

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
ROBERGE ANNEX
JANUARY 24, 2023
MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Rosini 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: Mrs. Assor, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Berkowitz, Mrs. Pintarelli,
Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Senande, Mr. White

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Robert D. Lorfink, Esq., District Counsel
1 member of the public
1 district teacher

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rosini expressed his condolences to the family members on the passing of Roberge Elementary School Teacher, Patricia Davis.

Mr. Rosini reported that construction continues to proceed nicely and the good weather has helped us this winter.

Mr. Rosini mentioned that the recent edition of the River Vale Magazine had a River Vale alum, Evie Higgins, on the cover who has been participating in American Idol and he congratulated her and wished her well in this endeavor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Ippolito reported that the addition at Holdrum is just finishing up and Phase II of construction will begin shortly. Construction projects at Roberge are almost finished and that will be wrapping up shortly as well.**
- Communications & Policies – None**
- **Curriculum & Technology – None**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli reported that the budget process is continuing.**
- **Negotiations – None**
- **Personnel – None**
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COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Committee
January 3, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance
January 24, 2023	6:00 PM	Personnel
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February 28, 2023	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
March 14, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance
April 18, 2023	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
May 2, 2023	6:00 PM	Personnel
June 13, 2023	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
August 29, 2023	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 12, 2023	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 17, 2023	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 21, 2023	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 19, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance
January 2, 2024	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 Public Schools 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 7:05 P.M.

Public comments:
None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:05 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Signore invited parents and staff to attend *Navigating Social Conflict*, a virtual workshop to be held on February 15 at 7:00 PM. The workshop will be given by a therapist from West Bergen Mental Health and will define social conflict and identify strategies to navigate through a child’s changing world.

Other focuses of the workshop include:

- **Reasons why conflict is an important part of growing up**
- **Learning coping skills and becoming comfortable with using them – especially when it comes to the big emotions that can arise from a conflict**
- **Strategies for parents to teach and promote effective communication and conflict-resolution skills to their children at all grade levels**

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board Members that their annual Ethics Disclosures are due and to please return their Code of Ethics and Contract Acknowledgement forms to her office. Also, the RVEA annual end-of-year Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th and more information will follow.

Ms. Ippolito indicated she would be contacting the Finance Committee to schedule a meeting with the district Auditor to discuss the completion of their field work audit.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
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 December 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- G2. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
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 December 22, 2022 Closed Session Meeting.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- G3. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
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 Reorganization/Regular Board Meeting on January 3, 2023.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- G4. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board **appoints Mr. Steven Rosini as the New Jersey School Board Association Legislative Delegate and Mrs. Patrice Pintarelli as Alternate Delegate for the period January 3, 2023 through the 2024 Reorganization Meeting and approves their expenses for attending the Delegate Assemblies in the fall and spring of the 2023-2024 school year.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- G5. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the 2023-2024 School Calendar for the River Vale Board of Education. (See Attachment G5)****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- G6. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the submission of the NJDOE Student Safety Data System (SSDS) 2022-2023 Report of HIB Incidences, Trainings and Programs for Reporting Period 1.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- G7. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following Board of Education Committees for the period of January 24, 2023 through the 2024 Reorganization Meeting:**

2023 Board of Education Committees			
Committee	Chairperson	Member	Member
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Berkowitz	Jamie Assor	Arthur White
Communications & Policies	Arthur White	Jamie Assor	Virginia Senande
Curriculum & Technology	Virginia Senande	Patrice Pintarelli	Louan Austin
Finance	Patrice Pintarelli	Cheryl Berkowitz	Virginia Senande
Negotiations	Steven Rosini	Patrice Pintarelli	Arthur White
Personnel	Steven Rosini	Louan Austin	Cheryl Berkowitz

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- G8. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the revised schedule for the 2023-2024 Regular Meetings of the Board of Education. Said meetings may be held at the Roberge Annex, at 7:00 P.M., unless otherwise stated, as set forth below:**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education may not be physically present at the Board of Education Administrative Offices located at 609 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, New Jersey 07675 on these dates should a meeting be conducted virtually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper notice shall be mailed to two newspapers; filed with the River Vale Township Clerk; and posted on the public bulletin board at the Administrative Offices located at 609 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, New Jersey 07675; and further that any special meetings shall have at least a 48 hours’ notice of time and place of such meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is authorized to publish the following calendar for **the period January 3, 2023 through the 2024 Reorganization Meeting:**

2023-2024 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

- January 3, 2023 – Reorganization/Regular Meeting
- January 24, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- February 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- February 28, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- March 14, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- April 18, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- May 2, 2023 –Regular Meeting and Tentative Budget Hearing
- May 30, 2023 – Board Retreat / Regular Meeting – 5:30 PM
- June 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- July 25, 2023 – Regular Meeting – 9:30 AM
- August 29, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- September 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- October 17, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- November 21, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- December 19, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- January 2, 2024 – Reorganization/Regular Meeting

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

G9. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mr. White

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, in compliance with P.L. of 1975, Chapter 231, **approves the revised schedule of Board Committee Meetings for the period January 3, 2023 through the 2024 Reorganization Meeting. Said meetings may be at the Roberge Annex, at 6:00 P.M., unless otherwise stated, as set forth below:**

2023-2024 Board of Education Committee Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Committee
January 3, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance
January 24, 2023	6:00 PM	Personnel
February 7, 2023	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
February 28, 2023	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
March 14, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance
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August 29, 2023	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 12, 2023	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 17, 2023	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 21, 2023	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 19, 2023	6:00 PM	Finance
January 2, 2024	6:00 PM	Finance

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

- B1. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
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 November 30, 2022 in the following balances:****

Fund 10	-	\$12,448,198.68
Fund 20	-	\$ (83,078.35)
Fund 30	-	\$23,029,775.26
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$ 927,875.46</u>
Total		\$36,322,771.05

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
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 **November 30, 2022** 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.

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

B3. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
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, 2022 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 854,295.43
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	-	\$ 1,458.89
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 – Trust & Agency	-	\$1,616,042.24
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		<u>\$ 261.85</u>
Total		\$2,472,058.41

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **retroactively approves the revised purchase orders and adjustments for the period dated December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$19,456.95.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
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 December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$55,203.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending December 31, 2022**

			FROM	TO
T363	23-11-000-230-820-10-11-000	JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE SCHOOL	(\$23,042.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-230-590-10-11-056	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$23,042.00
T364	23-11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	(\$32,161.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-291-241-10-11-000	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0.00	\$32,161.00
		TOTALS		
		FROM:	(\$55,203.00)	
		TO:		\$55,203.00

Note: Transaction Date 12/31/22

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

**B6. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the bills list dated January 24, 2023 as follows:****

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 941,066.17
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 27,910.00
Fund 20 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 85,984.00
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	-	\$ 228,379.03
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 0.00
Total		\$1,283,339.20

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

**B7. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
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 the period dated January 24, 2023 in the amount of \$882,681.73****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

**B8. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
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 the period ending January 24, 2023 in the amount of \$40,344.00 as set forth below:****

**Transfer of Funds
Period Ending January 24, 2023**

			FROM	TO
T386	23-11-000-252-340-10-65-022	PURCH/PROF/SRV-SCHOOLWIRES	(\$2,300.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-252-340-10-65-098	PURCH PROF SERV/HONEYWELL	(\$1,300.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-252-330-10-65-089	PURCHASED PROF. SERVICES	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
T394	23-11-000-270-512-20-20-110	H- ATHLETIC TRANS	(\$5,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-402-100-610-20-20-000	H- SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
T405	23-11-190-100-610-40-40-046	R- INSTR SUPPLIES	(\$92.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-222-590-20-20-000	H - PERIODICAL/ON-LINE ENCY	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-240-610-20-20-000	H- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-40-40-068	R- MUSIC SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$92.00
	23-11-000-240-890-20-20-034	H- GRADUATION EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
T409	23-11-000-223-580-60-60-104	W - STAFF DEVELOPMENT	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-223-610-60-60-000	W - STAFF DEVELOP/SUPPLIES	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-240-530-60-60-000	W- POSTAGE EXPENSES	(\$200.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-240-890-60-60-034	W- GRADUATION EXPENSES	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-270-512-60-60-000	WOODSIDE-FIELD TRIPS	(\$100.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-60-60-015	W- COMPUTER SUPPLIES	(\$3,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-60-60-050	W- LANG ARTS SUPPLIES	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-60-60-063	W- MATH SUPPLIES	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-60-60-095	W- SOCIAL STUD SUPPLIES	(\$200.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-60-60-105	W- WORLD LANG SUPPLIES	(\$87.41)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-60-60-114	W- SCIENCE SUPPLIES	(\$1,062.59)	\$0.00
	23-11-213-100-610-60-60-000	W- RESOURCE SUPPLIES	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-213-320-40-40-072	R-SECT. 504 OCCUPATIONAL THRPY	\$0.00	\$10,200.00
T413	23-11-000-213-320-40-40-072	R-SECT. 504 OCCUPATIONAL THRPY	(\$10,200.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-213-320-60-60-072	W-SECT 504 OCCUPATIONAL THRPY	\$0.00	\$10,200.00
T417	23-11-000-261-420-60-14-000	W- BLDG REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	(\$8,252.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-261-420-30-14-000	RA - BLDG REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$8,252.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$40,344.00)	
	TO:			\$40,344.00

Note: Transaction Date 1/24/23

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

**B9. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board,
upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the application,**

submission and acceptance of a grant from the Italian American Committee on Education in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year to be used toward faculty salary.

Account No. 20-002-100-101-20-11-000

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

B10. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
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, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

Employee	School/Dept.	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost
April Callas	HMS	Meeting Students Where They Are and Strategies for Growth	NVCC	3/23/2023	\$210.00
James Cody	HMS	Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Management for Schools	Virtual	2/24/2023	\$0.00
Melisa Signore	BOE	Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Management for Schools	Virtual	2/24/2023	\$0.00
Christina Jennings	RES/WES	Spanish Lesson Share Professional Development Session	River Edge BOE	2/9/2023	\$0.00
Glen Haug	RES	Science Curriculum Meeting	PVRHS	1/25/2023	\$0.00
Susan McGuire	RES	Science Curriculum Meeting	PVRHS	1/25/2023	\$0.00
Rachel Hadley	WES	Regional LLD Articulation Meeting	PVRHS	2/1/2023	\$0.00
Kristina Aramanda	WES	Regional LLD Articulation Meeting	PVRHS	2/1/2023	\$0.00
Karen Polyniak	WES	CPI Training	Westwood BOE	3/8/2023	\$0.00

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED					✓		

B10a.

Name	School/Dept.	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Louan Austin	BOE	Bergen County SBA Meeting	Virtual	1/30/23	\$0.00

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

B10b.

Name	School/Dept.	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Cheryl Berkowitz	BOE	Bergen County SBA Meeting	Virtual	1/30/23	\$0.00

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED			✓				

**B11. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the, Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following school sponsored Trips/Assemblies for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:****

School	Grade	Teacher	Trip/Assembly	Location	Date
WES	Grade 5	Nathalie Koren	Sea Life Aquarium & Lego Land	East Rutherford, NJ	March
RES	Grade 1	Margaret Benedict-Hutter	Closter Nature Center	In-District	March
RES	Grade 2	Kathleen Waytowich	High Touch, High Tech "What's the Matter?"	In-District	February
RES	Grade 2	Kathleen Waytowich	HighTouch, High Tech "Smarty Pants"	In-District	March
RES	Grade 2	Nicole Frank	Tenafly Nature Center	Tenafly, NJ	April

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

- P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves a revision of the following faculty members for the extra-compensation positions for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year for the amounts as set forth below:****

GROUP "A" - ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS					
	Position	Location / Description	Compensation	Staff Member	Account No.
A2	Music Concerts & Programs	Holdrum	1,458.00	Jonathan Gittings	11-401-100-100-20-11-040
A4	Media/Audio/Visual	Holdrum	1,044.00	Jonathan Gittings	11-401-100-100-20-11-040
A8	Holdrum Drama	Lighting & Sound (Split Position-2)	366.00	Megan Rizer	11-401-100-100-20-11-040

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the revised paid medical leave of absence for staff member #001651 to begin on or about February 13, 2023 through on or about March 5, 2023, followed by an unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence beginning on or about March 6, 2023 through on or about June 5, 2023.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence for staff member #004804 to begin on or about March 27, 2023 through on or about June 30, 2023.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Constants, Roberge Elementary School Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2023.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Kathleen Waytowich, Roberge Elementary School Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2023.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P6. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Ashley Hunken, Woodside Special Education ABA Aide, effective February 6, 2023.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P7. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
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 Suzanne Spechar, Roberge Lunch Aide, on January 9, 2023 for a total of one (1) unpaid day.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P8. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
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 Elizabeth Courtney, Woodside Special Education Aide, on January 5, 2023 and January 11, 2023 for a total of two (2) unpaid days.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P9. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
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 James Thompson, Roberge Lunch Aide, from January 25, 2023 through January 27, 2023 for a total of three (3) unpaid days.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

- P10. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves the transfer of the following Special Education Aide(s) for the 2022-2023 school year, as set forth below:**

Employee	From	Position	To	Position	Effective Date	Account No.
Melissa Boretti	WES	SpEd Aide	WES	SpEd LLD Aide	1/17/2023	11-204-100-106-60-11-000
James Esposito	WES	SpEd Aide	WES	SpEd LLD Aide	1/17/2023	11-204-100-106-60-11-000

Jaclyn Marcazo	RES	SpEd Aide	RES	Pre-K SpEd Aide	12/1/2022	11-215-100-106-40-11-000
Karin Ross	RES	Pre-K ABA Aide	RES	SpEd ABA Aide	9/1/2022	11-000-217-106-40-11-004
Adina Sehovic	WES	SpEd Aide	WES	SpEd LLD Aide	1/17/2023	11-204-100-106-60-11-000
Debra Zirlin	WES	ABA LLD Aide	WES	SpEd ABA Aide	9/1/2022	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

P11. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor

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. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

P12. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor

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 2022-2023 school year.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

P13. MOTION BY Mrs. Berkowitz SECONDED Mrs. Assor

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 2022-2023 school year.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
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 Superintendent of Schools by telephone, letter or email.

Meeting opened to public comments at 7:17 P.M.

Public comments:
 None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:17 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS
 None

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mr. White
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education advertised for bids for the Building Asbestos Abatement Project at Holdrum Middle School, Contract No. EVC-22-498 (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the Board received and publicly opened four bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder, Teal Management Corporation, made a request to withdraw its bid, because it could not comply with the Project Labor Agreement requirement, and did not recognize the requirement until after it submitted a bid; and

WHEREAS, B&G Restoration, Inc. submitted a bid that complied in all material respects in an amount of \$123,000, constituting the lowest responsible bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board hereby allows Teal Management Corporation to withdraw its bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is expressly conditioned upon B&G Restoration, Inc. furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and an executed A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney and/or Architect, within ten days of the date hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the Board Attorney and/or Architect to prepare the contract with B&G Restoration, Inc., and authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Account No. 30-000-400-450-10-11-008

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White that the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting be closed to the public at 7:20 P.M.

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:

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

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. Assor that the January 24, 2023 Closed Session Meeting be re-opened to the Regular Meeting at 8:35 P.M.

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Assor that the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kelly Ippolito
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator