

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**River Vale, New Jersey 07675**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Roberge Annex**  
**June 29, 2020 VIRTUAL MINUTES**

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

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.**

**Mrs. Waldes called the Meeting to order at 6:00 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. Puccio, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Rothenberg,  
Mr. Schlereth, Mrs. Senande, Mrs. Waldes**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mr. Steve Secora, LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning,  
Architecture, Surveying, Inc.  
Three members of the public**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Waldes thanked West Bergen Mental Healthcare for having the warm line which is out there and available to staff, students and parents.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON**

- **Buildings & Grounds – None**
- **Communications & Policies – None**
- **Curriculum & Technology – None**
- **Finance – None**
- **Negotiations – None**
- **Personnel – None**

**Committee Meeting Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Committee</b>
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
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 6:04 P.M.**

**Public comments:**

None

**Meeting closed to public comments at 6:04 P.M.**

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

None

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

None

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

None

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

None

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation by Stephen Secora from LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc.

Ms. Kelly Ippolito – introduced Mr. Secora to further discuss the referendum project.

Mr. Secora went through each one of the projects and once again reviewed said projects as they had been sorted into three (3) questions for the Board's consideration. Question # 1 had all of the roofs, roof top equipment, replacement floor tile, new classroom storage or casework depending on the school, the real nuts and bolts of what is necessary due to the mechanicals coming to the end of their useful lives. The new construction at the Holdrum Middle School to connect the three (3) corridors and create a wellness center was also in Question # 1. Question # 2 includes all of the additional costs associated with providing air conditioning in the areas that currently do not have air conditioning at the three (3) schools. The suggestion of Question # 3 would include new construction at both elementary schools to provide areas for wellness.

Ms. Ippolito explained that Questions # 2 & # 3 would be contingent upon the voters passing of Question # 1; however, Questions # 2 & # 3 would not be contingent upon the voters passing both; one question could be passed without the other.

Ms. Ippolito asked Mr. Secora to explain the newer technology that was possible and would be recommended with the proposed roof top and air handler units as well as the unit ventilators in proposed Question # 2. Mr. Secora explained that the new technology called Bipolar Ionization has been successful in providing better air quality indoors. This process breaks down, odors, effective in reducing bacteria and viruses, and purifies the air.

Ms. Ippolito again explained that unfortunately the reason why the cost to air condition the remainder of the schools is so high is that each one of the classrooms would require work as well as running new piping and adding condensate lines and drip pans in two (2) or the three (3) schools in addition to installing new temperature controls in all three (3) schools.

The Board asked follow-up questions to Mr. Secora and Ms. Ippolito.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Items**

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**Meeting opened to public comments at 7:32 P.M.**

None

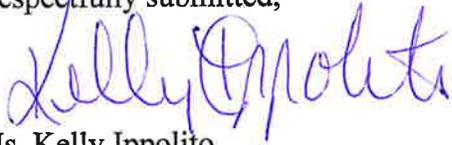
**Meeting closed to public comments at 7:32 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande  
 that the **June 29, 2020 Special Meeting** be adjourned at **7:34 P.M.****

	<b>Mrs. Pintarelli</b>	<b>Mr. Puccio</b>	<b>Mr. Rosini</b>	<b>Mrs. Rothenberg</b>	<b>Mr. Schlereth</b>	<b>Mrs. Senande</b>	<b>Mrs. Waldes</b>
<b>AYE</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>							
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kelly Ippolito  
Board Secretary/  
School Business Administrator

