RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

River Vale, New Jersey 07675 REGULAR MEETING Roberge Annex March 24, 2020 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 had 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

Mrs. Pintarelli, Mr. Puccio, Mr. Rosini who joined the meeting at

PRESENT VIA

7:34 P.M., Mrs. Rothenberg, Mr. Schlereth, Mrs. Senande and

TELEPHONE:

Mrs. Waldes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Waldes thanked the PTA for supporting local vendors and organizing meals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- ➤ Buildings & Grounds None
- ➤ Communications & Policies Mrs. Senande reported that the committee is reviewing policies and they will be addressed in April.
- > Curriculum & Technology None
- > Finance None
- > Negotiations None
- > Personnel None

Committee Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	<u>Committee</u>
March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	Communications & Policy
April 14, 2020	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
April 28, 2020	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 12, 2020	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 8, 2020	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 22, 2020	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology

October 13, 2020	6:00 PM	Communications & Policy
November 17, 2020	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 15, 2020	6:00 PM	Finance

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items Only

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Public comments: None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:05 P.M.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez reported that the District's remote learning plan is going well. Teachers have been doing a great job posting assignments and leading instruction during this virtual learning phase. Principals are communicating with staff regularly and with parents weekly at a minimum. Kelly Ippolito and her team have been working to keep infrastructure systems operable. The District is also working cooperatively with town officials to support mutual needs. He stressed that schools will remain closed until the Governor lifts the order. At this time, we are waiting for NJDOE guidance on statewide assessments, particularly the NJSLS assessments, and teacher evaluation requirements that impact tenure appointments. The administrative team is meeting on Wednesday to plan for an extended school closing period.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito thanked Mr. Peterson and Mr. O'Gara and their staff for extraordinary efforts during the crisis as well as the Business Office staff for all of their efforts to continue the business operations going as best as possible.

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GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, approves the
following resolution:

WHEREAS, schools have been closed throughout the State due to the outbreak of COVID-19 otherwise known as the coronavirus;

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared a state of emergency;

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the River Vale Board of Education to continue to conduct board meetings to operate the River Vale District; and

WHEREAS, board members may not be able to attend meetings of the River Vale Board of Education due to their medical condition and/or a concern about being infected with the coronavirus;

BE IT RESOLVED that the River Vale Board of Education authorizes board members to participate at meetings of the River Vale Board of Education by remote access via telephone speaker phone, Skype or an alternative form of remote communication, provided that the board members can hear the discussion that takes place at the meeting by other board members and members of the public, and the public can hear the comments and vote of the board members who are participating remotely.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration shall take precautions to address the health concerns of members of the public who attend board meetings.

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution should be in effect until the State has determined that the coronavirus is no longer a health risk to the general public.

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BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the
transfer of funds for month ending February 29, 2020 in the amount of \$49,497.00
as set forth below:

Transfer of Funds Month Ending February 29, 2020

T691	FROM	11-000-213-106-20-11-004	H-NURSE'S AIDE SALARY	-2145.00
	FROM	11-000-262-420-40-11-000	R-COPIER REPAIRS/MAINT	-4500.00
	FROM	11-000-291-241-10-11-000	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS	-15000.00
	TOTAL			-21654.00
	TO	11-000-213-320-40-40-072	R-SECT. 504 OCCUPATIONAL THRPY	1400.00
	TO	11-000-213-610-60-60-000	W-NURSE'S SUPPLIES	750.00
	TO	11-000-261-420-20-14-000	H-BLDG REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	6500.00
	TO	11-000-261-420-40-14-000	R-BLDG REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	13000.00
	TOTAL			21654.00
T692	FROM	11-000-217-106-60-11-004	W-SPECIAL ED AIDES	-9380.00
	FROM	11-000-291-260-10-11-000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	-15000.00
	FROM	11-130-100-101-20-11-000	H-GRADE 6-8 TEACHER SALARIES	-3463.00
	TOTAL			-27843.00
	TO	11-000-217-106-20-11-004	H-SPECIAL ED AIDES	6125.00
	TO	11-000-222-100-20-11-000	H-LIBRARIAN SALARY	96.00
	ТО	11-000-291-241-10-11-000	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS	15000.00
	ТО	11-120-100-101-20-11-001	TCHR LUNCH DUTY SALARIES – H	54.00
	ТО	11-130-100-101-20-11-032	H-GRADES 6-8/EXTRA WORK	2142.00
	TO	11-150-100-320-10-18-000	HOME INSTR/PUR PROF SRV/SP ED	500.00
	TO	11-213-100-101-20-11-000	H-RESOURCE TEACHER SALARIES	767.00
	TO	11-215-100-106-60-11-000	PS HAND. INST. AIDE SALARIES	3159.00
	TOTAL			27843.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-49497.00
	TO			49497.00

Note: Transaction Date: 2/29/2020

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B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the milk bill for the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$1,030.85.

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B3. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the bills list dated March 24, 2020 as follows:

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$53	34,304.51
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$	0.00
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$	84.74
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	-	\$	1,138.73
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$	330.75
Fund 90 -Trust & Agency	-	\$20	7,055.25
Fund 91 – Merchants Account	nt-	\$	0.00
Total		\$74	2,913.98

	Mrs.	Mrs. Mr.	Mrs. Mr. Mr. Mrs.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mrs.	
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B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the purchase orders and adjustments for period dated March 24, 2020 in the amount of \$18,075.32.

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B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the transfer of funds for period ending March 24, 2020 in the amount of \$2,750.00 as set forth below:

Transfer of Funds Period Ending March 24, 2020

T696	FROM	11-000-262-610-40-14-035	R-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	-1500.00
	FROM	11-000-262-610-60-14-035	W-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	-1250.00

TOTAL			-2750.00
TO	11-000-262-420-20-14-017	CONT MAIN SERVICES-PAINTING – HMS	1250.00
TO	11-000-262-420-40-14-017	CONT MAIN SERVICES-PAINTING – RES	1500.00
TOTAL			2750.00
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FROM			-2750.00
TO			2750.00

Note: Transaction Date: 3/24/2020

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B6. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon the 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Name	School/Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Паше	School Dept.	Current Medication Interventions for	Location	Dute(s)	Cost
Denise Alex	CST	Children and Adolescents	Oradell, NJ	3/27/2020	0.00
Laura Barnette	Roberge	Social Skills 24/7	Norwood, NJ	5/28/2020	0.00
		Current Medication Interventions for			
Rachel Hadley	Woodside	Children and Adolescents	Oradell, NJ	3/27/2020	0.00
Donna Carlin	Woodside	Social Skills 24/7	Norwood, NJ	5/28/2020	0.00
Alicia Cahill	Woodside	Social Skills 24/7	Norwood, NJ	5/28/2020	0.00

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B7. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the following school sponsored trips/assemblies for the period September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

School	Grade	Trip/Assembly	Location	ion Date	
Roberge	LLD 4-5	Montvale Lanes	Montvale, NJ	April 2020	

	Mrs.	Mr.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
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B8. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves and authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute an Inter-Local Services Agreement between the River Vale Board of Education and the Township of River Vale, to operate Kindergarten Kamp; a day camp, at the Roberge Elementary School from June 22, 2020 through July 10, 2020.

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B9. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves and authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute an Inter-Local Services Agreement between the River Vale Board of Education and the Township of River Vale, to operate Camp Have Some Fun; a day camp, at the Holdrum Middle School from June 29, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

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B10. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the
date for advertisement of March 25, 2020, and the date for receipt of sealed bids of
April 22, 2020, for the 2020 Site Improvements at Woodside Elementary School.
Bids shall be received by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary at the
River Vale Board of Education Offices, 609 Westwood Avenue, River Vale, New
Jersey 07675, until 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at which time the bids
will be publicly opened and made available for examination by any interested persons.
Bid awards shall be made by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary in
accordance with the bid specifications and applicable legal statutes.

All bid awards shall be submitted to the Board of Education at a subsequent public meeting for formal approval.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of River Vale has contracts with various bus companies and, due to the enactment of Executive Order 104 (Murphy) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been closed to students until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the emergency closure of all schools in the district has also caused the suspension of services provided by bus companies to transport students to and from school; and

WHEREAS, bus company vendors may be forced to lay off bus drivers and cancel our routes for the future which will force the district to bid out all routes at a potential higher cost than offered in a renewal of the routes at the current prevailing Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 1.7%; and

WHEREAS even though services aren't being currently rendered, the cost of not paying these contracts can potentially be more detrimental to districts than paying for the maintaining of these contracts in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of River Vale authorizes the continued payment of its bus contracts for the transportation of students to and from school at the rate of the contract price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that continuing payment of bus contracts shall be based upon the fact that some fixed costs are not being incurred during times that bus routes are not being provided; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that continuing payment of bus contracts shall only be made upon the express conditions that bus companies receiving payment guarantee the contracts for existing routes continue for the 2020-21 School year at a renewal increase amount of 0% and that each company provide the district with certified payrolls confirming that bus drivers and aides are being paid, which conditions shall be confirmed by each bus company in writing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bus contracts for field trips and other non-home to school bus routes shall not be included in the continued compensation authorized by this Resolution.

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PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, adjusts the
unpaid leave of absence for Phyllis Kollar, a Holdrum School Nurse, beginning
January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020, with a return date of April 1, 2020.

	Mrs.	Mr.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
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P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, adjusts the
additional pay for the following faculty members that are teaching an additional
period per day for PoG Studio at Holdrum School to cover a leave of absence per
the Sidebar agreement with the RVEA for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

Employee	Dates	Degree/Step	Base Salary	Extra Pay	Total Salary	Account No.
Tracey Carroll – Period 1	1/7/20-3/9/20	MA30/16	97,730.00	3,502.00	101,232.00	11-130-100-101-20-11-000
Jeanine Matone – Period 4	1/7/20-3/9/20	MA30/15	92,980.00	3,331.77	96,311.77	11-130-100-101-20-11-000
Patricia Lee – Period 8	1/7/20-3/9/20	MA30/15	92,980.00	3,331.77	96,311.77	11-130-100-101-20-11-000
John Noon – Period 1	3/10/20-6/18/20	MA/18	103,940.00	5,803.34	109,743.34	11-130-100-101-20-11-000
Andrew Eisler – Period 4	3/10/20-6/18/20	MA45/15	93,180.00	5,202.55	98,382.55	11-130-100-101-20-11-000

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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 20192020 school year.

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P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the
Board, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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 20192020 school year.

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 24, 2020

Meeting opened to public comments at 7:36 P.M.

Public comments: None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:36 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Waldes stated that the information from New Jersey School Boards Association has been very helpful.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mrs. Senande

that the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Kelly Ippolite Board Secretary/

School Business Administrator