

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
ROBERGE ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
MINUTES

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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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Berkowitz, Mrs. Pintarelli, Mr. Rosini,
Mrs. Rothenberg, Mrs. Senande, Mr. White

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rosini thanked everyone involved in working to have Roberge school opened. There was a big push at the end and the Buildings & Grounds and Technology departments did a terrific job within one week to help us get ready.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Ippolito also thanked everyone involved for working around the clock to get Roberge open with only a short delay. The district currently has been granted a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy at Woodside and Roberge. Work will continue on the rooftop units and connecting them, painting, and completing bathrooms in classrooms at Roberge. The addition in the back of Holdrum is coming together beautifully and is still in progress. At Woodside, the expectation for this week is that rooftop unit wiring and start-up will continue and gas piping will continue and work will start on other punch list items.**

- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande indicated the Committee will be meeting prior to the October 11, 2022 Board meeting to discuss and review new policies and regulations.**

- **Curriculum & Technology – Mrs. Rothenberg reported that the Committee met earlier this evening. Ms. Dowling presented the district report which will be presented at the next Board meeting and posted on the website. Ms. Dowling also spoke about the LinkIt roll out for parents and other updates to report cards. Mrs. Rothenberg stated that the Technology team did great job getting Roberge ready for school during construction. Mr. O’Gara reported on his team’s work over the summer. All Holdrum teachers received new laptops and now have wireless and new sound systems in their classrooms. Chromebooks for grades 2 3 and 6 were issued for this refresh cycle, the team also finished take-home chromebooks for grades 2 through 8, expanded the use of MySchoolBucks for the milk program and are currently getting ready for Start Strong assessments. This year, the Technology Department will continue focusing on cybersecurity throughout the district, upgrading our smart boards and putting technology into the new spaces throughout the district.**

- **Finance – None**
- **Negotiations – None**
- **Personnel – None**

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Committee
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 7:09 P.M.

Public comments:

None

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Signore welcomed everyone to the 2022-2023 school year. She spoke about several educational and wellness initiatives:

Students engaging in rigorous literacy and mathematical content tied to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

- **Newly adopted Linkit! Benchmark assessment reports**
- **Differentiation using flexible standard-based instructional periods**
- **Providing parent access to students' Linkit! Benchmarks assessments**
- **The continued partnership with West Bergen Mental Health which provides support to students, staff, and parents**
- **Year 3 of the RULER curriculum**

Superintendent Signore also informed the public that the newly revised curriculum website is now accessible. The website is aimed at providing a user-friendly format to easily navigate all curriculum documents and a clear understanding of extracurricular activities such as clubs and middle school academies and electives.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board Members of the NJSBA Workshop to be held from October 24th to October 27th. Additional information will be provided to those attending.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

- G1. 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 Minutes from the August 30, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.****

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

**G2. 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 Closed Session Minutes from the August 30, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.****

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

**G3. 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 Special Education out-of-district placement tuition costs for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:****

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

Student Id#	Program	LEA	Tuition	Duration
20342021	RISe at Ridge School	Ridgewood	\$140,421.28	July-June

**G4. 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 2022-2023 Nursing Services Plan.****

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

**B1. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
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 July 31, 2022 in the following balances:****

Fund 10	-	\$10,393,046.66
Fund 20	-	\$ 75,524.65
Fund 30	-	\$30,241,535.41
<u>Fund 40</u>	-	<u>\$ 765,577.28</u>
Total		\$41,475,684.00

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

**B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
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 **July 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 violation 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	Vacancy TBD	Mrs. Senande	Mr. White	Mr. Rosini
AYE	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT							
ABSTAINED							

B3. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
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 period ending August 31, 2022 in the amount of \$7,750.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds

			FROM	TO
T126	23-11-000-230-339-10-11-000	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS.	(\$2,800.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-252-610-10-65-098	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE/SUPPLIES	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-190-100-610-10-65-046	INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE/SUPPLIES	(\$2,450.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-230-104-10-11-122	BOE COMPUTER TECH SALARY	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
	23-11-000-252-105-10-11-075	P/T SECRETARY SALARY	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
	23-11-190-100-610-10-65-024	INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	\$0.00	\$2,450.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$7,750.00)	
	TO:			\$7,750.00

Note: Transaction Date 8/31/2022

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

B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
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 September 20, 2022 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 762,542.24
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 26,987.00
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$4,866,585.61
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	-	\$	220,815.42
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$	0.00
Total			\$5,876,930.27

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

**B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 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 September 20, 2022 in the amount of \$59,423.01.****

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

**B6. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 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 September 20, 2022 in the amount of \$25,601.00 as set forth below:****

Transfer of Funds

			FROM	TO
T121	23-11-000-291-260-10-11-000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	(\$25,526.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-262-590-40-14-000	R - MISC OTHER PURCH SERVICES	\$0.00	\$25,526.00
T123	23-11-000-216-610-10-18-079	CST-PT SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	(\$75.00)	\$0.00
	23-11-000-240-890-10-18-000	SUPERVISOR OF CST/DUES FEES	\$0.00	\$75.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM:		(\$25,601.00)	
	TO:			\$25,601.00

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

B7. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following change order through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey RFP #ESCNJ 20/21-50 in connection with the Roberge Elementary School Building Renovations as submitted and approved by LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. and furthermore authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to complete and execute all pertinent payment applications summarized as follows:**

Project #	Contractor	Original Contract Amount	Accepted Change Orders	Adjusted Contract Amount
2.2797.55.03	AME Inc.	\$ 387,333.33		\$ 387,333.33
	Change Order # 1 Approved 8-30-2022		\$ 6,114.66	\$ 6,114.66
	Change Order # 2		\$ 2,299.00	\$ 2,299.00
	Totals	\$ 387,333.33	\$ 8,413.66	\$ 395,746.99

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

B8. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the School Staffing Agreement for school based nursing services with Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services located in Eatontown, New Jersey for the 2022-2023 school year.**

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

**B9. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 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	Location/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Megan Rizer	HMS	IXL Live Virtual Workshop	Virtual	10/13/22	\$75.00
Kimberly Dowling	C&I	NJSBA Workshop 22	Atlantic City, NJ	10/24/22 10/25/22 10/26/22	Not to Exceed \$1,000.00
Angela Rossi	WES	Together in Art AENJ Conference	Long Branch, NJ	10/12/22 10/13/22 10/14/22	Not to Exceed \$700.00
John Garretson	HMS	Together in Art AENJ Conference	Long Branch, NJ	10/12/22 10/13/22 10/14/22	Not to Exceed \$700.00
Sean Smith	RES	Together in Art AENJ Conference	Long Branch, NJ	10/12/22 10/13/22 10/14/22	Not to Exceed \$250.00
Kathleen Keller	WES	Region II, Cohort 3	PHHS	10/6/22	\$1.41
Jonathan Fritog	WES	Region II, Cohort 3	PHHS	10/6/22	\$1.41
Denise Alex	CST	Sexuality Education: Consideration for Students with Special Needs	NVCC	3/29/23	\$220.00
Denise Alex	CST	Principles of Positive Psychology	NVCC	10/27/22	\$220.00
Denise Alex	CST	Creating Vision Boards as a Wellness Tool	NVCC	1/6/23	\$220.00
Daniel Beyer	WES	BCCTG Meeting	Paramus, NJ	9/22/22	\$0.00
April Callas	HMS	Year 3 Cohort Meeting	PHHS	10/6/22	\$0.00

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

**P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for staff member #004022 beginning on November 14, 2022 through on or about January 5, 2023, followed by an unpaid Family Medical Leave beginning on or about January 6, 2023 through on or about March 30, 2023.****

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

**P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for staff member #000655 beginning on September 2, 2022 through on or about September 30, 2022.****

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

**P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for staff member #004035 beginning on September 8, 2022 through on or about September 30, 2022.****

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

**P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 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 absences for Bracha Rand, LDTC, on October 4, 2022 and on October 10, 2022 through October 18, 2022, for a total of eight (8) unpaid days.****

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

**P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 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 Antonino Ciaccio, Maintenance, effective September 15, 2022.****

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

**P6. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 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 Rosa Romero, Night Custodian, effective September 15, 2022.****

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

**P7. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **abolishes the position of Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds.****

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

**P8. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **abolishes the job description for the Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds.****

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

P9. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **appoints the following district Staff/Faculty member(s) with NJDOE Emergency Certification for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of CEAS Certification and completion of the Criminal History Review process, as set forth below:**

Employee	Location/ Dept.	FTE	Position	Level/ Step	Salary	Account No.
Jillian Topolski	WES	1.0	School Library Media Specialist	MA/1	\$64,585.00	11-000-222-100-60-11-000

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

P10. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following student intern placements for the 2022-2023 school year, as set forth below:**

Name	School	Type	Teacher	College/School
Natalie Bachrach	WES	Internship	Gena Incantalupo	PVRHS
Trinity Park	RES	Internship	Margaret Hutter	PVRHS
Ashley Platt	RES	Internship	Patricia Davis	PVRHS
Bradley Zysfain	WES	Internship	Rachel Hadley	PVRHS

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

**P11. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, retroactively approves the transfer of the following Custodial personnel for the 2022-2023 school year, effective as of September 12, 2022, as set forth below:**

Employee	From	Position	To	Position	Account No.
Alvaro Sosa	RES	Night Custodian	WES	Night Custodian	11-000-262-110-60-11-000

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

**P12. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the transfer of the following Special Education Aide(s) for the 2022-2023 school year, as set forth below, effective September 8, 2022:**

Employee	From	Position	To	Position	Account No.
Wendy Augustensen	WES	SpEd Aide	RES	SpEd Aide	11-000-217-106-40-11-004
Alison Saunders	RES	SpEd ABA Aide	WES	SpEd ABA Aide	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

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

**P13. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, advises pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17, 18A:16-17.1 and 52:14-17.46.14, that unless an employee waives health insurance coverage, the employee shall contribute to the cost of their health insurance coverage in the amounts required by law, or any applicable collective negotiations agreement, whether said contributions are a percentage of the health insurance premium based upon their salary range, or a percentage of their annual base salary, as determined by the health insurance plan in which the employee is enrolled.**

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

**P14. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves ESS Northeast, LLC, with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute teacher, secretary and substitute aide services to the district for the 2022-2023 school year.****

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

**P15. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Berkowitz
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves Northern Region Educational Services Commission with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute aide services to the district for the 2022-2023 school year.****

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL ITEMS

THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS committed to encouraging the citizens of River Vale and employees of the River Vale School District to speak directly to Board Trustees. In order to facilitate this communication, residents and employees are requested (1) to sign in before speaking; (2) to maintain an appropriate sense of decorum; and (3) to limit their remarks to no more than five minutes. The Board will also take under advisement the written comments and opinions of non-residents that are submitted to the Board Secretary. Being mindful of its responsibility to maintain the orderly conduct of meetings, the Board retains the right to rule on such matters as the speaker’s right to address the Board, as well as the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The Board’s decision in such matters is final.

The Board also reminds all members of the public that while it subscribes, without reservation, to the principle of keeping the community informed, by policy and law, it cannot allow public discussion of personnel matters, nor can Trustees comment on any current or pending litigation. If a matter concerning an employee of the River Vale Public Schools is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the responsible building principal or the Superintendent of Schools by telephone, letter or email.

Meeting opened to public comments at 7:18 P.M.

Public comments:

Grace T. Meyer, 642 Roberge Drive: Ms. Meyer represents the Bible Club which has requested use of Roberge and Woodside after school hours. Ms. Ippolito had previously responded to this request indicating that the buildings would be available at night only, after 7:00pm. The Club does not want night hours, as it is inconvenient for parents and children, so they are again requesting after school hours be made available.

Ernest B. Scalabrin, 311 High Street, Northvale: Mr. Scalabrin requested to be able to use a classroom right after school on a Wednesday, as Aftercare is currently using the buildings right after school and as has been done in other districts.

Joseph Diggins, 620 Baylor Avenue: Mr. Diggins is a Teacher of one of the Bible classes and stated the Bible Club was held at the Community Center last year which only allowed every other week and they would like to meet every week. He would appreciate the Board's approval on this request.

Adam Lustberg, 221 Rockland Avenue: Inquired as to whether the community would be given an opportunity to discuss the candidates interviewing for the Board this evening.

Mrs. Signore indicated that the interviews for the vacancy would be held in public and deliberations would then be made in Closed Session. If anyone from public has a comment or question they are welcome to do so at that time.

Mr. Lustberg then made a statement in support of Louana Austin's character and qualifications as to her candidacy for the Board.

Leona Peterson, 597 Hudson Avenue: Ms. Peterson spoke in support of Louana Austin's commitment to children and candidacy for the Board.

Debbie Marcantonio, 557 Westwood Avenue: Ms. Marcantonio spoke in support of Louana Austin's commitment of time and efforts on behalf of children and her candidacy for the Board.

Mariel Lennon, 808 Arcadia Place: Ms. Lennon spoke of her personal sentiments in support of Louana Austin's candidacy for the Board.

Dana Porrazzo, 239 William Street: Ms. Porrazzo asked if the public was made aware of this evening’s scheduled interviews.

Mr. Rosini responded that it was posted on this Agenda as “Board Candidate Interviews.”

Lorraine Waldes, 797 Westwood Avenue: Ms. Waldes spoke on behalf of Board Candidate, Jamie Assor, and Ms. Assor’s previous contributions to the district.

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:47 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rosini discussed the process the Board would be following for conducting the interviews. The Board Members would rotate asking from a list of prepared questions and the candidates themselves can rotate in terms of answering questions. Board members are free to asked follow-up questions or make additional comments.

Mrs. Signore thanked everyone for applying for the vacancy.

Candidate interviews were held in public and the question and answer session can be found on the livestream recording at: www.rivervaleschools.com/youtube

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY Mr. White SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande that the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting be closed to the public at 8:54 P.M.

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:

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 Discussions**

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.

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

MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli that the September 20, 2022 Closed Session Meeting be re-opened to the Regular Meeting at 9:59 P.M.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli that the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Kelly Ippolito
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator