

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Elementary School Gym
October 12, 2021
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 P.M.

Mrs. Waldes called the Meeting to order at 7:07 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: Mrs. Pintarelli, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Senande,
Mrs. Rothenberg, Mrs. Waldes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Puccio, Mr. Schlereth

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Dowling, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
15 members of the public

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Waldes thanked the Mayor and Council for the wonderful Town Day and to the Fire House for opening their doors to the children this past weekend.

Mrs. Waldes advised that she spoke with a representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association regarding the question on term limits for Board Members and was advised that term limits are not permitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Buildings & Grounds – None**
- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande advised that the Committee met earlier this evening and discussed several items coming up for review as well as the first reading on tonight's agenda.**
- **Curriculum & Technology – None**
- **Finance – None**
- **Negotiations – None**
- **Personnel – None**

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Committee
November 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 14, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
January 4, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only

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

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

Meeting opened to public comments at 7:15 P.M.

Public comments:

Mr. Matthew De La Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: Mr. De La Rosa mentioned that he would like to see all of the referenced attachments.

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that the attachments are not considered final until after the Board has taken action and in some cases not until the County or State has approved them.

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:20 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Signore reminded the Board of Education that the district is being QSAC’d this year. She explained that part of the process is to self-score the areas of monitoring. She noted the four sections (Governance, Operations, Fiscal, Personnel, and Program and Instruction).

She highlighted that the score summary is on the agenda for approval and submission to the county.

Mrs. Signore provided an update on the National School Lunch program. She explained the process and that the program is providing a no-cost meal option to all families through June of 2022. Mrs. Signore also mentioned that she has been in conversations with the PTA regarding the price of the PTA lunch program. The PTA is speaking with vendors to determine if there are ways to lower the cost of meals through the PTA.

Mrs. Signore informed the Board of Education that Mrs. Kim Dowling was presenting on student achievement. She explained that every fall school districts are mandated to report the results of the state standardized testing. She explained that the standardized testing was canceled last year and the year before due to COVID. She reported that some students completed the Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment last year. Mrs. Signore explained that although there were no current standardized testing scores to share with the public, she thought it would be a good time to share a snapshot of what the student achievement looked like before the pandemic disrupted schools. The most current NJSLA score report from 2019 is available on the district website.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board members of the NJSBA’s upcoming virtual annual workshop being held on October 26-28th and of the district’s Meet the Experts Night being held virtually on October 21st at 7:00pm.

Ms. Ippolito also provided an update on the matter of live streaming Board of Education meetings and advised that equipment has been ordered and some of the minor components have already arrived.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
 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 September 14, 2021 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 Mrs. Pintarelli
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 September 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.****

	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 Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the first reading and revisions of the following new/revised River Vale Board of Education Policies and Regulations:****

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>
P2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	10/12/2021	

	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 Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **authorizes the submission of the NJ Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) – School Year 2020-2021 District Information and Score Summary Page to the New Jersey Department of Education. (See Attachment G4)****

	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 Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **accepts and approves the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet. (See Attachment G5)****

	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 Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the River Vale School District are consistent with these requirements; and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the River Vale School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements. *(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 Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education requires school districts to certify the maximum capital reserve amount for the 2021-2022 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education does hereby certify that the capital projects listed in the District’s long range facility plan (submitted to the State Department of Education) have not yet been initiated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education does hereby certify that the total estimated cost for these projects is \$24,477,296.40 and that the State support (40%) is \$16,318,197.60; and be it

RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education does hereby certify that the estimated total local monies (60%) needed to implement the capital projects not yet initiated is \$16,318,197.60 which will equal the district’s maximum capital reserve amount. *(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 Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance for the School Year 2021-2022.** *(See Attachment G8)*

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

**G9. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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
20352293	Pre-K Archways	USRSD	\$81,964.00	Sept-June
20342137	Reynolds School Archways	USRSD	\$92,069.00	Sept-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/Board Secretary, **approves the Financial Report of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending August 31, 2021 in the following balances:**

Fund 10	-	\$ 9,203,987.09
Fund 20	-	\$ (7,037.44)
Fund 30	-	\$35,910,934.11
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$.39</u>
Total		\$45,107,884.15

	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 /Board Secretary, **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 **August 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;

NOW, 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.

	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 the month ending August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$88,032.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending August 31, 2021**

T216	FROM	11-000-100-562-10-18-000	TUITION-LEA IN STATE	-86095.00
	FROM	11-000-216-320-10-18-001	FEES/ABA THERAPY	-1937.00
	TOTAL			-88032.00
	TO	11-000-216-100-10-18-101	DIST SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST	1937.00
	TO	11-000-217-106-10-18-000	SPECIAL ED AIDES-ESY	1339.00
	TO	11-120-100-101-10-17-000	GRADES 1-5 LEARNING ACADEMY SALARIES	41938.00
	TO	11-130-100-101-10-17-000	GRADES 1-5 LEARNING ACADEMY SALARIES	15781.00
	TO	11-204-100-101-10-18-000	LLD TEACHER SALARIES-ESY	7443.00
	TO	11-204-100-106-10-18-000	LLD AIDE SALARIES-ESY	6115.00
	TO	11-213-100-101-10-18-000	RESOURCES TEACHER SALARIES-ESY	6315.00
	TO	11-215-100-101-10-18-000	PS HAND TEACHER SALARIES-ESY	6033.00
	TO	11-215-100-106-10-18-000	PS HAND AIDE SALARIES	1131.00
	TOTAL			88032.00
	TOTALS:			
	FROM:			-88032.00
	TO:			88032.00

Note: Transaction Date: 8/31/2021

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

- B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, retroactively approves the revised bills list dated September 30, 2021 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 394,896.95
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	-	\$1,514,047.18
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		<u>\$ 62.85</u>
Total		\$1,909,006.98

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

- B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, retroactively approves the purchase orders and adjustments for period dated September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$418,567.33.**

	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 month ending September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$70,590.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending September 30, 2021**

T204	FROM	11-000-100-562-10-18-000	TUITION-LEA IN STATE	-70590.00
	TO	11-000-213-320-10-18-043	PURCH PROF SERV/CLINICAL	70590.00
	TOTALS:			
	FROM:			-70590.00
	TO:			70590.00

Note: Transaction Date: 9/30/2021

	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 bills list dated October 12, 2021 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$121,954.35
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 25,032.00
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$235,676.00
Fund 40 – Debt Service	-	\$ 0.00
Unemployment Trust Acct.	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 -Trust & Agency	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 0.00
Total		\$382,662.35

	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 purchase orders and adjustments for period dated October 12, 2021 in the amount of \$4,530.11.**

	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, **accepts the School Security Grant award from the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$59,626, for the installation of the Alyssa’s Law compliant Panic Alarm systems in each school, which was completed during the 2017-2018 fiscal year;**

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education affirms local funds were available and utilized in the 2017-2018 fiscal year to complete the installation of the Alyssa’s Law compliant Panic Alarm systems in each school for a total project cost of \$240,554 which exceeded the River Vale Board of Education’s grant allocation of \$59,626; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board affirm the acceptance of the Security Grant for Alyssa’s Law for the reimbursement and the usage of local funds in the 2017-2018 fiscal year to complete the installation of the Alyssa’s Law compliant Panic Alarm systems in each school for a total project cost of \$240,554, which exceeded the school district’s grant allowance of \$59,626.

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

- B10. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini**
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **authorizes LAN Associates to prepare the project drawings and educational specifications for submission of the building renovations at Roberge Elementary School (NJ DOE State Project #4430-060-20-1000) to the New Jersey Department of Education.**

	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 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
Justin Lewbel	HMS	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/9/22	\$0.00
Kaitlyn Bruno	WES	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/9/22	\$0.00
Erin Rudolph	HMS	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/9/22	\$0.00
Thomas Fahey	WES	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/9/22	\$0.00
Ashley Corizzi	HMS	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/9/22	\$0.00
Kristina Aramanda	RES	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/9/22	\$0.00
Nicole Frank	RES	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	4/1/22	\$0.00
Nicole Frank	RES	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	10/26/21 29/2/22 4/8/22	\$0.00
Lainia Bohlen	HMS	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/9/22 4/8/22	\$0.00
James Gallucci	HMS	Athletic League Meetings	Virtual	10/25/21 2/4/22 5/25/22	\$0.00
Carol Wypler	HMS	Science Curriculum Writing Committee	PVRHS, Montvale	1/25/22	\$0.00
Maureen Dowd	RES	Science Curriculum Writing Committee	PVRHS, Montvale	5/24/22	\$0.00
Justin Lewbel	HMS	Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	PVRHS, Montvale	11/10/21 1/12/22 3/1/22 3/11/22 4/26/22 5/18/22 6/2/22	\$0.00
Margaret Benedict Hutter	RES	Social Studies Curriculum	PVRHS, Montvale	11/10/21 2/3/22 3/1/22 3/11/22 4/26/22 5/18/22 6/2/22	\$0.00
Rene Pizzano	RES	Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	PVRHS, Montvale	11/10/21 2/3/22 3/1/22	\$0.00

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Lisa Nilsson	RES	Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	PVRHS, Montvale	11/10/21 2/3/22 3/1/22 3/11/22 4/26/22 5/18/22 6/2/22	\$0.00
Patrice May	WES	Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	PVRHS, Montvale	11/10/21 2/3/22 3/1/22 3/11/22 4/26/22 5/18/22 6/2/22	\$0.00
Craig Yaremko	HMS	NJAJE State Conference	NJPAC, Newark	11/12/21	\$0.00
Tracy Kennedy	RES/WES	40 th Annual WPU Bilingual/ESL Conference	Online	12/3/21	\$49.00
Alyson Puzzo	HMS	Practicing Leaders Cohort	Virtual	10/20/21 11/18/21 1/12/22 2/10/22 3/9/22 4/6/22 5/4/22	\$249.00

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NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

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Name	School/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Steven Rosini	Board of Education	NJSBA 2021 Virtual Fall School Law Forum	Virtual	11/23/21	\$0.00

	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 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively accepts, with regret, the resignation of Danielle Mule, the district Nurse’s Aide, effective July 1, 2021.****

	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 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following district Long Term Custodial Substitute(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending Criminal History Review as applicable:****

Employee	Position	Hours	Hourly Rate
James Thompson	Long-Term Custodial Substitute	20 per wk	\$25.00
Nicholes Calabrese	Long-Term Custodial Substitute	20 per wk	\$25.00
Manuel A. Sanchez	Long-Term Custodial Substitute	20 per wk	\$25.00

	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 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following district Substitute(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending Criminal History Review as applicable:****

Employee	Position	Daily/Hourly Rate
Louis DiPaolo	Substitute Custodian	\$25.00 per hour

	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 recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following student intern placements for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth below:**

Name	School	Type	Teacher	College/School
Abigail Romero	HMS	Volunteer Coach	Sara Pickett	IHA High School

	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 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.**

	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 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.**

	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 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.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL ITEMS

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

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

Meeting opened to public comments at 8:16 P.M.

Public Comments:

Mr. Eli Moallem, 634 Haring Farm Court: Mr. Moallem thanked Ms. Signore and Ms.

Dowling for the test score presentation, stated that he had concerns with the vendor Living Yes that was hired to provide professional development in district and then read a prepared statement.

Ms. Luana Lustberg, 221 Rockland Avenue: Ms. Lustberg thanked Ms. Signore and Ms.

Dowling for the test score presentation. Ms. Lustberg states that she understands that the NJEA is telling teachers to log students' vaccination status into an app.

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that it is good that you raise this concern. It is not in a teacher's purview to do this. I have spoken to the RVEA President and he not heard this from the NJEA. He agreed that taking that action is inappropriate. That will not be occurring in River Vale.

Ms. Lorraine Waldes, Board President, stated that the River Vale Board of Education does not agree with the asking teachers to record anyone's medical information. This is not occurring in the River Vale schools.

Ms. Luana Lustberg, 221 Rockland Avenue: Ms. Lustberg asked if River Vale has sought funding for the mandated COVID testing that will be required starting October 18th.

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that the District has opted into the State's program and waiting for further direction.

Mr. Arthur White, 641 Cobh Road: Mr. White thanked Ms. Signore and Ms. Dowling for the test score presentation and asked if there was a particular number where good is good enough or time frame?

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that as indicated in the Remote Plan schools are not able to switch to remote learning unless there will be a reason they must be closed for more than three (3) days. In person learning is the priority.

Mr. Arthur White, 641 Cobh Road: Mr. White stated that the concern Mr. Moallem raised in his report are concerns of mine. We are focusing too much on social issues and CRT.

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that Living Yes is not teaching CRT and the purpose is to work on building connections with students especially after the past year, focusing on wellness and assisting the Middle School implement the State's mandate. Grant money was used for this consultant.

Ms. Lorraine Waldes, Board President, recapped that the District was not teaching CRT and they were not collecting data on student's vaccination status.

Ms. Amanda Mendez, 600 Echo Glen Avenue: Ms. Mendez thanked the Board for the sharing the data and agreed that it is important to try to get back to some normalcy. Ms. Mendez

mentioned that there is a class action suit against the Governor for the mask mandate. Ms. Mendez asked if the District will be offering the spit test as one of the ways to test for COVID?

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that if that test was permitted they would accept it.

Mr. Eli Moallem, 634 Haring Farm Court: Mr. Moallem stated that even though grant money was used for the Living Yes consulting firm it was still taxpayer money. Mr. Moallem expressed his concern that the consultant from Living Yes was teaching culturally responsive pedagogy and that was the same to him as teaching CRT.

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that was not the case and that the teachers had a great experience yesterday with the professional development training they received from this consultant and it was exactly as it was intended to be.

Ms. Mariel Lennon, 808 Arcadia Place: Ms. Lennon thanked the Board of all the information that was shared. Ms. Lennon asked if the District was required to track student vaccine status would parents be notified? Will there be opt outs for students that parents do not want involved in certain parts of the curriculum? Students are struggling emotionally and socially by wearing masks.

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that yes parents would be notified if tracking student vaccination status was required. There will be some opt outs in the curriculum. There are many safety nets in place to catch students that may be in crisis.

Mr. Matthew De La Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: Mr. De La Rosa mentioned that he has a suggestion to ease Mr. Moallem's concerns with the District using Living Yes for professional development and that why not allow Mr. Moallem the opportunity to sit in on the training?

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that would not be appropriate.

Mr. Matthew De La Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: Mr. De La Rosa asked if the money indicated in the agenda spent for the Alyssa's Law compliance was already spent and the District was seeking reimbursement?

Ms. Kelly Ippolito, School Business Administrator, responded yes.

Mr. Matthew De La Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: Mr. De La Rosa asked if the current school year is being assessed?

Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools, responded that she was in the process of completing an audit of the programs.

Mr. Matthew De La Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: Mr. De La Rosa thanked the Board for the test score presentation and asked if there could be a presentation to compare how the other schools in the area perform to River Vale.

Ms. Kimberly Dowling, Supervisor of C&I, responded that she could share that information.

Mr. Matthew De La Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court: Mr. De La Rosa asked the Board if there was going to be more summer enrichment offered this summer and if so, it would be helpful if it could be a full day in combination with a half day of sports camp so that the kids had a full day and it was easier to schedule for his family. Also, if there is ever another referendum it would be very helpful to add lights to some of the fields in town as well as make improvements to them.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting closed to public comments at 9:35 P.M.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande

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:

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

- RVEA contract negotiations

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.

**MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
that the October 12, 2021 Regular Session Meeting be closed to the public at 9:35 PM.**

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

**MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
that the October 12, 2021 Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Regular Session Meeting at 9:35 P.M.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
that the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:45 P.M.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ippolito
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator