

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Annex
February 5, 2019
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Waldes 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. Pintarelli, Mr. Puccio, Mrs. Rothenberg,
Mrs. Senande, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Waldes

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. McCourt, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Cody, Holdrum School Principal
Ms. DeGaetano, Supervisor of Special Education
Ms. Dowling, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructions
Mr. Jasper, Holdrum School Assistant Principal
Mr. Peterson, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Ms. Signore, Woodside School Principal
Mr. Wren, Roberge School Principal
36 Staff Members and 1 Member of the Public
3 Board of Education Candidates

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR VACANT SEAT

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education of the Township of River Vale may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1)-(9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to:

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:

- **Candidate Discussion**

MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Rothenberg
that the **February 5, 2019 Regular Session Meeting** be closed to the public at 7:55 PM.

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
that the **February 5, 2019 Closed Session Meeting** be opened to the public at 8:49 PM.

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

NEW BUSINESS I:

NB1. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **appoints Jason Schlereth to the Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of former Trustee David Moon pending criminal history review process.**

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

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

Committee Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>
February 5, 2019	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds - CANCELLED
February 26, 2019	6:00 PM	Finance
March 5, 2019	6:00 PM	Finance
March 12, 2019	6:00 PM	Finance (Adopt Tentative Budget)
March 26, 2019	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
April 30, 2019	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 14, 2019	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 10, 2019	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 24, 2019	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 15, 2019	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 12, 2019	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 17, 2019	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 either telephone or letter.

Meeting opened to public comments at 8:50 P.M.

Public comments: None

Meeting closed to public comments at 8:50 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. McCourt thanked Mrs. Dowling and Mr. Wren, along with the many teachers who helped contribute to the District’s presentation this past Thursday, January 31st at the annual NJ TECHSBO Conference on how River Vale teachers are using technology as an instructional tool to help students’ best meet the Portrait of a Graduate. The presentation was well-attended, including by River Vale Board of Education Trustee, Mrs. Senande, and several attendees approached the District’s team about our practices, including how to design a Portrait of a Graduate. Mr. McCourt reiterated that as a leading K-8 school district, it is important that River Vale take advantage of opportunities to share our best practices to help students in other districts, as we have learned from others as well.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito spoke on the following:

The River Vale Board of Education is a founder Board and participates in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group (NESBIG) which was established in 1985 taking advantage of special New Jersey legislation which allowed for the grouping of Public Entities for the purpose of purchasing insurance. Over the years, NESBIG has grown to 45 Districts with the principle goal to provide “*fully-insured*” property and casualty insurance to the Bergen County School Board constituency.

NESBIG has been successful in providing quality insurance, stabilized premiums, and not assessing member assessments.

NESBIG has expanded its member coverages to respond to the ever changing insurance landscape offering such coverages as environmental, Cyber, HIB, and Misconduct as examples of a few of the expanded programs, all being “*fully-insured vs. “self-insured”*”. NESBIG has taken advantage of the purchasing power to increase the overall limit of coverage for General Liability, School Board Legal and Automobile Liability to \$90,000,000. No other School Board Insurance Fund in NJ provides a group this purchase offering at these limits.

NESBIG offers an active “educational” element from our professionals. In the past three years, presentations were included that qualify for Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) credits for the applicable members in the membership.

The School Board Legal program has evolved over the years to include many of the needed coverages resulting from the continued changes in school board operations. Increased Administrative Hearing coverage along with expanded Employment Practices Liability as well as the unique provision to be eligible and allow the School Board’s attorney to defend the school district rather than the carrier’s counsel. It is unsubstantiated that any other school insurance group permits this opportunity.

The Workers Compensation is a self-insured pooled program. The Fund purchases excess coverage for NJ Statutory and Employers Liability. NESBIG has managed the fund conservatively so that there has not ever been an assessment charged back to the membership in excess of what was originally assessed. The fund’s performance allows for NESBIG to offer an up-front discount in the amount of 49% off the NJ Standard Premium to its members. Excellent loss experience has resulted in an additional average return of 25% of the annual assessments. The combination of these two factors exhibits the strong financial foundation of NESBIG.

Other highlights:

- Property/Liability/Automobile/Umbrella/Excess Umbrella/Cyber/Environmental/School Board Legal – **Fully Insured** (Non-Assessable)
- Worker’s Compensation Program with Return of Surplus of over \$25,000,000 returned to the Members since 1985
- Workers Compensation rate deviation discounted over 65% off the Standard NJ rate for the last five years!

Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board that the School Ethics Forms are to be completed by April 30th.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves** the Minutes from the Board Meeting on January 22, 2019.**

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

**G2. MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves** the District Calendar for the **2019-2020 school year**.**

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

G3. MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli

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

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2019-2020, and

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students and the participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2018-2019 budget year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the River Vale Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

G4. MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED Mrs. Pintarelli

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves** the **Annual Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the River Vale Public Schools and the River Vale Police Department for the 2018-2019 school year.**

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves** the **revised bills list dated January 31, 2019** as follows:

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 390,912.78
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ (995.00)
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 3,280.00
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	-	\$1,562,697.12
Fund 91 – Merchants Acct.	-	\$ 0.00
Total		\$1,955,894.90

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

**B2. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
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 January 31, 2019** in the amount of **\$38,927.48**.**

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

**B3. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
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, 2019** in the **amount of \$89,891.00** as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending January 31, 2019**

T628	FROM	11-000-213-100-60-11-103	WES NURSE SUMMER WORK	-400.00
	FROM	11-000-217-106-60-11-086	W-SPECIAL ED SUB AIDES	-45000.00
	FROM	11-000-219-105-10-11-000	CST-SECRETARIAL SALARIES	-600.00
	FROM	11-000-221-610-10-17-000	CURR & INSTRU/SUPPLIES & MATER	-48.00
	FROM	11-000-230-890-10-11-000	BOE MISC EXPENSES	-4148.00
	FROM	11-000-240-105-20-11-000	H-SECRETARY SALARIES	-3000.00
	FROM	11-000-251-580-10-11-104	TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	-1500.00
	FROM	11-000-252-330-10-11-000	CSI BUDGET/PAYROLL SUPPORT SVC	-15000.00

	TOTAL			-69696.00
	TO	11-000-213-100-20-11-102	H-SUB NURSE/SALARY	400.00
	TO	11-000-217-106-60-11-004	W-SPECIAL ED AIDES	45000.00
	TO	11-000-219-105-10-11-086	CST-SUB/SECRETARIAL SAL	600.00
	TO	11-000-221-320-10-17-000	CURRIC DEV PURCH PROF SRVC	48.00
	TO	11-000-230-585-10-11-104	BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL EXPENSE	4681.00
	TO	11-000-240-105-40-11-000	R-SECRETARY SALARIES	3542.00
	TO	11-000-240-320-20-11-102	H-PURCH ED SRV/SEC/SUBS	15000.00
	TO	11-000-251-330-10-11-000	BUS OFFICE/PURCH PROF SRVCS	425.00
	TOTAL			69696.00
T630	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-5000.00
	FROM	11-120-100-101-20-11-000	TCHR LUNCH DUTY SALARIES	-26.00
	FROM	11-130-100-101-20-11-000	H-GRADE 6-8 TEACHER SALARIES	-3000.00
	FROM	11-190-100-440-40-11-000	R-FACULTY ROOM COPIER LEASE	-789.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-10-17-046	DW-GENERAL SUPPLIES	-9694.00
	FROM	11-230-100-610-40-40-000	R-SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	-186.00
	TOTAL			-18695.00
	TO	11-000-262-610-20-14-035	H-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	6968.00
	TO	11-000-262-610-60-14-035	W-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	2726.00
	TO	11-000-291-249-10-11-000	OTHER RETIRE CONTRI/DCRP	5000.00
	TO	11-120-100-101-20-11-001	TCHR LUNCH DUTY SALARIES – H	26.00
	TO	11-130-100-101-20-11-032	H-GRADES 6-8/EXTRA WORK	3000.00
	TO	11-190-100-440-20-11-000	H-FACULTY ROOM COPIER LEASE	789.00
	TO	11-230-100-101-40-11-000	R-BASIC SKILLS/TCHR SALARIES	186.00
	TOTAL			18695.00
T632	FROM	30-000-400-450-20-11-000	H-GENERATOR PROJECT	-1500.00
	TO	30-000-400-390-10-11-000	ARCHITECT/ENG. FEES	1500.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-89891.00
	TO			89891.00

Note: Transaction Date: 1/31/19

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

**B4. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
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 5, 2019** as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$158,108.48
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 28,313.56
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 Acct.	-	\$	0.00
Total			\$186,422.04

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

B5. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
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 5, 2019** in the amount of **\$0.00**.

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

B6. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
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 5, 2019** in the **amount of \$67,265.52** as set forth below:

**Transfer of Funds
Period Ending February 5, 2019**

T621	FROM	11-000-222-890-40-40-000	R-LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FEES	-500.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-40-40-028	R-NEW EQUIPMENT (UNDER \$2000 PER ITEM)	-1250.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-40-40-046	R-INST. SUPPLIES	-2010.71
	FROM	11-190-100-610-40-40-063	R-MATH SUPPLIES	-4500.81
	TOTAL			-8261.52
	TO	11-000-223-580-40-40-104	R-STAFF DEVELOPMENT	1750.00
	TO	11-190-100-640-40-40-063	R-MATH TEXTBOOKS	6511.52
	TOTAL			8261.52
T629	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-17265.00
	TO	12-000-260-730-10-14-000	O&M EQUIPMENT	17265.00
T633	FROM	11-000-291-270-10-11-000	HEALTH BENEFITS	-41739.00

	TO	12-000-260-730-10-14-000	O&M EQUIPMENT	41739.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-67265.52
	TO			67265.52

Note: Transaction Date: 2/5/19

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

- B7. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg**
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, 2018 through June 30, 2019**.

Name: Rachel Hadley

School or Department: Roberge School

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Dynamic Learning Maps Training

Location: TBD

Date: 2/11/19

Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Christina Jennings

School or Department: Roberge and Woodside Schools

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: FLENJ 2019 Annual Conference

Location: Iselin, NJ

Date: 4/5/19

Estimated Cost: \$192.05

Name: Joelle DeGaetano

School or Department: Supervisor Special Education

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Mental Health First Aid Training

Location: Hackensack, NJ

Date: 2/27/19

Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Denise Alex

School or Department: CST

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Mental Health First Aid Training

Location: Hackensack, NJ

Date: 2/27/19

Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Eileen DeMaria
School or Department: Woodside School
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Raising Resilient Girls
Location: Montclair, NJ
Date: 2/6/19
Estimated Cost: \$30.00

Name: Joelle DeGaetano
School or Department: Supervisor Special Education
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Raising Resilient Girls
Location: Montclair, NJ
Date: 2/6/19
Estimated Cost: \$30.00

Name: Denise Alex
School or Department: CST
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Raising Resilient Girls
Location: Montclair, NJ
Date: 2/6/19
Estimated Cost: \$30.00

Name: Joelle DeGaetano
School or Department: Supervisor Special Education
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJCEC Spring Conference
Location: Mahwah, NJ
Date: 3/22/19
Estimated Cost: \$115.00

Name: Denise Alex
School or Department: CST
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJCEC Spring Conference
Location: Mahwah, NJ
Date: 3/22/19
Estimated Cost: \$115.00

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

- B8. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
 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/assemblies for the period **September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.****

School: Roberge School
Grade/Class: Grade 5
Trip/Assembly: In-School – High Touch High Tech
Location: River Vale, NJ
Date: March 2019

School: Woodside School
Grade/Class: LLD – K-2
Trip/Assembly: Bowling at Montvale Lanes
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: February 2019

School: Roberge School
Grade/Class: 2nd Grade
Trip/Assembly: Tenafly Nature Center
Location: Tenafly, NJ
Date: May 2019

School: Holdrum School
Grade/Class: 8th Grade
Trip/Assembly: Pascack Valley Visit
Location: Hillsdale, NJ
Date: March 2019

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

B9. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **acknowledges receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and the Auditor’s Management Report on Administrative Findings-Financial Compliance and Performance and accepts the following 2017-2018 Audit Recommendations, submitted by the firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, School Auditor:**

- I. Administration Practices & Procedures**
There are none.
- II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting**
It is recommended that the District review outstanding encumbrances/contract awards to determine if any services have been rendered on these commitments and make the appropriate classification between accounts payable and encumbrances.
- 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
There are none.

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

**B10. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
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 2017-2018 audit report.****

- The School Business Administrator shall review outstanding encumbrances/contract awards to determine if any services have been rendered on these commitments and make the appropriate classification between accounts payable and encumbrances.

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

B11. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in Bergen County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Group as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-18B and;

WHEREAS, said Group was approved effective July 1, 1985 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws and regulations governing the creation and operation of this Insurance Group contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Group, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of River Vale has determined that membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group is in the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of River Vale does hereby agree to renew membership in the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement, and such other documents signifying membership in the Group as are required by the Group’s Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

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

B12. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED Mrs. Rothenberg

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the River Vale Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) has retained the professional services of LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the “Architect”) as Architect of Record for the 2018-2019 school year and desires to appoint the Architect as the Project Architect for the A/E Services Renovations of Media Center at Roberge Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract is approximately \$9,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the Architect has submitted a proposal for architectural and engineering services to the River Vale Board of Education in connection with A/E Services Renovations of Media Center at Roberge Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Architect has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the Architect has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the County of Bergen, the Borough of River Vale and the River Vale Board of Education in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit the Architect from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Architect shall be appointed as Project Architect for the A/E Services Renovations of Media Center at Roberge Elementary School and that a contract for such services shall be awarded for the following reasons:

1. Phase 1 – Schematic Design Phase:
LAN will develop a floor plan showing proposed modifications to the Media Center. This will include the modifications necessary to the office space. A preliminary cost estimate will also be provided.
2. Phase 2 – Furniture Layout:
LAN will work with the School District and a furniture vendor to develop a furniture plan that is acceptable to the School District. The furniture plan would be required as part of the submission to the New Jersey Department of Education.
3. Phase 3 – NJDOE Submission:
Once schematic plans are approved by the School District and furniture plans have been developed, LAN will prepare a New Jersey Department of Education application. LAN will assist the School District with developing educational specs for this space. LAN will provide an updated cost estimate which will need to be included in the DOE forms.

4. Phase 4 – Construction Documents:

LAN will complete the construction documents consisting of detailed drawings and written specifications suitable for bidding. These documents will include architectural floor plans, furniture plans, reflected ceiling plan and mechanical/electrical plumbing modifications as necessary. LAN will also assist in solicitation and preparation of bid, permits to contractor, review bids and make recommendations for contract award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. as Project Architect for the A/E Services Renovations of Media Center at Roberge Elementary School for a fixed fee of \$9,400, to include the scope of services listed below:

Item #	Description	Fee
1	Schematic Design	\$2,500
2	Furniture Plan	\$1,500
3	Preparation of NJDOE Submission	\$1,500
4	Construction Documents	\$3,900
Total		\$9,400

Account No. 12-000-400-390-10-11-000

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED Mr. Rosini

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **accepts the resignation, with regret, of Kevin Restivo, Full-time Network Technician, whose last day of employment will be February 15, 2019.**

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED Mr. Rosini

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 2018-2019:

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

**P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Substitute Pay rates for the 2018-2019 school year as set forth below:****

- Lunch Aides - \$13.50 per hour
- Secretaries - \$14.00 per hour
- Custodians - \$17.00 per hour
- Nurse Aides - \$25.00 per hour
- Nurses - \$175.00 per day
- Summer Custodians \$12.00 per hour

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

**P6. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED Mr. Rosini
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 2018-2019 school year.****

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Mrs. Senande</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
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 either telephone or letter.

Meeting opened to public comments at 8:59 P.M.

None

Meeting closed to public comments at 8:59 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS II

None

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education of the Township of River Vale may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1)-(9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to:

- 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:

- **Challenge to Policy 7510 and report on hearing and decision to uphold the Superintendent’s decision.**

**MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
that the **February 5, 2019 Regular Session Meeting** be closed to the public at 9:00 PM.**

	OPEN	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mrs. Senande	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		√	√	√	√	√	√
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
that the **February 5, 2019 Closed Session Meeting** be opened to the public at **10:15 PM.**

	OPEN	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mrs. Senande	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
that the **February 5, 2019 Regular Session Meeting** be adjourned at **10:16 P.M.**

	OPEN	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mrs. Senande	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ippolito
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary