

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**River Vale, New Jersey 07675**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Roberge Annex**  
**March 24, 2020 - AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**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.

**ROLL CALL:**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>PRESENT</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>							

**FLAG SALUTE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON**

- **Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Schlereth**
- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande**
- **Curriculum & Technology – Mrs. Rothenberg**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli**
- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini**
- **Personnel – Mr. Puccio**

**Committee Meeting Revised Schedule**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Committee</u></b>
March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
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 & Policies
November 17, 2020	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 15, 2020	6:00 PM	Finance

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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**Meeting opened to public comments at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.**

**Public comments:**

**Meeting closed to public comments at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.**

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT**

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION BY \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_** to approve Resolution **G1** as listed below.

**G1. 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.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>Mrs. Pintarelli</b>	<b>Mr. Puccio</b>	<b>Mr. Rosini</b>	<b>Mrs. Rothenberg</b>	<b>Mr. Schlereth</b>	<b>Mrs. Senande</b>	<b>Mrs. Waldes</b>
<b>AYE</b>							
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>							
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION BY \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_** to approve Resolution Items **B1** through **B11** as listed below.

**B1. 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 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			<b>-21654.00</b>
	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			<b>21654.00</b>
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			<b>-27843.00</b>
	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
	TO	11-000-291-241-10-11-000	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS	15000.00
	TO	11-120-100-101-20-11-001	TCHR LUNCH DUTY SALARIES – H	54.00
	TO	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			<b>27843.00</b>
	TOTALS			
	FROM			<b>-49497.00</b>
	TO			<b>49497.00</b>

Note: Transaction Date: 2/29/2020

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

**B3. 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 **March 24, 2020** as follows:

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$534,304.51
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	-	\$207,055.25
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$742,913.98</b>

**B4. 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 **March 24, 2020** in the amount of **\$18,075.32**.

**B5. 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 **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
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	FROM	11-000-262-610-60-14-035	W-CLASSROOM FURNITURE	-1250.00
	TOTAL			<b>-2750.00</b>
	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			<b>2750.00</b>
	TOTALS			
	FROM			<b>-2750.00</b>
	TO			<b>2750.00</b>

Note: Transaction Date: 3/24/2020

- B6. 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020**.

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

- B7. 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020:**

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

- B8. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION,** that the Board, upon 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.**

- B9. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION,** that the Board, upon 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.**

- B10. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon 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.

- B11. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the 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.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>							
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>							
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION BY \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_** to approve Resolution Items **P1** through **P4** as listed below.

**P1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon 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.**

**P2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon 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

**P3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon 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 2019-2020 school year.**

**P4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that the Board, upon 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 2019-2020 school year.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>Mrs. Pintarelli</b>	<b>Mr. Puccio</b>	<b>Mr. Rosini</b>	<b>Mrs. Rothenberg</b>	<b>Mr. Schlereth</b>	<b>Mrs. Senande</b>	<b>Mrs. Waldes</b>
<b>AYE</b>							
<b>NAY</b>							
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<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION BY \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_**

**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:

1. Any matter which by provision of law is rendered confidential or excluded from the requirements of subsection A of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, specifically, the following matter:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the government of the United States, specifically, the following matter:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, specifically, the following matter: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds which would adversely affect the public interest, specifically, the following matter: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law, specifically, the following matter: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation (other than any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the proposals for inclusion in such) in which the Board of Education is or may become a party, or any matter falling within the attorney/client privilege, specifically, the following matter: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

9. Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or loss of the license or permit belonging to the responding party, specifically, the following matter: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discuss in closed session by this Board of Education and administrative staff, and the minutes of said closed session discussion will be made available to the public when the reasons for the non-disclosure in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act no longer exist.

Meeting closed to the public at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>							
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>							
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**MOTION BY** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY** \_\_\_\_\_ that the **March 24, 2020** Closed Session Meeting be reopened to Regular Session Meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>							
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>							
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED BY** \_\_\_\_\_ that the **March 24, 2020** Regular Meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
<b>AYE</b>							
<b>NAY</b>							
<b>ABSENT</b>							
<b>ABSTAINED</b>							