

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Annex
February 23, 2021 – REVISED AGENDA

Special Note: N.J.S.A. 10:4-8b authorizes local units to conduct public hearings through the use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms in certain circumstances. Therefore, in light of the public health emergency, the Board of Education will hold its regular meeting entirely online via Zoom.

Meeting Regulations

During this regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited on agenda items. The second opportunity will occur just prior to adjournment, when residents may address general comments to the Board with time limits being at the discretion of the President. Participants wishing to make public comment shall comply with Policy 0167. Additionally, the Board hereby adopts the following procedures: Individuals participating via Zoom and wishing to make a public comment shall use the “Chat” feature to identify themselves before speaking which shall include typing the individual’s name, address, topic, and areas of concern. The Board shall facilitate a dialogue with the commenter to the extent permitted by the electronic communications technology.

If a member of the public becomes disruptive during a remote public meeting, including during any period for public comment, the Board President or individual in charge of the remote meeting platform shall mute or continue muting the disruptive member of the public and warn that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking during the remote public meeting or removed from the remote public meeting. Disruptive conduct includes sustained inappropriate behaviors such as, but not necessarily limited to, shouting, interruption, and use of profanity. A member of the public who continues to act in a disruptive manner after receiving an initial warning shall be muted while other members of the public are allowed to proceed with their questions or comments. If time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to make comment. Should the person remain disruptive, the Board President or individual in charge of the remote meeting shall mute, or keep muted, the disruptive member for the remainder of the remote public meeting, or remove him or her from the remote public meeting.

To inspect or obtain a copy of any public record required to be made available under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, Examination and Copies of Public Records, please contact Ms. Kelly Ippolito, 609 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, NJ 07675. Copies of all public meeting agendas are online on the district website: <http://www.RiverValeSchools.com>

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 Schedule

Date	Time	Committee
February 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 2, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Policy & Communication
April 13, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
April 27, 2021	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 11, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 14, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 28, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 12, 2021	6:00 PM	Policy & Communication
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

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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 Interim Superintendent of Schools by telephone, letter or email.

Meeting opened to public comments at _____ P.M.

Public comments:

Meeting closed to public comments at _____ P.M.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items G1 through G3 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 February 9, 2021.**
- 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 February 9, 2021.**
- G3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Special Education out-of-district placement tuition costs for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:**

Student Id#	Program	LEA	Tuition	Duration
20272304	Windsor Learning Center	Windsor Learning Center	26,082.00	February - June

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 B5 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 January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$33,993.00 as set forth below:**

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

T544	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-33993.00
	TO	11-000-291-299-10-11-000	UNUSED SICK PAYOUT-NORMAL RETIREMENT	33993.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-33993.00
	TO			33993.00

Note: Transaction Date: 1/31/21

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 February 23, 2021 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$1,421,102.58
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 362.20
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	-	\$ 215,699.14
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-	-	\$ 0.00
Total		\$1,637,163.92

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 February 23, 2021 in the amount of \$18,736.09.**

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 period ending February 23, 2021 in the amount of \$19,830.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Period Ending February 23, 2021**

T543	FROM	11-000-251-340-10-11-000	BUS OFFICE/PURCH TECH SERVICES	-851.00
	TO	11-000-251-590-10-11-999	BUS OFFICE/OTHER PURCH SERVICES	851.00
T545	FROM	11-000-100-562-10-18-000	TUITION-LEA IN STATE	-18979.00
	TO	11-000-100-566-10-18-000	TUITION-PRIVATE SCHOOL	18979.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-19830.00
	TO			19830.00

Note: Transaction Date: 2/23/2021

B5. 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021.**

Name	School/Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Kelly Ippolito	Board Office	Analyzing and Constructing Salary Guides	Virtual	3/25/2021	149.00
Kimberly Dowling	Curriculum & Instruction	RULER 2021 Implementation Conference	Virtual	4/28/2021 4/29/2021	132.00
Justin Jasper	Holdrum	RULER 2021 Implementation Conference	Virtual	4/28/2021 4/29/2021	132.00
Kim Ullrich	Roberge	Fluency: The Bridge Between Word Recognition and Comprehension	Virtual	2/25/2021	0.00
Kim Ullrich	Roberge	The Importance of Phonemic Awareness Instruction in the Primary Classroom	TBD	5/14/2021	0.00
Patricia Sayre	Holdrum	10 Crucial Days	Northern Valley	4/26/2021	0.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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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, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Olivia Wagner, a Woodside School Special Education Aide, effective March 5, 2021.**
- 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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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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 February 23, 2021, Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Regular 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 February 23, 2021, 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							