

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**River Vale, New Jersey 07675**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**ROBERGE ANNEX**  
**March 14, 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. White

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mr. Thomas Tracy, Director of Buildings & Grounds  
1 district teacher

**FLAG SALUTE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Mr. Rosini was happy to report on the opening of the new wing at Holdrum Middle School. The new wing is now being used by students and there is less congestion. Mr. Rosini indicated that Phase II of construction at Holdrum has begun and mentioned it is nice to be able to see some of the projects being completed and used according to plan.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON**

- **Buildings & Grounds – None**
- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande indicated there were policies and regulations on this Agenda for first reading, as well as two COVID era policies being abolished.**
- **Curriculum & Technology – None**

- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli reported State Aid figures were issued on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the district received an additional \$178,058 from the previous year, which is a 19% increase. Which is good news considering that our health benefits have increased 15%, translating into approximately \$450,000, and transportation costs were up 60%. In total, the district received \$1,279,020.00. However, we have the same assessment for debt service of approximate \$50,000, for a net State Aid figure for 2023-2024 of \$1,228,489. Mrs. Pintarelli stated that we have a balanced budget and we are again under cap for 9<sup>th</sup> year at 1.91%. Mrs. Pintarelli indicated the Board has approved using \$72,000 out of emergency reserve funds to fill the gap in the budget. At the previous meeting, we were over budget by \$220,000 but the increase in State Aid helped to decrease that gap as well. Mrs. Pintarelli thanked Ms. Ippolito and staff in keeping the district under cap and financially sound. Mr. Rosini commented he was happy to report that the district has continued to remain under the cap and we have not had to make any cuts in spending to do so.**
- **Negotiations – None**
- **Personnel – None**

**COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Committee</b>
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 7:06 P.M.**

**Public comments:**  
**None**

**Meeting closed to public comments at 7:06 P.M.**

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**Superintendent Signore discussed the academic support program for students called TutorMe. She reminded parents that students in grades 3-8 who need additional support with math after school hours can be connected to a live tutor within 60 seconds. Students can utilize this service for homework help, review of concepts, studying for a test, or enrichment.**

### **BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT**

**Ms. Ippolito reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening and a draft budget was presented for review. The Committee now presents the budget to the Board for approval to submit this tentative budget to the County office which is due on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This technical budget will be submitted with all supporting documents and the County will review our proposal and request modifications if necessary. The Board will then have an opportunity to present the budget at the Budget Hearing scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be able to make any changes at that time. Ms. Ippolito reiterated that this is the ninth year that the district has maintained a budget under the 2% cap, with this year being 1.95% utilizing \$72,000 of emergency reserve funds as allowed for increases of over 4% of health benefits.**

**Ms. Ippolito reminded Board Members to complete their Ethics Disclosures by April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Ms. Ippolito thanked Mr. Tracy and his staff for their time and efforts in preparing the district for this morning’s anticipated snow storm.**

### **GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

**G1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
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 February 28, 2023 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. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
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 February 28, 2023 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. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the abolishment of the following Policies and/or Regulations:****

- | <u>Policy/Reg #</u> | <u>Policy/Regulation Title</u>                                       |
|---------------------|--|
| P1648.11            | <u><a href="#">The Road Forward COVID-19 - Health and Safety</a></u> |
| P1648.13            | <u><a href="#">School Employee Vaccination Requirements</a></u>      |

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

**G4. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the first reading and revisions of the following new/revised River Vale Board of Education Policies and Regulations:****

- | <u>Policy/Reg #</u> | <u>Policy/Regulation Title</u>                            |
|---------------------|---|
| P0152               | <u><a href="#">Board Officers</a></u>                     |
| P0161               | <u><a href="#">Call, Adjournment and Cancellation</a></u> |
| P0162               | <u><a href="#">Notice of Board Meetings</a></u>           |
| P2423               | <u><a href="#">Bilingual and ESL Education</a></u>        |
| R2423               | <u><a href="#">Bilingual and ESL Education</a></u>        |

- P5200 [Attendance](#)
- R5200 [Attendance](#)
- P8110 [Attendance Areas](#)
- P8140 [Student Enrollments](#)
- R8140 [Enrollment Accounting](#)
- P8330 [Student Records](#)
- R8330 [Student Records](#)
- R8420.2 [Bomb Threats](#)
- R8420.7 [Lockdown Procedures](#)
- R8420.10 [Active Shooter](#)

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

**G5. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **authorizes the Buildings & Grounds Department to dispose of the following obsolete/inoperable items at Roberge Elementary School:**

Item	Quantity	Asset Tag No.
Utility Pump	1	00961
Utility Pump	1	03537
Utility Pump	1	02186

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

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

**B1. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 January 31, 2023 in the following balances:**

Fund 10	-	\$12,650,780.16
Fund 20	-	\$ (61,110.96)

Fund 30	-	\$21,308,650.74
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$ 1,145,363.77</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$35,043,683.71</b>

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

**B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 **January 31, 2023** 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. Assor 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 February 28, 2023 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$	39.99
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	-	\$	9,963.21
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$	0.00
Fund 90 – Trust & Agency	-	\$	1,655,767.68
Fund 91 – Merchants Account	-	\$	62.85
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,665,833.73</b>

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

**B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$83,355.84.**

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

**B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$11,206.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds  
Month Ending February 28, 2023**

			FROM	TO
<b>T518</b>	23-11-000-100-562-10-18-000	TUITION- LEA IN STATE	(\$1,206.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-100-566-10-18-000	TUITION- PRIVATE SCHOOL	\$0.00	\$1,206.00
<b>T525</b>	23-11-000-262-610-60-14-028	WOODSIDE- NEW EQUIPMENT	(\$10,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-262-610-40-14-035	R-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>			
	<b>FROM:</b>		<b>(\$11,206.00)</b>	
	<b>TO:</b>			<b>\$11,206.00</b>

Note: Transaction Date 2/28/23

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

**B6. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 March 14, 2023 as follows:****

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 887,496.33
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 46,082.77
Fund 20 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 599,790.26
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	-	\$ 18,052.83
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,551,422.19</b>

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

**B7. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 March 14, 2023 in the amount of \$31,988.02.****

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



**B8. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 month ending March 14, 2023 in the amount of \$13,000.00. as set forth below:****

**Transfer of Funds  
Month Ending March 14, 2023**

			FROM	TO
T536	23-11-000-100-565-10-18-000	TUITION- CSSD	(\$13,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-216-320-10-18-001	FEES/ABA THERAPY	\$0.00	\$13,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>			
	<b>FROM:</b>		(\$13,000.00)	
	<b>TO:</b>			\$13,000.00

Note: Transaction Date 3/14/23

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
<b>AYE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>						✓	
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**B9. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION, that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves and authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute an Inter-Local Services Agreement between the River Vale Board of Education and the Township of River Vale, to operate Camp Have Some Fun; a day camp, at the Woodside Elementary School from June 26, 2023 through July 28, 2023.****

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
<b>AYE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>						✓	
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**B10. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION, that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **recommends that the Board approve the submission and acceptance of the following grant application, Climate Awareness Education, to the New Jersey State Department of Education for the 2023 Fiscal Year in the amount of (\$6,660.00) to be implemented during the period beginning April 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2023.****

Climate Awareness Education Grant      TOTAL..... \$6,660.00

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

**B11. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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
Denise Alex	CST	The PSW Method of Identification of Specific Learning Disabilities	Washington Twp, NJ	3/16/2023	\$149.00
Christine Casbar	CST	The PSW Method of Identification of Specific Learning Disabilities	Washington Twp, NJ	3/16/2023	\$149.00
Christine Casbar	CST	QPR Training	Oradell, NJ	3/20/2023	\$0.00
Alicia Hettesheimer	WES	NJDOE School Behavior Threat Assessment & Management training	Virtual	3/23/2023	\$0.00
Erin Rudolph	HMS	World of Resources	CIACC	4/21/2023	\$0.00
Kathleen Waytowich	RES	Science/SS Curriculum Implementation	PVRHS	3/21/2023	\$0.00

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

**B11a.**

Name	School/Dept.	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Kelly Ippolito	BOE	NJSBA Spring Education Symposium	Virtual	4/25/23	\$99.00

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

**B12. MOTION BY Mrs. Assor 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 and Assemblies for the period July 1, 2022  
through June 30, 2023:****

School	Grade	Teacher	Trip/Assembly	Location	Date
HMS	6th/LLD	MaryCatherine O'Loughlin & Kirsten Ommundsen	Life Town	Livingston, NJ	April
RES	PreK & K	Catherine Soehnel	Animal Interactions	In District	May
HMS	6,7,8	Andrew Eisler, Matthew Heffernan & Kevin Sarnoski	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Worcester, Massachusetts	June
HMS	6,7,8 Robotics	Andrew Eisler, Matthew Heffernan & Kevin Sarnoski	Lehigh University	Bethlehem, PA	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. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the  
Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the paid  
medical leave of absence for staff member #004608 to begin on or about March 1,  
2023 through on or about April 12, 2023.****

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

**P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the  
Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves  
the following faculty members to provide up to 6 weeks of Home Instruction and  
Speech Language Therapy for Student #20372481 beginning March 6, 2023, as  
follows:****

Employee	Position	Max. Hours Per Week	Hourly Rate	Account No.
Elaine Barrett	Teacher	10	\$84.00	11-150-100-101-10-18-000
Thomas Fahey	Speech Language	2	\$84.00	11-150-100-101-10-18-000

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

**P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves Qixian Jia to teach an additional 6<sup>th</sup> period for mathematics at Holdrum Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the employee’s salary, per the agreement with the RVEA, effective April 18, 2023 through June 30, 2023, as set forth below:**

Employee	Degree/Step	Base Salary	Extra Pay	Total Salary	Account No.
Qixian Jia	MA30/18	\$111,200.00	\$4,540.71	\$115,740.71	11-130-100-101-20-11-000

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

**P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **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 “C” – INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS							
	Position	Location/Description	Amount	Longevity	Total Compensation	Staff Member	Account No.
C3	Baseball	Holdrum (Split Position – 2)	2,722.50	169.00	2,891.50	Michael Davenport	11-402-100-100-20-11-000
			2,722.50	169.00	2,891.50	Juan Nieves	11-402-100-100-20-11-000

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

**P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following chaperones for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Fairview Lake for the school year 2022-2023:****

Administrator Chaperone	Faculty Chaperones (\$141.00 per night)	Nurse Overnight Supervision (\$137.00 per night)	Faculty Overnight Supervision (\$50 per night)	Alternate Faculty Chaperones (\$141.00 per night)
Alyson Puzzo	April Callas Michael Davenport Andrew Eisler James Gallucci John Garretson Phyllis Gerber Matthew Heffernan Justin Lewbel Juan Nieves Kirsten Ommundsen Krista Rasmussen Megan Rizer Samantha Sicilia	Phyllis Gerber	Michael Davenport Juan Nieves	Richard Orgera James Cody (Admin)

**Account No. 11-130-100-101-20-11-032**

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

**P6. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
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							

**P7. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
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							

**P8. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Berkowitz  
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 7:14 P.M.

Public comments:  
 None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:14 P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli  
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **adopts the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget and authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget to the Bergen County Executive County Superintendent for review and approval.****

- a) General Fund appropriations budget in the total amount of \$26,072,029, which includes sub-fund budgets for General Current Expense, \$25,941,498, Capital Outlay, \$130,531, (which includes a statutorily restricted increase in Capital Reserve of (\$20,000), a mandated assessment for debt service aid on SDA funding of (\$50,531), as well as the general fund appropriations including a \$72,000 withdrawal from the Emergency Reserve Account to address the more than four percent (4%) increase in health benefits costs, and approve the schedule of anticipated revenue, as hereinafter indicated, to fund appropriations budget for **2023-2024.**

Balance Appropriated (General Fund)	\$658,755
Balance Appropriated (Emergency Reserve Withdrawal)	72,000
Local Tax Levy	23,920,059
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve	20,000
Tuition	24,000
Miscellaneous: restricted	92,195
Miscellaneous: unrestricted	6,000
State Aid	1,279,020
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>26,072,029</b>

- b) Special Revenue Funds appropriations budget in the total amount of \$162,962 and to adopt the schedule of anticipated revenue as hereinafter indicated, to fund this budget for **2023-2024.**

Local Aid (restricted)	-
State Aid (restricted)	-
Federal Aid	162,962
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>162,962</b>

- c) Debt Service Fund appropriations budget in the total amount of \$1,730,132 and adopt the schedule of anticipated revenue, as hereinafter indicated, to fund this budget for 2023-2024.

Balance Appropriated	66,581
Local Tax Levy	951,425
State Aid – Debt Service	712,126
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>1,730,132</b>

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

- NB2. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande 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 General Fund Tax Levy to be raised for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$23,920,059.**

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

- NB3. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande 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 Debt Service Tax Levy to be raised for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$951,425.**

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

- NB4. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande 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 resolution regarding Employee Travel and Related Expenses:**

**WHEREAS**, school district Policy No. 6471 School District Travel and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B01.2(b) provide that the Board of Education established, in the 2022-2023 school budget, a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$54,650; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has incurred travel and related expenses as of February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$6,483.00 for the 2022-2023 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, school district Policy No. 6471 School District Travel and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B01.2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2023-2024 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the River Vale Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget in the sum of \$49,150; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
<b>AYE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>						✓	
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**NB5. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande 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 resolution regarding Public Relations and Purchased Professional Services:**

**WHEREAS**, the Accountability Regulations, specifically N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-5.2 a(1) provided that the Board of Education shall establish annually a maximum dollar limit for public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14 and each type of professional services;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the River Vale Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum annual dollar limit for public relations and professional services for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$25,000 and \$1,291,183 respectively; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
<b>AYE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>						✓	
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Austin**

**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 matters:

- **Environmental Legal Issue**
- **Security Protocols**

**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.

**Meeting closed to the public at 7:17 P.M.**

	Mrs. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
<b>AYE</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>						✓	
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz that the March 14, 2023 Closed Session Meeting be re-opened to the Regular Meeting at 9:33 P.M.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz that the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:34 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