

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Annex
April 14, 2020 - AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
PRESENT							
ABSENT							

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Schlereth**
- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande**
- **Curriculum & Technology – Mrs. Rothenberg**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli**
- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini**
- **Personnel – Mr. Puccio**

Committee Meeting Revised Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>
April 14, 2020	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
April 28, 2020	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 12, 2020	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
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

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.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

NJSLS Science Assessment Report
The Ruler Approach

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve
Resolution Items **G1** through **G6** as listed below.

- G1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Minutes from the Board Meeting on March 10, 2020.**
- G2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Closed Session Minutes from the Board Meeting on March 10, 2020.**
- G3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Minutes from the Board Meeting on March 24, 2020.**

G4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim 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>New/Revised</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>
0152	Board Officers	Revised	April 14, 2020	
1581	Domestic Violence	Revised	April 14, 2020	
R1581	Domestic Violence	Revised	April 14, 2020	
2422	Health & Physical Education	Revised	April 14, 2020	
3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations	New	April 14, 2020	
4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations	New	April 14, 2020	
5330	Administration of Medication	Revised	April 14, 2020	
R5330	Administration of Medication	Revised	April 14, 2020	
7243	Supervision of Construction	Revised	April 14, 2020	
8210	School Year	Revised	April 14, 2020	
8220	School Day	Revised	April 14, 2020	
R8220	School Closings	Revised	April 14, 2020	
8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children	Revised	April 14, 2020	

G5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, schools have been closed throughout the State due to the outbreak of COVID-19, otherwise known as the coronavirus;

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared a state of emergency which has restricted activity throughout the State;

WHEREAS, school districts are authorized to provide educational services remotely through existing personnel; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide continuity of services when schools reopen;

BE IT RESOLVED that the River Vale Board of Education authorizes continued payment of salaries to employees and service providers while schools remain closed due to the coronavirus.

G6. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes (e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district) and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the River Vale Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the 39th Legislative District’s representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve
Resolution Items B1 through B7 as listed below.

B1. 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 month ending February 29, 2020 in the amount of \$9,664.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending February 29, 2020**

T705	FROM	11-000-230-339-10-11-000	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS.	-2000.00
	FROM	11-000-230-590-10-11-047	STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE	-500.00
	FROM	11-000-230-590-10-17-083	PRINTER RELATED EXPENSES	-2500.00
	FROM	11-000-230-890-10-17-000	SUPERINTENDENT DUES/FEES	-500.00
	FROM	11-000-251-330-10-11-000	BUS OFFICE/PURCH PROF SRVCS	-4164.00
	TOTAL			-9664.00
	TO	11-000-230-590-10-17-121	EMPLOYMENT/LEGAL ADS	7664.00
	TO	11-000-230-820-10-11-000	JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE SCHOOL	2000.00
	TOTAL			9664.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-9664.00
	TO			9664.00

Note: Transaction Date: 2/29/2020

B2. 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 March 31, 2020 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 681,341.71
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 60 – Voided Checks	-	\$ -8.80
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 -Trust & Agency	-	\$1,575,744.10
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 0.00
Total		\$2,257,077.01

B3. 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 March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$76,130.57.**

B4. 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 month ending March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$26,849.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds
Month Ending March 31, 2020

T712	FROM	11-000-262-622-20-14-000	H-ELECTRICITY EXPENSE	-4320.00
	FROM	11-000-262-622-60-14-000	W-ELECTRICITY EXPENSE	-4320.00
	TOTAL			-8640.00
	TO	11-000-262-420-20-14-108	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - HMS	2160.00
	TO	11-000-262-420-30-14-108	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS – RES ANNEX	2160.00
	TO	11-000-262-420-40-14-108	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - RES	2160.00
	TO	11-000-262-420-60-14-108	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS – WES	2160.00
	TOTAL			8640.00
T714	FROM	11-190-100-890-10-11-026	REGULAR PROGRAMS – OTH. OBJECTS	-12000.00
	TO	11-000-262-610-20-14-028	HOLDRUM – NEW EQUIPMENT	12000.00
T715	FROM	12-000-400-390-10-11-000	PURCH PROF. SERVICES/ARCHITECT	-1025.00
	TO	12-000-400-890-10-11-000	FACILITIES STATE FEES	1025.00
T720	FROM	11-000-252-610-10-65-022	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	-4650.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-10-65-024	INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	4650.00
T726	FROM	11-000-266-420-30-14-000	RA-BLDG/SECURITY MONITORING	-534.00
	TO	11-000-263-420-60-14-000	W-GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	534.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-26849.00
	TO			26849.00

Note: Transaction Date: 3/31/2020

B5. 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 April 14, 2020 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$132,607.78
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 914.98
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		\$133,522.76

B6. 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 **April 14, 2020** in the amount of **\$2,350.00**.

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

B7(a). 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020**.

Name	School/Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
John Puccio	Board of Education	Annual Delegates Assembly	West Windsor, NJ	6/27/2020	60.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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NAY							
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B7(b). 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020**.

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Lorraine Waldes	Board of Education	Annual Delegates Assembly	West Windsor, NJ	6/27/2020	60.00

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AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ **SECONDED** _____ **to approve**
 Resolution Items **P1** through **P3** as listed below.

P1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to the RVEA Agreement, **approves the salaries for the following Movement on the Guide for documentation received after November 1, 2019 through April 1, 2020 retroactive to February 1, 2020:**

NAME	FROM	TO
Kaitlin Arcidiacono	BA15/6 (\$56,670)	MA/6 (64,765)
Jennifer Quevedo	BA/7 (\$57,245)	BA15/7 (\$57,820)

P2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon 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 2019-2020 school year.**

P3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim 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 2019-2020 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____

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

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

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

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

_____.

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

_____.

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

_____.

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

_____.

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

_____.

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

_____.

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discuss in closed session by this Board of Education and administrative staff, and the minutes of said closed session discussion will be made available to the public when the reasons for the non-disclosure in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act no longer exist.

Meeting closed to the public at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the **April 14, 2020** Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Regular Session Meeting at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the
April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting be adjourned at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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