2022 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$	706,078.94
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$	(3,740.00)
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.	-	\$	12,493.65
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$	1,157.08
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$	0.00
Fund 90 – Trust & Agency	-	\$	1,678,227.49
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$	<u>62.85</u>
Total		\$	2,394,280.01

B5. 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 January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$32,699.22.**

B6. 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 January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$196,953.86 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds
Month Ending January 31, 2022

			FROM	TO
T477	22-30-000-400-450-20-11-017	HMS - REFERENDUM HARD COSTS	(\$60,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-30-000-400-450-40-11-017	RES - REFERENDUM HARD COSTS	(\$48,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-30-000-400-450-60-11-017	WES - REFERENDUM HARD COSTS	(\$88,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-30-000-400-450-10-11-008	ASBESTOS ABATEMENT	\$0.00	\$196,000.00
T480	22-11-000-240-610-40-40-000	R- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$3.86)	\$0.00

	22-11-000-240-610-20-20-000	H- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$100.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-213-100-640-40-40-000	R- RESOURCE CENTER TEXTBOOKS	(\$130.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-000-218-610-40-40-000	R- GUIDANCE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$3.86
	22-11-230-100-640-40-40-000	R- BASIC SKILLS TEXTBOOKS	\$0.00	\$130.00
	22-11-000-213-610-20-20-000	H- NURSE'S SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$100.00
T483	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-046	W- GENERAL SUPPLIES	(\$325.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-036	W- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$220.00
T491	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-068	W- MUSIC SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$105.00
	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$150.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-095	W- SOCIAL STUD SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$150.00
T493	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$175.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-036	W- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$175.00
T499	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$70.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-007	W- ART SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$70.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$196,953.86)	
	TO:			\$196,953.86

Note: Transaction Date 1/31/22

B7. 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 February 15, 2022 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 635,265.30
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ (73.00)
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 4,819.13
Fund 20 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 5,000.00
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	-	\$ 240,074.02
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 0.00
Total		\$ 885,085.45

B8. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the purchase orders and adjustments for period dated February 15, 2022 in the amount of \$7,060,472.21.**

- B9. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the transfer of funds for period ending February 15, 2022 in the amount of 2,996.29 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Period Ending February 15, 2022**

			FROM	TO
T506	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-036	R- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$626.29
	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-114	R- SCIENCE SUPPLIES	(\$626.29)	\$0.00
T516	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-046	R- INSTR SUPPLIES	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-063	R- MATH SUPPLIES	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-240-100-640-40-40-000	R - ESL TEXTBOOKS	\$0.00	\$50.00
	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-015	R- COMPUTER SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
T519	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$320.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-036	W- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$320.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$2,996.29)	
	TO:			\$2,996.29

Note: Transaction Date 2/15/22

- B10. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the revised Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the 2021-2022 school year. (See Attachment B10)**
- B11. 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022:**

Employee	Location/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Science Curriculum Committee Meeting	PHHS, Montvale	3/17/22	\$0.00
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Social Studies Curriculum Committee Meeting	PHHS, Montvale	2/3/22 3/1/22 3/11/22 4/26/22 5/18/22 6/2/22	\$0.00
Kristina Aramanda	RES	Regional Articulation Meeting	PHHS, Montvale	2/23/22	\$0.00
Angela Rossi	WES	AENJ Spring Symposium – Outlook/Outcome 2022	Rowan University, Glassboro	3/19/22	\$154.50
Kimberly Dowling	RES	2022 NJECC Annual NJ Educational Technology Conference	Montclair, NJ	3/8/22	\$0.00

Thomas O’Gara	Technology	2022 NJECC Annual NJ Educational Technology Conference	Montclair, NJ	3/8/22	\$12.00
Thomas O’Gara	Technology	ISTE 2022 Conference & Expo	New Orleans, LA	6/25/22 6/26/22 6/27/22 6/28/22 6/29/22	Not to Exceed \$2200.00
Kenneth Peterson	B&G	NJSBGA 24 th Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	3/20/22 3/21/22 3/22/22 3/23/22	Not to Exceed \$800.00
Erin Rudolph	HMS	Safe Space Training	Montclair, NJ	4/27/22	\$0.00
Laura Barnette	RES	Managing School Avoidance	Virtual	2/24/22	\$0.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items P1 through P8 as listed below.

- P1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, retroactively accepts, with regret, the resignation of Jenna Discepolo, district Nurse Aide, effective February 14, 2022. (See Attachment P1)**
- P2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, retroactively approves an unpaid leave of absence for Maggie Touma, a Woodside Special Education Aide, on January 19, January 25 and 26, 2022 for a total of three (3) unpaid days.**
- P3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an unpaid leave of absence for Kaelah Byrom, a Woodside Special Education Aide, on June 9, 2022 for a total of one (1) unpaid day.**
- P4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an unpaid leave of absence for Mary Jo Jani, a Woodside Special Education LLD Aide, on May 19 and 20, 2022 for a total of two (2) unpaid days.**

P5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following district substitute(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending criminal history review, as set forth below:**

Employee	Position	Daily/Hourly Rate
Christine Flanagan	School Nurse	\$215.00 per day

P6. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **advises pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17, 18A:16-17.1 and 52:14-17.46.14, that unless an employee waives health insurance coverage, the employee shall contribute to the cost of their health insurance coverage in the amounts required by law, or any applicable collective negotiations agreement, whether said contributions are a percentage of the health insurance premium based upon their salary range, or a percentage of their annual base salary, as determined by the health insurance plan in which the employee is enrolled.**

P7. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the 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 2021-2022 school year.**

P8. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves Northern Region Educational Services Commission with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute aide services to the district for the 2021-2022 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Public comments:

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss matters which are not appropriate for discussion in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, these subjects are within the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act and are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education intends to discuss matters as follows:

1. Any matter which by provision of law is rendered confidential or excluded from the requirements of subsection A of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically, the following matter:

_____.

2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the government of the United States, specifically, the following matter:

_____.

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

4. Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the proposals for inclusion in such, specifically, the following matter:

5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds which would adversely affect the public interest, specifically, the following matter:

6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law, specifically, the following matter:

7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation (other than any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the proposals for inclusion in such) in which the Board of Education is or may become a party, or any matter falling within the attorney/client privilege, specifically, the following matter:

8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or discipline of any current or prospective officer or employee, unless all individual employees or appointees request in writing that such matter be discussed in public, specifically, the following matter:

9. Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or loss of the license or permit belonging to the responding party, specifically, the following matter:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed 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. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the February 15, 2022 Closed Session Meeting be reopened to the Regular Meeting at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting be adjourned at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							