

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**River Vale, New Jersey 07675**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Roberge Elementary School Gym**  
**February 15, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

Live Stream Can Be Found At: [www.rivervaleschools.com/youtube](http://www.rivervaleschools.com/youtube)

**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. Pintarelli, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Rothenberg  
Mrs. Senande, Mr. Schlereth, Mr. White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Berkowitz, Mr. Schlereth

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
6 members of the public

**FLAG SALUTE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Mr. Rosini stated the following:**

- **Governor's State Aid figures will be delayed this year.**
- **The Referendum projects have begun to move forward.**
- **The board received training from Stephen Fogarty, Esq. at the February 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. There will be additional Board training from the New Jersey School Boards Association at the next meeting.**

**Mr. Rosini also mentioned that the mask mandate would be optional as of March 7<sup>th</sup> according to the Governor. Mr. Rosini thanked the teachers, staff, administrators, as well as the community, as we continue to go through changes as a result of COVID as none of it has been easy. We've all been through a lot over the last two years and again now as masks become optional. The Board appreciates the input from all the stakeholders and for being collaborative and flexible through these challenging times.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON**

- **Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Rosini stated referendum projects are moving forward.**
- **Communications & Policies – None**
- **Curriculum & Technology – None**
- **Finance – The Finance Committee met earlier this evening and Mrs. Pintarelli reported the following:**
  - **The New Jersey State Senate passed a bill to create a task force to re-evaluate the school funding formula. This task forces is to look at how effective the system is that we have in place now and to see what improvements may be necessary. This delays the Governor’s budget address for two weeks to March 8<sup>th</sup>. Usually State aid figures are released within 48 hours of the Governor’s budget address so it is expected that the district should have those numbers by March 10<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **Mrs. Pintarelli stated that, as of now, the budget submission date still remains on March 21<sup>st</sup>. In the past, when the budget address has been delayed, there was an extension one year and then no extension another year. So at this point, we are unsure as to if an extension will be made.**
  - **Mrs. Pintarelli stated that as of this meeting, the district audit has not yet been completed but is anticipated in the very near future.**
- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini stated that negotiations will be commencing regarding the Custodial and Maintenance staff.**
- **Personnel – None**

**COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Committee</b>
February 8, 2022	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
February 15, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
March 1, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
March 15, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
March 29, 2022	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies Committee “Zoom” Meeting
April 5, 2022	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
April 26, 2022	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 10, 2022	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 6, 2022	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds “Walk Through” Meeting
September 20, 2022	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 11, 2022	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 15, 2022	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 13, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance
January 3, 2023	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 7:10 P.M.**

**Public comments:**

**None**

**Meeting closed to public comments at 7:10 P.M.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- **Mrs. Signore reminded the public that Governor Murphy's mask mandate is set to expire for schools on March 7th.**
- **Starting March 7th, masking will be optional for students, staff, and visitors.**
- **Mrs. Signore noted that mandatory masking has not been lifted for public transportation including school buses. She stated this is a federal mandate and asked parents to be sure their child has a mask available for when riding the school buses.**
- **School districts are waiting for updated information from the NJ Department of Health regarding any changes to other COVID mitigation measures.**
- **Mrs. Signore announced Holdrum Middle School's band and Chorus performance is this week after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. Mrs. Signore thanked the teachers, administration, and staff for organizing this event.**

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Ms. Ippolito reminded Board Members that their Ethics Disclosure Statements are due on**

March 4<sup>th</sup> for new members and returning members have until April 30<sup>th</sup> for those who have yet to complete their disclosures.

Ms. Ippolito stated that the reason we had a March 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting on the schedule was to adopt a tentative budget but, with the delay of the Governor's address and release of state aid figures, she asked the Board to consider cancelling that meeting and adopting the tentative budget at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Rosini said it would make sense to postpone to set the budget. Mrs. Senande also agreed to cancel the meeting. Ms. Ippolito asked the Finance Committee to continue to hold the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at this time in order to have the audit presented if it becomes available. If not, it can be presented on the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Ippolito stated that during a prior meeting, a resident inquired regarding subscription busing. Other districts do have provide subscription busing. For River Vale, on existing routes only, if seats are available it could possibly be offered, only to Holdrum students. The Board would have to set up parameters, have an application process and see what the outcome would be in terms of who would be interested in purchasing a seat. The Board would have to prepare a policy and set regulations on procedures on purchasing seats and suggests a lottery. At this time, Ms. Ippolito has reviewed the current bus routes and rolled 5<sup>th</sup> graders for next year and removed 8<sup>th</sup> graders and, due to decreased enrollment numbers, it looks as though there would be seats available on each 54 passenger bus. If there was parent interested in purchasing a seat, they would be assigned to a current stop on the route. It would be up to the parent to bring the child to the bus stop. The cost per seat would be the annual cost of the route divided by 54 available spots. Parents would be charged strictly for the cost of the bus on a year-by-year basis. Ms. Ippolito mentioned that parents should be aware that even if they were able to secure a paid for seat for their child and a family moved into town that has a child that is already eligible for a seat, the parents should know that there is a possibility that their child would be removed from route if they were a subscription rider. These are some of the challenges and information regarding subscription busing.

Mrs Rothenberg inquired if the cost would include insurance or are the students covered under our policy.

Ms. Ippolito stated that the cost was strictly the costs of riding the bus. There would be no issue of liability.

Mr. White asked if there were to be an influx of families that want subscription busing, would the district consider providing an option for additional buses or would we continue with three buses.

Ms. Ippolito replied that, at this time, we would continue with three buses as it is currently very difficult to secure routes and the district has been very fortunate that we were not dropped last year so she does suggest starting with the application process and reevaluate from there.

Mr. Rosini stated that Policy Committee will review the proposal and make their recommendations.

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

**G1. MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
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 Board Meeting on January 25, 2022.****

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

**G2. MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
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 Board Meeting on February 1, 2022.****

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

**G3. MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
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 2021-2022 school year as follows:****

Student Id#	Program	LEA	Tuition	Duration
20372405	Valley Program	NVRHSD	\$48,781.25	December-June

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓			✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED					✓		

- G4. MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **authorizes the disposal of the following textbooks at Holdrum Middle School:****

Title of Book	Publisher	ISBN #	Qty	Condition	Date of Publication
Teen Health – Course 2	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	978-0-07-869761-6	23	Fair	2007
Teen Health – Course 3	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	978-0-07-869762-3	27	Fair	2007
Teen Health - Course 1	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	978-0-07-869760-9	26	Fair	2007
Teen Health - Course 2	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	0-02-653128-3	27	Poor	1999
Teen Health – Course 2	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	0-02-653205-0	27	Poor	1999
Teen Health – Course 1	McGraw Hill-Glencoe	0-02-651774-4	29	Poor	1999
America’s Past & Promise	McDougal Fittell	0-395-81254-2	94	Fair/Poor	1997

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- G5. MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY 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 River Vale PTA as additional insured under the River Vale Board of Education insurance for the PTA-sponsored ski trip on March 5, 2022.****

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

- B1. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White  
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, 2021 in the following balances:****

Fund 10	-	\$ 9,748,309.60
Fund 20	-	\$ (105,998.13)
Fund 30	-	\$34,320,644.02
Fund 40	-	\$ 716,232.33
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$44,679,187.82</b>

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

**B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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, 2021 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. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
<b>AYE</b>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>	✓			✓			
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**B3. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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 December 31, 2021 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 836.64
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	-	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 836.64</b>

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

- B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White  
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, 2022 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 706,078.94
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ (3,740.00)
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.	-	\$ 12,493.65
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$ 1,157.08
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 – Trust & Agency	-	\$1,678,227.49
Fund 91 – Merchants Account	-	\$ 62.85
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,394,280.01</b>

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

- B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, retroactively**



approves the purchase orders and adjustments for period dated January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$32,699.22.

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

- B6. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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 month ending January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$196,953.86 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds  
Month Ending January 31, 2022**

			<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
T477	22-30-000-400-450-20-11-017	HMS - REFERENDUM HARD COSTS	(\$60,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-30-000-400-450-40-11-017	RES - REFERENDUM HARD COSTS	(\$48,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-30-000-400-450-60-11-017	WES - REFERENDUM HARD COSTS	(\$88,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-30-000-400-450-10-11-008	ASBESTOS ABATEMENT	\$0.00	\$196,000.00
T480	22-11-000-240-610-40-40-000	R- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$3.86)	\$0.00
	22-11-000-240-610-20-20-000	H- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$100.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-213-100-640-40-40-000	R- RESOURCE CENTER TEXTBOOKS	(\$130.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-000-218-610-40-40-000	R- GUIDANCE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$3.86
	22-11-230-100-640-40-40-000	R- BASIC SKILLS TEXTBOOKS	\$0.00	\$130.00
	22-11-000-213-610-20-20-000	H- NURSE'S SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$100.00
T483	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-046	W- GENERAL SUPPLIES	(\$325.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-036	W- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$220.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-068	W- MUSIC SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$105.00
T491	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$150.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-095	W- SOCIAL STUD SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$150.00
T493	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$175.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-036	W- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$175.00
T499	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$70.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-007	W- ART SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$70.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>			
	<b>FROM:</b>		<b>(\$196,953.86)</b>	
	<b>TO:</b>			<b>\$196,953.86</b>

Note: Transaction Date 1/31/22

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- B7. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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 15, 2022 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 635,265.30
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ (73.00)
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 4,819.13
Fund 20 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 5,000.00
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	-	\$ 240,074.02
Fund 91 – Merchant’s Account-		\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 885,085.45</b>

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- B8. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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 15, 2022 in the amount of \$7,060,472.21.**

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- B9. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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 15, 2022 in the amount of 2,996.29 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds  
 Period Ending February 15, 2022**

			FROM	TO
T506	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-036	R- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$626.29
	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-114	R- SCIENCE SUPPLIES	(\$626.29)	\$0.00
T516	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-046	R- INSTR SUPPLIES	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-063	R- MATH SUPPLIES	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-240-100-640-40-40-000	R - ESL TEXTBOOKS	\$0.00	\$50.00
	22-11-190-100-610-40-40-015	R- COMPUTER SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
T519	22-11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W- MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$320.00)	\$0.00
	22-11-190-100-610-60-60-036	W- SAGE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$320.00
		<b>TOTALS</b>		
		<b>FROM:</b>	<b>(\$2,996.29)</b>	
		<b>TO:</b>		<b>\$2,996.29</b>

Note: Transaction Date 2/15/22

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- B10. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the revised Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the 2021-2022 school year. (See Attachment B10)**

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

**B11. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. White  
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, 2021 through June 30, 2022:****

Employee	Location/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Science Curriculum Committee Meeting	PHHS, Montvale	3/17/22	\$0.00
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Social Studies Curriculum Committee Meeting	PHHS, Montvale	2/3/22 3/1/22 3/11/22 4/26/22 5/18/22 6/2/22	\$0.00
Kristina Aramanda	RES	Regional Articulation Meeting	PHHS, Montvale	2/23/22	\$0.00
Angela Rossi	WES	AENJ Spring Symposium – Outlook/Outcome 2022	Rowan University, Glassboro	3/19/22	\$154.50
Kimberly Dowling	RES	2022 NJECC Annual NJ Educational Technology Conference	Montclair, NJ	3/8/22	\$0.00
Thomas O’Gara	Technology	2022 NJECC Annual NJ Educational Technology Conference	Montclair, NJ	3/8/22	\$12.00
Thomas O’Gara	Technology	ISTE 2022 Conference & Expo	New Orleans, LA	6/25/22 6/26/22 6/27/22 6/28/22 6/29/22	Not to Exceed \$2200.00
Kenneth Peterson	B&G	NJSBGA 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	3/20/22 3/21/22 3/22/22 3/23/22	Not to Exceed \$800.00
Erin Rudolph	HMS	Safe Space Training	Montclair, NJ	4/27/22	\$0.00
Laura Barnette	RES	Managing School Avoidance	Virtual	2/24/22	\$0.00

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively accepts, with regret, the resignation of Jenna Discepolo, district Nurse Aide, effective February 14, 2022. (See Attachment P1)****

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves an unpaid leave of absence for Maggie Touma, a Woodside Special Education Aide, on January 19, January 25 and 26, 2022 for a total of three (3) unpaid days.**

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White 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 Kaelah Byrom, a Woodside Special Education Aide, on June 9, 2022 for a total of one (1) unpaid day.**

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White 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 Mary Jo Jani, a Woodside Special Education LLD Aide, on May 19 and 20, 2022 for a total of two (2) unpaid days.**

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following district substitute(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending criminal history review, as set forth below:**

Employee	Position	Daily/Hourly Rate
Christine Flanagan	School Nurse	\$215.00 per day

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- P6. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

- P7. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White**  
**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 2021-2022 school year.**

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓			✓			
ABSTAINED							

**P8. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mr. White  
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 2021-2022 school year.****

	Mrs. Berkowitz	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	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 School District principal or the Superintendent of Schools by either telephone, letter or email.

**Meeting opened to public comments at 7:22 P.M.**

**Public comments:**

**Amanda Mendoza, 600 Echo Glen Avenue:** Thanked the Superintendent for making the announcement regarding the lifting of the mask mandate. Ms. Mendoza inquired as to the policy regarding close contact quarantining and will that change on March 7<sup>th</sup> as well and how decisions are made regarding COVID protocols.

**Ms. Signore** replied that the Board is waiting for information from the Department of Health and will update the community once that guidance becomes available. Ms. Signore, stated that the Superintendent is the spokesperson for the district but the Board is aware of

and in alignment with the communications with the community. Ms. Signore stated she would welcome one-to-one discussions regarding particulars on the subjects of policies and mandates.

Nick Markantis, 461 Rivervale Road: Thanked the Superintendent and the Board for getting information out to the community quickly and looking forward to direction regarding the quarantine policy.

Tricia Towey, 722 Westwood Avenue: Questioned the district's receipt of government funds and the stipulations that go along with funding provided to the district. Ms. Towey stated she continues to be confused as to the differences of policies and mandates.

Ms. Signore responded that the district did receive ESSER funds and the Road Forward Policy is a State mandated policy that districts must adopt. The mask mandates are an Executive Order. Ms. Signore also stated that the New Jersey Department of Education has mandated policies which districts must adopt and the Road Forward Policy is one of them.

Ms. Signore reiterated that this is not the forum for such in-depth discussions as it is meant for public comments but she tries to answer questions whenever possible but if more understanding is ever needed she welcomes a personal dialogue.

Mariel Lennon, 808 Arcadia Place: Stated that she feels parents don't know enough about policies, mandates and funding and would like more information how the schools function. Wants the Board to understand why there is hesitancy, distrust and emotions involved because they are not aware of how things actually work and how the process functions behind closed doors.

Mr. Rosini thanked Ms. Lennon for her comments.

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:37 P.M.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. White thanked teachers and staff, specifically the nurses who have taken on more responsibilities, and also thanked the parents for their continued involvement at the Board meetings.

Mr. Rosini agreed our nurses have carried a heavy load.



**MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande**

**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:

**4. Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the proposals for inclusion in such, specifically, the following matter:**

- **UPSEU Negotiations Strategy**

**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 7:40 P.M.**

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

**MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli that the February 15, 2022 Closed Session Meeting be reopened to the Regular Meeting at 8:14 P.M.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande that the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:15 P.M.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kelly Ippolito  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator