

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
SPECIAL MEETING
Roberge Annex
NOVEMBER 24, 2020 VIRTUAL MINUTES

Ms. Ippolito welcomed everyone to the virtual board meeting and explained how the meeting would run.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Waldes called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, the Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting has been sent to all school offices, officially designated newspapers, filed with the Township Clerk and posted in the Board of Education Office, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

MEMBERS

PRESENT VIA

TELEPHONE:

**Mrs. Pintarelli, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Rothenberg,
Mr. Schlereth, Mrs. Senande**

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Puccio, Mrs. Waldes

ALSO PRESENT:

**Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Peterson, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Ms. Signore, Woodside School Principal
Mr. Wren, Roberge School Principal
Mr. Matthew Wolfe, LAN Associates
Mr. Matthew Fink, LAN Associates
Mr. Stephen Secora, LAN Associates
61 members of the public**

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds** – None
- **Communications & Policies** – Several policies and regulations were presented for a second reading.
- **Curriculum & Technology** – None
- **Finance** – Reminder of the River Vale School District vote regarding the referendum.

- **Negotiations** – None
- **Personnel** – None

Committee Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Committee
November 17, 2020	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 15, 2020	6:00 PM	Finance
January 5, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
January 19, 2021	6:00 PM	Personnel
February 9, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
February 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 2, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 30, 2021	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
April 27, 2021	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 11, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only

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Meeting opened to public comments at 7:04 P.M.

Public comments: None

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

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez acknowledged, with sadness, the passing of Mr. William Ellis, who served on the River Vale Board of Education from May 2000 until August 2017. He noted that Mr. Ellis was a great champion of public education and of all things River Vale. He continued by stating that

Mr. Ellis contributed much and will be missed by all who knew and worked with him. He stressed that we appreciate and remember his years of service to our community. He further extended sympathies to his wife, Maura, and their children.

In other matters, Dr. Alvarez noted that Covid-19 is continuing to have a resurgence across the country, and that is certainly true in our area. He stated that we are seeing more students and families in River Vale being impacted. He announced that schools in our area have moved from *moderate risk* to *high risk* level. The school administration will continue to monitor closely the current situation. He informed the public that Woodside will once again close tomorrow due to new cases in the school; Holdrum students are expected to return after the recess; and Roberge has, thus far, been spared. He promised to keep the school community informed of any new developments.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito informed everyone that representatives from LAN Associates will present updates regarding the proposed referendum later in the meeting under Old Business.

Ms. Ippolito wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. MOTION BY Mr. Schlereth SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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 November 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting.****

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

**G2. MOTION BY Mr. Schlereth SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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 November 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting.****

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

**G3. MOTION BY Mr. Schlereth SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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 November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.****

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

G4. 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 November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.**

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

G5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the second reading and revisions of the following new/revised River Vale Board of Education Policies and Regulations:**

Policy #	Policy Title	New/Revised	1st Reading	2nd Reading
1620	Administrative Employment Contracts	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
2431	Athletic Competition	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
R2431.1	Athletic Competition	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
2464	Gifted and Talented Students	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
5330.05	Seizure Action Plan	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
R5330.05	Seizure Action Plan	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
7440	School District Security	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
R7440	School District Security	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
7450	Property Inventory	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020
8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations	Revised	November 17, 2020	November 24, 2020

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AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
ABSENT		√					√
ABSTAINED							

- G4. MOTION BY Mr. Schlereth SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli**
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Region II Affirmative Statement for Membership in the Pascack Valley Council for Special Education for the 2021-2022 school year (See Attachment G4)**

	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. Schlereth**
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 October 31, 2020 in the following balances:**

Fund 10	-	\$10,460,450.81
Fund 20	-	\$ 5,450.13
Fund 30	-	\$ 97,146.75
Fund 40	-	\$.39
Total		\$10,563,048.08

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AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
ABSENT		√					√
ABSTAINED							

- B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Schlereth**
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 **October 31, 2020** 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. 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. Schlereth
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 October 31, 2020 in the amount of \$64,902.00 as set forth below:**

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

T382	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-64902.00
	TO	11-000-252-105-10-11-075	P/T SECRETARY SALARY	64902.00
	TOTALS:			
	FROM:			-64902.00
	TO:			64902.00

Note: Transaction Date: 10/31/2020

	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. Schlereth
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 November 24, 2020 in the amount of \$64,917.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending November 24, 2020**

T383	FROM	11-000-252-105-10-11-075	P/T SECRETARY SALARY	-64902.00
	TO	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	64902.00
T377	FROM	11-190-100-610-60-60-046	W-GENERAL SUPPLIES	-15.00
	TO	11-000-240-890-60-60-057	W-MIS & OTHER EXPENSES	15.00

	TOTALS:		
	FROM:		-64917.00
	TO:		64917.00

Note: Transaction Date: 11/24/2020

	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. Schlereth
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, approves the following depositories and signators for the River Vale Public Schools for the school year 2020-2021 as set forth below:

Account Name	Account #	Financial Institution	Required Signatures on each Account for Withdrawals
River Vale Board of Education Holdrum School Activity Account	7047728414	Capital One	2 Signers: Kelly Ippolito plus Principal James Cody, Assistant Principal Justin Jasper, Raniua Bajati or Gloria Gallucci

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AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
ABSENT		√					√
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the additional assignment for the following Special Education Aide as listed below for the 2020-2021 school year:**

EMPLOYEE NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	HOURS	STEP	HOURLY RATE	ACCOUNT
Elizabeth Courtney	WES	SpEd Aide	Up to 5 per day	10	\$20.00	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

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AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
ABSENT		√					√
ABSTAINED							

- P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following student intern virtual placement for the 2020-2021 school year:**

LOCATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TYPE	TEACHER	COLLEGE/SCHOOL
CST	Bradley	Zirlin	Student Teacher	Laura Rella	Quinnipiac University

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

- P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively accepts, with regret, the resignation of Caitlin Dowling, a Woodside School Special Education Aide, effective November 20, 2020.**

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

- P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following faculty member to provide Home Instruction for student #2021700 from November 23, 2020 through January 25, 2021.**

EMPLOYEE NAME	MAX. HRS PER WK	HOURLY RATE	ACCOUNT
Allison D'Amico	2.0	\$80.00	11-150-100-101-10-18-000

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AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
ABSENT		√					√
ABSTAINED							

- P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli 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 2020-2021 school year.

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AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
ABSENT		√					√
ABSTAINED							

**P6. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
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 services to the district for the 2020-2021 school year.****

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AYE	√		√	√	√	√	
NAY							
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Public Comments

Amy Dahl, 608 Abbe Court: Dr Alvarez- what type of time frame will close contacts be notified of possible exposure at Woodside?

Dr Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools stated that the contact tracing is being performed and notifications were to be completed within the next day or so.

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:16 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS – Representatives from LAN Associates spoke of the December 8, 2020 Virtual Referendum Fair and that the special election has been requested to be held on January 26, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. Schlereth
that the November 24, 2020 Regular Session Special Meeting be adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kelly Ippolito
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator