

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
MINUTES

Mrs. Waldes called the Meeting to order at 7:11 PM. 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, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Rothenberg, Mrs. Waldes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Moon, Dr. Spector

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. McCourt, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Dowling, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction
4 members of the public

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Waldes welcomed everyone back.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds** – Ms. Ippolito reported that the projects from the summer are still on going.
- **Communications & Policies** – None
- **Curriculum & Technology** – Mrs. Pintarelli reported the following:

Tonight we had our first Curriculum & Technology Committee meeting of the school year. In addition to reviewing this year's goals of focusing on communication and collaboration for students through the lens of beginning to truly implement the district's Portrait of a Graduate, we also had an initial discussion about the results of the 2016-2017 PARCC assessment.

Although the PARCC represents just one measure of student achievement, and is not something the district believes in over-emphasizing, we do like to review our scores to highlight areas we can better support students in. River Vale continues to consistently score well above the New Jersey state average, and scores extremely competitively with similar school districts. Mr. McCourt will be providing the Board with the annual District Assessment Report at the October 17th Board meeting, where he will discuss PARCC results more in-depth, including areas where the district excelled, areas where we can improve, and how we're going to go about using the limited information from the results the best we can to improve student achievement.

After that, Mrs. Dowling shared with the committee an example of the work the Center for Professional Education for Teachers (CPET), from Teachers College, Columbia University did with staff at Summer Ed. Tech Camp and administration in terms of taking PARCC-like prompts, and truly making them more reflective of the 21st century skills found in the district’s Portrait of a Graduate - this stands in stark contrast to PARCC prompts, but is where we should be spending our time, as key goals for this year, collaboration and communication, are very limited in terms of how they can be accessed on the PARCC.

Finally, Mrs. Dowling shared with the committee the framework for SAGE programming moving forward, as the district is using this school-year to essentially conduct an audit of our current SAGE programs. To do so Mrs. Dowling will work with Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Smid, the district’s principals, and the Board to research best practices both locally and nationally to make our SAGE programming as progressive as possible for all students.

- **Finance** – Ms. Ippolito advised the Board that the audit is scheduled to begin November 8th.
- **Negotiations** – None
- **Personnel** – None

Committee Meeting Revised Schedule

Date	Time	Committee
September 19, 2017	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 17, 2017	6:00 PM	Policy & Communications
November 14, 2017	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 19, 2017	6:00 PM	Finance
January 2, 2018	6:00 PM	Finance
January 23, 2018	6:00 PM	Negotiations
February 6, 2018	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
February 27, 2018	6:00 PM	Finance
March 6, 2018	6:00 PM	Finance
March 13, 2018	6:00 PM	Finance (Adopt Tentative Budget)
March 27, 2018	6:00 PM	Policy & Communications
April 24, 2018	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 8, 2018	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology

SUPERINTENDENTS’ REPORTS

Mr. McCourt began by sharing the results of a special education monitoring report the district recently received that was conducted by the New Jersey Department of Education about the district’s special education practices last spring. This monitoring occurred as a result of a random selection process, of which all New Jersey public schools are eligible for.

The monitoring examines (A) the fiscal practices associated with special education grant money received from the federal government, and (B) any special education programs/practices in the district. All of the district’s fiscal practices were compliant, but the district received four (4) areas for improvement in terms of special education programs/practices.

Importantly, the district received several versions of the report from the NJDOE, which were either (A) incorrectly citing River Vale as another School District, and/or (B) incorrectly including recommendations that were not accurate. The district agrees that the final report now received is accurate.

To summarize, below are the recommendations, along with a past/future summary detailing (A) why the district received the recommendation, and (B) how we are moving forward:

Finding #1: *The district did not consistently ensure child study team participation, by documenting participation, at the planning conference of students transitioning from an early intervention program to preschool.*

Past/Future: Although River Vale Child Study Team (CST) members attend these meetings every time we are invited, we have not historically maintained an attendance sheet since the meetings are organized by NJEIS (New Jersey Early Intervention System), who sets the agenda and maintains a sign-in sheet. Moving forward, River Vale CST members will now bring a River Vale sign-in sheet to document attendance.

Finding #2: *The district did not consistently document in the IEP's of students removed from the general education setting for more than 20 percent of the school day, including students placed in separate settings, consideration of placement in the least restrictive environment.*

Past/Future: The district's tendency in this area has been to document why the proposed program is appropriate to meet the student's needs, and when the student is in a separate setting, to document what the student needs to do in order to return. Since the monitoring process, the district began to document in more detail what considerations were made prior to placement and what would be needed to do as a district in order to build programs to accommodate students placed in separate settings. In other words, when a child is removed from general education for more than 20% of the school day, the district will provide more extensive documentation regarding this decision, including all the interventions considered before making this decision, the benefits and potential drawbacks in all programs, and when a student is in a separate setting, what steps we must take to bring them back to a less restrictive setting. The state offered to provide further training in this area regarding their exact expectations, which the district will accept.

Finding #3: *The district did not consistently complete transition planning for students ages 14 and above and document decisions in the IEP.*

Past/Future: The district completes the transition sections of the IEP during the student's 8th grade year, as they transition to high school. On rare occasions, a student turns 14 during their 7th grade year. When this happens, the district has indicated "not applicable" for all transition sections. Moving forward, the district will populate all sections of the IEP when the student turns 14 during the life of the IEP regardless of grade.

Finding #4: *The district did not consistently ensure that students found eligible for special education and related services met the eligibility criteria; specifically in the areas of preschool child with a disability and specific learning disability.*

Past/Future: Although the district ensures students meet eligibility criteria for the categories of Preschool Disabled and Specific Learning Disability, it needs to be documented in more detail. For example, the district has traditionally stated, “Johnny meets eligibility criteria for Preschool Disabled and requires special education and related services” or “Johnny meets eligibility criteria for Specific Learning Disabled and requires support in the area of reading”. Moving forward, the district will more clearly define how the student met criteria for services by writing statements like, “Johnny meets eligibility for Preschool Disabled as he has a 33% delay in the area of cognitive functioning” or “Johnny meets criteria for Specific Learning Disabled as there is a severe discrepancy between his intelligence and his academic functioning in the area of reading comprehension.”

Mr. McCourt then shared with the Board the presentation he made to parents at the September 17, 2017 PTA meeting held at Holdrum Middle School. His notes are as follows:

Air Conditioning:

- Last year the PTA was nice enough to accommodate me at their November meeting to speak about the current state of air conditioning in the building. The PTA advertised this to parents prior to the meeting, and I thought we had a good discussion about it at the meeting.
- This past spring, I had several conversations with parents about air conditioning, and I’ve been made aware of some discussion, questions, and concerns that have recently occurred over social media about the district’s capacity for air conditioning. As a result, the PTA graciously agreed to host me to speak on the topic at their September 17, 2017 meeting held at Holdrum Middle School.

History of Air Conditioning:

- The 2001 bond referendum was proposed to voters, which included not just parents, but all members of the River Vale community eligible to vote, with a second question that would have provided air conditioning to all schools. The base question was new construction, and the second was air conditioning.
- It was advertised as being off-set by a 6.1 million state grant, which brought the grand total from 18.9 million to 12.1 million with the base referendum (which passed) raising taxes \$304.80 per year/\$25.40 per month, or \$324.00 per year/\$27.00 per month for both questions (an additional \$1.60 per month) over the course of 20.5 years with a 5.5% interest rate – this was rejected by a “No” vote of 54%.
- Because the second question failed, the district installed chiller units that push air conditioning into the gyms, media centers, most specials rooms, and a number of infill classrooms. These chiller units were and are sized to run air conditioning into the spaces mentioned above, which can be handled by the electrical panels at each school – they are not sized, and nor are our electrical panels necessarily equipped to run air conditioning past that.

- The referendum also provided for our HVAC system to be a four (4) pipe system, which was cut back due to costs to a two (2) pipe system. A two-pipe system limits the district's ability to go from using the boilers to using the chiller immediately. The two-pipe system uses the same water that goes through the boiler to the chiller. To that end, realistically the district needs to either run hot or cold air, as state regulations indicate we must have the ability to run heat from October 15th through April 15th.

Current State of Air Conditioning:

- Over the past four years, as was anticipated due to their age, all three of the district's chillers have broken. We have just now replaced all the chillers at all three of our schools, which were the largest chillers available to be put at each school without expanding the school's footprint.
- Condensate lines, which are the lines that run cool air into classrooms, are found unevenly in the district. For example, all classrooms at Woodside have condensate lines; however, the chiller is not sized to run air conditioning to all classrooms, and nor do we believe is the electrical grid. Holdrum and Roberge each have limited classrooms with condensate lines, as they are not found in every classroom. In other words, if the district ran the air conditioning at Woodside we would at a minimum dilute the system, thereby not really cooling rooms effectively, because the chiller and electrical panel are not equipped for that kind of operation. This actually occurred during a heat wave in 2008, where Woodside ran full capacity. To provide equity in terms of air conditioning, every classroom in each building would need to be equipped with condensate lines, additional chillers, and potentially upgraded electrical panels if air conditioning was installed through our current infrastructure.
- The Board's Building & Grounds Committee discusses setting guidelines for using the air conditioning we do have each year. For example, last spring the district ran air in the gyms, Media Centers, infill classrooms, and Specials rooms – these are the areas equipped to run AC when classrooms reach a certain temperature based on the size of our current chillers and the capacity of our electrical panels when the temperature reaches a certain average in classrooms and/or at administrative discretion. Additionally, principals created instructional schedules to accommodate providing as much equitable access to air conditioned spaces for students as possible, which came out at Woodside and Roberge to be roughly 2 hours and 30 minutes of a 6 hour and 15 minute day. The Building & Grounds Committee recently commissioned the district's administrative team to begin an initial study looking at average classroom temperatures, etc., along with procuring an estimate on the cost of conducting a feasibility study.

Costs:

- The current cost of running the chiller in the limited areas it can run is roughly \$36,000 in annual electrical costs for the district.

- As a point of comparison there was an article last year on www.northjersey.com that discussed a local school district that conducted a \$46,000 feasibility study, which estimated a cost of \$5.1 million for air conditioning to be installed at four (4) elementary schools, with one (1) electrical panel needing upgrading, over the course of two (2) years.
- The district passed a motion at the January 3, 2017 meeting to specifically allocate monies saved in the district's Capital Reserve account towards specific projects found in the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. In short, this motion authorized the use of funds that were currently in Capital Reserve to be used for:
 - WES Media Center (\$498,308)
 - HMS (\$400,000), RES (\$75,000), and WES (\$75,000) emergency generators (\$650,000)
 - HMS roof project (\$1,512,000)
 - Contingencies (\$250,254.53)
 - Total: \$2,810,562.53
- The district also in this motion amended the Long Range Facilities Plan to include the following items for which to attempt to save for with estimated costs. Adding air conditioning to this could mean a discussion about reprioritizing facilities projects the district's has planned for.
 - WES roof project (\$966,000)
 - RES boiler room upgrade (\$550,000)
 - HMS Media Center (\$100,000)
 - RES Media Center (\$100,000)
 - WES asbestos corridor removal (\$73,632)
 - HMS asbestos corridor removal (\$82,800)
 - RES asbestos corridor removal (\$55,680)
 - WES Rooftop chiller project (main office and replace ductless split in Nurse's area (\$375,000)
 - Contingencies (\$460,622)
 - Total: \$2,763,734

Conclusion: Although there are strong opinions for air conditioning in the district, as well as strong opinions against, there is no option in my opinion that is not expensive, time-consuming, and would most likely lead to a reprioritizing of district facilities improvement projects. The next step is for Mrs. Ippolito and myself to report back to the Board with more information about when air conditioning would realistically be used throughout the school-year, as well as what a feasibility study would cost for the Board's consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – All 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 7:16 P.M.

Mr. Thomas Collins, 188 Rieland Drive: Mr. Collins thanked everyone for the history on the air conditioning and asked about a time line on a feasibility study.

Ms. Ippolito responded by stating that any project to the Long Range Facility Plan must be submitted to the State Department of Education for their review and this can become a lengthy process which is out of the District's control.

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

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito wished everyone a happy new school year and spoke about the New Jersey School Board Association Conference.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board approves the 2017 – 2018 Merit Action Plan for the Superintendent of Schools for review and approval by the Executive County Superintendent for the attainment of merit criteria according to NJAC 6A:23A-3 (e) 10-11, as listed below:**

Qualitative Goals: 2.5%/\$4,327.06 each

1. The Superintendent will research, visit, tour, and meet with representatives from at least five (5) different high-innovation, high achieving schools (public or private) to ascertain how River Vale compares/contrasts in terms of best practices in school innovation. The Superintendent will write a memorandum to the Board of Education and present at a Board of Education

meeting on his findings, including a comparison/contrast of areas where River Vale is advancing, current, and/or in need of improvement based on the school visits.

- The Superintendent will oversee the development of a new communication framework in the district to continue engaging parents and community members, inclusive of a new district website, district “app,” school-based Facebook pages, administrator Twitter feeds, a new quarterly Superintendent’s e-newsletter, and a revised Parent Visitation Day that will shift its focus from observing instruction to showcasing examples of student work aligned to the district’s goals. The Superintendent will write a memorandum to the Board of Education and present to the Board of Education on the effectiveness of the initiative, inclusive of a parent survey.

Quantitative Goal: 3.33%/\$5,763.65

- The Superintendent will oversee a process for staff, students, and parents to share their feedback on the effectiveness of the Portrait of a Graduate/Year 1 Strategic Vision Plan implementation. The Superintendent will write a memorandum to the Board of Education and present to the Board of Education on the following: (1) Results from a district-wide staff survey; (2) Results from school-based staff focus groups; (3) Results from WES/RES/HMS student surveys; (4) Results from a parent survey.

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

G2. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
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 August 29, 2017.**

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

G3. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the first Closed Session Minutes from the Board Meeting on August 29, 2017.**

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

- G4. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the second Closed Session Minutes from the Board Meeting on August 29, 2017.**

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

- G5. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
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 September 5, 2017.**

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

- G6. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2017 - 2018 District Evaluation Advisory/Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee as set forth below:**

Name	Position
Rory McCourt	Superintendent of Schools
Kelly Ippolito	Business Administrator
Steven Rosini	Board of Education Member/Parent Representative
James Cody	Holdrum Middle School Principal
Justin Jasper	Holdrum Middle School Assistant Principal
Stephen Wren	Roberge Elementary School Principal
Melissa Signore	Woodside Elementary School Principal
Joelle DeGaetano	Supervisor of Special Services
Kimberly Dowling	Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
Anne Makendra	Faculty Member
Deborah Chinnici	Faculty Member
Jeanine Matone	Faculty Member

Lisa Constants	Faculty Member
Lisa Battinelli	Faculty Member
Maureen Dowd	Faculty Member
Kerry Arbadji	Faculty Member
Gena Incantalupo	Faculty Member
Elizabeth McGory	Faculty Member

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

G7. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the first reading and revisions** of the following new/revised River Vale Board of Education Policies and Regulations:

Policy #	Policy Title	New/Revised	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
7100	Long-Range Facilities Planning	Revised	September 19, 2017	
R7100	Long-Range Facilities Planning	Revised	September 19, 2017	
7101	Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects	Revised	September 19, 2017	
R7101	Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects	Revised	September 19, 2017	
7102	Site Selection and Acquisitions	Revised	September 19, 2017	
R7102	Site Selection and Acquisition	New	September 19, 2017	
7130	School Closing	Revised	September 19, 2017	
7300	Disposition of Property	Revised	September 19, 2017	
R7300.2	Disposition of Land	Revised	September 19, 2017	
R7300.3	Disposition of Personal Property	Revised	September 19, 2017	
R7300.4	Disposition of Federal Property	Revised	September 19, 2017	

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

G8. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **abolishes regulation 7300.1.**

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

G9. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves the 2017-2018 Nursing Services Plan.**

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY 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 **July 31, 2017** in the **amount of \$11,424.00** as set forth below:

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending July 31, 2017**

T141	FROM	11-000-219-105-10-11-086	CST-SUB/SECRETARIAL/SAL	-60.00
	FROM	11-000-240-105-40-11-102	R-SUB SECRETARY SALARIES	-500.00
	FROM	11-000-291-260-10-11-000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	-10001.00
	TOTAL			-10561.00
	TO	11-000-219-105-10-11-000	CST SECRETARIAL SALARY	60.00
	TO	11-000-240-105-40-11-000	R-SECRETARY SALARIES	500.00
	TO	11-000-252-100-10-11-065	NETWORK TECHNICIAN SALARY	7000.00
	TO	11-000-252-105-10-11-075	P/T SECRETARY SALARY	3000.00
	TO	11-000-291-220-10-11-000	SS CONTRIBUTIONS	1.00
	TOTAL			10561.00
T143	FROM	11-000-213-610-60-60-000	W-NURSE'S SUPPLIES	-78.00
	FROM	11-000-240-610-60-60-000	W-MAIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	-425.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-60-60-050	W-LANG ARTS SUPPLIES	-260.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-60-60-105	W-WORLD LANG. SUPPLIES	-100.00
	TOTAL			-863.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-60-60-086	W-READING INCENTIVE SUPPLIES	260.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-60-60-112	W-HEALTH SUPPLIES	103.00
	TO	11-213-100-610-60-60-000	W-RESOURCE SUPPLIES	400.00
	TO	11-240-100-610-60-60-000	W-SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	100.00
	TOTAL			863.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-11424.00
	TO			11424.00

Note: Transaction Date: 7/31/17

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

B2. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY 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 **August 31, 2017** in the **amount of \$3,265.00** as set forth below:

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending August 31, 2017**

T144	FROM	11-000-219-390-10-18-000	REGION II PURCH PROF SERVICES	-3265.00
	TO	12-000-240-730-10-18-000	CST – EQUIPMENT	3265.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-3265.00
	TO			3265.00

Note: Transaction Date: 8/31/17

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

B3. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY 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 September 19, 2017** as follows:

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$1,048,281.38
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	-	\$ 864,637.50
Unemployment Trust Acct.	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 -Trust & Agency	-	\$ 192,419.03
Total		\$2,105,337.91

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

B4. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY 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 **September 19, 2017** in the amount of **\$3,217.83**.

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

B5. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY 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 **September 19, 2017** in the amount of **\$160.00** as set forth below:

**Transfer of Funds
Period Ending September 19, 2017**

T183	FROM	11-000-252-890-10-65-000	OTHER MISC. EXPENSITURES	-160.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-10-65-024	INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	160.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-160.00
	TO			160.00

Note: Transaction Date: 9/19/17

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

B6. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018**.

Name: Christine Flatley
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: IMSE Orton-Gillingham Comprehensive Training
Location: Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
Date: 10/16/17, 10/17/17, 10/18/17, 10/19/17, 10/20/17
Estimated Cost: \$1,075.00

Name: Christine Sayre
School or Department: Holdrum
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJ Council for the Social Studies
Location: Piscataway, NJ
Date: 10/23/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Rory McCourt
School or Department: Superintendent
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Little Bits Training
Location: Roxbury, NJ
Date: 9/27/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Melissa Signore
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Little Bits Training
Location: Roxbury, NJ
Date: 9/27/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Craig Yaremko
School or Department: Holdrum
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJ Association for Jazz Educators Conference
Location: Newark, NJ
Date: 11/17/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Laurie Arslanyan
School or Department: Roberge
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJ School Music Association Workshop
Location: Mountain Lakes, NJ
Date: 10/9/17
Estimated Cost: \$106.70

Name: Lorraine Waldes
School or Department: Board of Education
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Bergen County Fall Meeting
Location: Hackensack, NJ
Date: 10/4/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Patrice Pintarelli
School or Department: Board of Education
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Bergen County Fall Meeting
Location: Hackensack, NJ
Date: 10/4/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Denise Alex
School or Department: CST
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Critical Thinking about Teasing & Bullying
Location: Oradell, NJ
Date: 10/16/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Denise Alex
School or Department: CST
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: School Refusal and Disruptive Behavior in Schools
Location: Hackensack, NJ
Date: 12/13/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Kimberly Dowling
School or Department: Curriculum
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Nat'l Association for Gifted Children
Location: Charlotte, NC
Date: 11/9/17, 11/10/17, 11/11/17, 11/18/17
Estimated Cost: \$1,525.00

Name: Bracha Rand
School or Department: CST
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: School Refusal and Disruptive Behavior in Schools
Location: Hackensack, NJ
Date: 12/13/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Eileen DeMaria
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Critical Thinking about Teasing & Bullying
Location: Oradell, NJ
Date: 10/16/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Matthew Heffernan
School or Department: Holdrum
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Mathematics Curriculum Writing
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/26/17, 10/9/17, 10/24/17, 2/1/18, 3/1/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Rita Fasano
School or Department: Holdrum
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Mathematics Curriculum Writing
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/26/17, 10/9/17, 10/24/17, 2/1/18, 3/1/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Maria Giannantonio
School or Department: Holdrum
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Mathematics Curriculum Writing
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/26/17, 10/9/17, 10/24/17, 2/1/18, 3/1/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Anna Dore
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJ School Music Association Workshop
Location: Mountain Lakes, NJ
Date: 10/9/17
Estimated Cost: \$101.12

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

**B7. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018.****

School: Holdrum School
Grade/Class: 6-8 Robotics Team
Trip/Assembly: Car Wash to raise money for the upcoming season
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: October, 2017

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

- B8. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Rothenberg
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves an annual maximum reimbursement amount for the following employees for the purposes of Regular Business travel for the 2017-2018 School year in accordance with Board Policy 6471:**

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>HOLDRUM SCHOOL</u>		
Justin Jasper	11-000-240-580-20-20-104	\$750
<u>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</u>		
Kimberly Dowling	11-000-221-580-10-17-000	\$750

	<u>Mr. Moon</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Dr. Spector</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

- P1. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, retroactively approves a Leave without Pay for Samantha Calabrese, a Roberge School Aide, on September 1, 2017.**

	<u>Mr. Moon</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Dr. Spector</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

- P2. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini 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 a Leave without Pay for Cori Seferian, a Woodside School Aide, on November 8, 2017.**

	<u>Mr. Moon</u>	<u>Mrs. Pintarelli</u>	<u>Mr. Puccio</u>	<u>Mrs. Rothenberg</u>	<u>Dr. Spector</u>	<u>Mr. Rosini</u>	<u>Mrs. Waldes</u>
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

- P3. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints the following District Aides for the 2017-2018 school year, pending completion of the Criminal History Review Process:**

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	HOURS	DAYS	STEP	HOURLY SALARY	ACCOUNT
Ashley Menniti	Roberge	LLD Aide	5.75	5	2	14.00	11-204-100-106-40-11-000
Carissa Abbatiello	Roberge	SpEd Aide	4.50	5	1	13.50	11-000-217-106-40-11-004
Erin Oates	Woodside	SpEd Aide	5.75	5	1	13.50	11-000-217-106-40-11-004

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

P4. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini 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 correction to the longevity amount for the following faculty member for the 2016-2017 year as set forth below:**

EMPLOYEE	FROM	TO
Kristin Boyce	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

P5. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini 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 following student teacher placements for the 2017-2018 school year:**

<u>LOC</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>
CST	Sarah	Spagnola	Internship	D. Alex	Bergen Academies
WES	Julianne	Wirchansky	Internship	P. Stewart	PVRHS
HMS	Megan	Ziegel	Internship	J. Garretson	PVRHS

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

P6. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves Kaitlin Arcidiacono to begin 10 hours of home instruction, for student #20231686, beginning September 11, 2017 through January 31, 2018, at the rate of \$70.00 per hour.**

Account No. 17-11-150-100-101-10-18-000

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

P7. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **retroactively approves Daniel Beyer and Susan McGuire to provide a total of 10 hours per week of home instruction, for student #22061012, beginning September 18, 2017 through June 30, 2018, at the rate of \$70.00 per hour.**

Account No. 17-11-150-100-101-10-18-000

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

P8. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **appoints the following faculty member to the extra-compensation positions for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with the contract with the RVEA:**

GROUP "C" - INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT							
	Position	Location / Description	Amount	Longevity	Total Compensation	Staff Member	Account No.
C9	Track Co-Ed	Holdrum	\$3,442.00	\$0.00	\$3,442.00	John Garretson	11-402-100-100-20-11-000

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

P9. MOTION BY Mr. Rosini 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 Source4Teachers, with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute teacher and substitute aide services to the district for the 2017-2018 school year.**

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
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 8:02 P.M.

None

Meeting closed to public comments at 8:02 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Puccio

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **approves** the following **Travel and Conferences for the staff** indicated below for professional improvement or development, for the period **July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

Name: Laura Barnette

School or Department: Roberge

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Critical Thinking about Teasing & Bullying

Location: Oradell, NJ

Date: 10/16/17

Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Sally Leone
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: K-2 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/25/17, 10/9/17, 10/23/17, 11/28/17, 12/13/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Kathleen Waytowich
School or Department: Roberge
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: K-2 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/25/17, 10/9/17, 10/23/17, 11/28/17, 12/13/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Catherine Soehnel
School or Department: Roberge
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: K-2 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/25/17, 10/9/17, 10/23/17, 11/28/17, 12/13/17
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Kim Nyfenger
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: 3-5 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/28/17, 10/9/17, 10/25/17, 11/30/17, 12/14/17, 1/15/18, 1/31/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Christine Flatley
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: 3-5 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/28/17, 10/9/17, 10/25/17, 11/30/17, 12/14/17, 1/15/18, 1/31/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Kelly Reilly
School or Department: Woodside
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: 3-5 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/28/17, 10/9/17, 10/25/17, 11/30/17, 12/14/17, 1/15/18, 1/31/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Glenn Haug
School or Department: Roberge
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: 3-5 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/28/17, 10/9/17, 10/25/17, 11/30/17, 12/14/17, 1/15/18, 1/31/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Name: Sara Hunter
School or Department: Roberge
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: 3-5 Math Curriculum Committee
Location: Montvale, NJ
Date: 9/28/17, 10/9/17, 10/25/17, 11/30/17, 12/14/17, 1/15/18, 1/31/18
Estimated Cost: \$0.00

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION BY Mr. Puccio SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini that the September 19, 2017 Regular Session Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

	Mr. Moon	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mrs. Rothenberg	Dr. Spector	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Waldes
AYE		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NAY							
ABSENT	✓				✓		
ABSTAINED							

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ippolito
 School Business Administrator/
 Board Secretary