

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
ROBERGE ANNEX
February 28, 2023
REVISED AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

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. Assor	Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
PRESENT							
ABSENT							

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds – Mrs. Berkowitz**
- **Communications & Policies – Mr. White**
- **Curriculum & Technology – Mrs. Senande**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli**
- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini**
- **Personnel – Mr. Rosini**

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Committee
February 28, 2023	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
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

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Meeting opened to public comments at _____ P.M.

Public comments:

Meeting closed to public comments at _____ P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve
Resolution Items G1 through G5 as listed below.**

- G1. 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 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.**

G2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Special Education out-of-district placement tuition costs for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:**

Student Id#	Program	LEA	Tuition	Duration
20342456	Building Bridges Program	Private	\$26,687.50	January-June
20342456	Building Bridges Program	Private	\$5,143.50	1:1 Aide

G3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Agreement between the River Vale Board of Education and Student #20352018 to provide assistive technology equipment and services for the 2022-2023 school year.**

G4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves the Contract for Mental Health Assessments/School Clearances with Bergen County Region II Districts and West Bergen Mental Healthcare for the 2022-2023 school year.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the River Vale Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) between the Board and the Parents of Student ID #20342137, whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/ Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items B1 and B12 listed below.

- B1. 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 December 31, 2022 in the following balances:**

Fund 10	-	\$12,601,415.07
Fund 20	-	\$ (149,217.15)
Fund 30	-	\$22,012,558.06
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$ 1,102,942.99</u>
Total		\$35,567,698.97

- B2. 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 **December 31, 2022** 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.

- B3. 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 January 31, 2023 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$	0.00
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 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$	0.00

Fund 90 – Trust & Agency	-	\$	0.00
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$	<u>62.85</u>
Total		\$	62.85

B4. 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 January 31, 2023 in the amount of \$0.00.**

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 February 28, 2023 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$1,476,694.24
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 26,532.00
Fund 20 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$1,007,848.77
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	-	\$ 225,335.76
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		<u>\$ 65,566.75</u>
Total		\$2,801,977.52

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 the period dated February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$10,689,515.39.**

B7. 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 February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$21,524.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds
Month Ending February 28, 2023

			FROM	TO
T471	23-11-190-100-610-10-17-046	DW- GENERAL SUPPLIES	(\$3,714.00)	\$0.00
	23-12-000-100-730-20-65-000	H - TECHNOLOGY INST EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$3,714.00
T484	23-11-000-262-420-20-14-017	CONT MAIN SERVICES-PAINTING - HMS	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-262-420-10-14-109	GARBAGE REMOVAL SVCS. - District	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
T485	23-11-000-262-610-40-14-035	R-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	(\$6,750.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-262-610-60-14-035	W-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	(\$6,750.00)	\$0.00

	23-11-000-262-340-20-14-000	PURCHASED TECH SERVICES - HMS	\$0.00	\$13,500.00
T496	23-11-000-217-610-10-18-000	EXTRORDINARY SUPPLIES	(\$600.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-219-320-10-18-000	HEALTH/PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES	\$0.00	\$600.00
T499	23-11-000-252-610-10-65-098	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE/SUPPLIES	(\$1,760.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-252-340-10-65-021	PURCH TECH SRVCS/DISASTER REC	\$0.00	\$1,760.00
T503	23-11-000-213-106-60-11-004	W- NURSE'S AIDE SALARY	(\$950.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-213-610-20-20-000	H- NURSE'S SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$950.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$21,524.00)	
	TO:			\$21,524.00

Note: Transaction Date 2/28/23

B8. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **acknowledges receipt of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and the Auditor’s Management Report on Administrative Findings - Financial Compliance and Performance and accepts the following 2021-2022 Audit Recommendations, submitted by the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, School Auditors:**

I. Administration Practices & Procedures
There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
There are none.

III. School Purchasing Program
There are none.

IV. Food Service Fund
There are none.

V. Park Academy Fund
There are none.

VI. Student Body Activities
There are none.

VII. Application for State School Aid
There are none.

VIII. Pupil Transportation
There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous
There are none.

X. Facilities and Capital Assets
There are none.

XI. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations
Not applicable.

B9. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to take the following actions to implement the recommendations submitted in the 2021-2022 audit report:**

There is no corrective action plan recommended for the 2021-2022 audit.

B10. 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
Kimberly Dowling	C&I	NJ Educational Technology Conference	Montclair, NJ	3/7/2023 3/8/2023	\$42.11
Thomas Fahey	WES	Access Abilities/Apple	PVRHS	3/29/2023	\$0.00
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Year 3 Leadership Plan Presentation	PHHS	3/29/2023	\$1.41
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Science Curriculum Implementation	PVRHS	4/26/2023	\$1.41
Amy Gnida	HMS	Social Studies Curriculum Articulation Meeting	PVRHS	5/3/2023	\$0.00
Diane Groff	HMS	TV Studio	Woodcliff Lake Middle School	3/8/2023	\$0.00
JoAnn Hirsch	RES	NJDOE School Based Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Training	Virtual	4/20/2023	\$0.00
Thomas O'Gara	Technology	NJ Educational Technology Conference	Montclair, NJ	3/7/2023 3/8/2023	\$20.00
Angela Rossi	WES	AENJ Spring Symposium	Rowan University	3/18/2023	\$213.18

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

B11. 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	Grade 8	Maria Giannantonio	PVRHS	Hillsdale, NJ	March
WES	LLD K-5	Rachel Hadley	Life Town	Livingston, NJ	April
RES	Grade 1	Margaret Benedict-Hutter	Van Saun Park Zoo	Paramus, NJ	May
HMS	Grade 8	James Gallucci	Washington, DC	Washington, DC	May
WES	Grade 4	Jonathan Fritog	Franklin Mineral Museum	Franklin, NJ	June
RES	Kindergarten	Cathy Soehnel	Dr. Ivy Chang/Dental Health	River Vale, NJ	May

B12. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following agency to provide related services to Special Education students during the 2022-2023 school year:**

Agency	Services Provided	Account No.
Learner’s Compass, LLC 400 Tenafly Road, #1092 Tenafly, NJ 07670	ABA Therapy	11-000-216-320-10-18-001

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AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items P1 through P7 as listed below.

P1. 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 6th Grade Class Trip to New York City for the school year 2022-2023:**

Administrators	Chaperones		Nurse	Aides	Alternates
Alyson Puzzo	Tracey Carroll Ashley Corizzi Allison D’Amico Andrew Eisler James Gallucci Matthew Heffernan Monica Ivankovic Qixian Jia Justin Lewbel	Kirsten Ommundsen Richard Orgera Krista Rasmussen Erin Rudolph (Guidance) Jaime Trachtenberg Lisa Tracy (Region II) Christine Wenckus Carol Wypler	Phyllis Gerber	Carolyn Greenwald Lisa Kiley	April Callas Samantha Sicilia James Cody (Admin)

P2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves payment issued on behalf of Employee ID# 004035 for accumulated, unused sick pursuant to the terms and conditions of their applicable contract and in accordance with State and Federal Regulations, as set forth below:**

Employee	Allowable Days	Reimbursement Rate (per day)	Total Reimbursement	Account No.
004035	85	\$92.00	\$7,820.00	11-000-291-299-10-11-000

P3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves an unpaid leave of absence for Bracha Rand, LDTC, on March 7-8, 2023 and April 10-13, 2023, for a total of six (6) unpaid days.**

P4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively 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 “A” – ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS							
	Position	Location / Description	Compensation	Staff Member	Account No.		
A7	Student Council Advisor	Holdrum (Split Position-2)	1,563.10	Samantha Sicilia	11-401-100-100-20-11-040		
			669.90	Melanie Gallina	11-401-100-100-20-11-040		
GROUP “C” – INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS							
	Position	Location/ Description	Amount	Longevity	Total Compensation	Staff Member	Account No.
C8	Softball	Holdrum	5,445.00	339.00	5,784.00	James Gallucci	11-402-100-100-20-11-000

P5. 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.

- P6. 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.**
- P7. 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.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Public comments:

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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 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 _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the
February 28, 2023 Closed Session Meeting be re-opened to the Regular Meeting at
_____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY _____ SECONDED BY _____ that the
February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned at _____ P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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