

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
ROBERGE ANNEX
March 14, 2023
AGENDA

Live Stream Can Be Found At: www.rivervaleschools.com/youtube

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
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 28, 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 Minutes from the February 28, 2023 Closed Session Meeting.**

G3. 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>The Road Forward COVID-19 - Health and Safety</u>
P1648.13	<u>School Employee Vaccination Requirements</u>

G4. 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>Board Officers</u>
P0161	<u>Call, Adjournment and Cancellation</u>
P0162	<u>Notice of Board Meetings</u>
P2423	<u>Bilingual and ESL Education</u>
R2423	<u>Bilingual and ESL Education</u>
P5200	<u>Attendance</u>
R5200	<u>Attendance</u>
P8110	<u>Attendance Areas</u>
P8140	<u>Student Enrollments</u>
R8140	<u>Enrollment Accounting</u>
P8330	<u>Student Records</u>
R8330	<u>Student Records</u>
R8420.2	<u>Bomb Threats</u>
R8420.7	<u>Lockdown Procedures</u>
R8420.10	<u>Active Shooter</u>

G5. 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

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 through 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 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>
Total		\$35,043,683.71

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 **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.

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 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-		\$	<u>62.85</u>
Total			\$1,665,833.73

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 February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$83,355.84.**

B5. 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
T518	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
T525	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
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$11,206.00)	
	TO:			\$11,206.00

Note: Transaction Date 2/28/23

B6. 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-		<u>\$ 18,052.83</u>
Total		\$1,551,422.19

B7. 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.**

B8. 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
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$13,000.00)	
	TO:			\$13,000.00

Note: Transaction Date 3/14/23

B9. 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 Roberge Elementary School from June 26, 2023 through July 28, 2023.**

B10. 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

B11. 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

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

B12. 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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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AYE							
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION BY _____ SECONDED _____ to approve Resolution Items P1 through P8 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 paid medical leave of absence for staff member #004608 to begin on or about March 1, 2023 through on or about April 12, 2023.**

- P2. 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

- P3. 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 6th period for mathematics at Holdrum Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year at 1/6th 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

- P4. 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	2,722.50	169.00	2,891.50	Michael Davenport	11-402-100-100-20-11-000
		(Split Position – 2)	2,722.50	169.00	2,891.50	Juan Nieves	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, **approves the following chaperones for the 7th 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

P6. 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.**

P7. 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.**

P8. 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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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
 March 14, 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
 March 14, 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							