

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
River Vale, New Jersey 07675
REGULAR MEETING
Roberge Annex
March 2, 2021 – VIRTUAL MINUTES

Ms. Ippolito welcomed everyone to the virtual board meeting and explained how the meeting would run.

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 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 VIA

TELEPHONE: Mrs. Pintarelli, Mr. Rosini, Mrs. Rothenberg,
Mrs. Senande, Mrs. Waldes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Puccio Mr. Schlereth

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Alvarez, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Signore, Woodside School Principal
Ms. Dowling, Supervisor, Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. O’Gara, Supervisor, Director of Educational Technology
51 members of the public

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CHAIRPERSON

- **Buildings & Grounds – None**
- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande stated that there were several policies and regulations on the Agenda for a first reading.**
- **Curriculum & Technology – None**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli stated that Governor Murphy released the State Aid figures as promised on Thursday, February 25th. Good news, the District received \$947,536 less the \$50,531 SDA assessment for a net total of \$897,005. This was a \$155,814 increase over the previous year or 21%. The proposed 2021-2022 budget is an increase**

of 1.89% which is again under the 2% cap the 6th year in a row. The proposed 2021-2022 budget includes all of the District’s initiatives, staffing, professional development, technology and facilities projects.

- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini stated that RVEA teacher contract negotiations are on-going.**
- **Personnel – None**

Committee Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>
March 2, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
March 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
April 13, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
April 27, 2021	6:00 PM	Personnel
May 11, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
September 14, 2021	6:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds
September 28, 2021	6:00 PM	Curriculum & Technology
October 12, 2021	6:00 PM	Communications & Policies
November 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Negotiations
December 14, 2021	6:00 PM	Finance
January 4, 2022	6:00 PM	Finance

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Meeting opened to public comments at 7:07 P.M.

Public comments:
None

Meeting closed to public comments at 7:08 P.M.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez reminded the Board that the District is beginning a 5-day per week, in-person program for all Grade 3 students on Monday, March 8 and Grades4/5 on Monday, March 22. Additionally,

he noted that there will be further guidance in the near future with regard to Grades 6-8. He announced that there are a number of remote-only middle school students returning to in-person instruction for the start of the third trimester.

In other matters, Dr. Alvarez informed the Board that the WES Principal Search is in Round One with 17 of the 118 applicants invited to interview.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board that the Ethics Forms Disclosure Statements are available to be completed and that they must be completed by April 30, 2021.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 23, 2021.****

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√			√			√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED			√			√	

**G2. 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Closed Session Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 23, 2021.****

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√			√			√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED			√			√	

G3. 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the first reading and revisions of the following new/revised River Vale Board of Education Policies and Regulations:**

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>New/Revised</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>
6440	Cooperative Purchasing	Revised	March 2, 2021	
6470.01	Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification			
R6470.01	Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification	New	March 2, 2021	
		New	March 2, 2021	
0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal	Revised	March 2, 2021	
R1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	Revised	March 2, 2021	
1643	Family Leave	New	March 2, 2021	
5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Revised	March 2, 2021	
R5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Revised	March 2, 2021	
7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	Revised	March 2, 2021	
R7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	New	March 2, 2021	
2415	Every Student Succeeds Act	Revised	March 2, 2021	
2415.02	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities	Revised	March 2, 2021	
2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations	Revised	March 2, 2021	
2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints	Revised	March 2, 2021	
R2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints	Revised	March 2, 2021	
4125	Employment of Support Staff Members	Revised	March 2, 2021	
6360	Political Contributions	Revised	March 2, 2021	
8330	Student Records	Revised	March 2, 2021	
9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups	Revised	March 2, 2021	

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AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

G4. 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the abolishment of the following Policies and Regulations:**

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
3431.1	Family Leave
4431.1	Family Leave
3431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program

4431.3 New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program
P7430 School Safety
R7430 School Safety
2415.01 Academic Standards, Academic Assessments,
and Accountability
P 2415.03 Highly Qualified Teachers

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AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

G5. 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, **approves the following resolution urging relief from increased costs to school districts resulting from the implementation of “Chapter 44,” the 2020 School Employee Health Benefits Reform Law:**

WHEREAS, P.L.2020, c.44 (“Chapter 44”) requires the School Employees’ Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) to offer plans, beginning on January 1, 2021, for medical and prescription benefits coverage including the New Jersey Educators Health Plan (NJEHP); as adopted and implemented by the School Employees’ Health Benefits Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 44 established reduced premium contributions for any employee who selects, or is placed into, the NJEHP as his or her health care coverage option; and

WHEREAS, the SEHBP applies to the following employers who elect to participate in the SEHBP: local school district, regional school district, county vocational school district, county special services school district, jointure commission, educational services commission, state-operated school district, charter school; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 44 also apply to these same employers even if they do not elect to participate in the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, many school districts had previously negotiated health benefit agreements with lower net costs compared to the plan design and cost-sharing requirements under “Chapter 44,” and/or have staff that previously declined coverage but now are choosing to enroll in the NJEHP due to its low employee cost-sharing provisions; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of school districts will experience a net increase in their health care costs because the NJEHP premiums are higher than the premiums for the collectively bargained plans previously offered by the district, which is further exacerbated by reduced employee contributions under Chapter 44; and

WHEREAS, other school districts will experience a net increase in their overall health care costs even if the NJEHP premiums are lower than that of the previous plan offerings because the reduction in employee contributions will offset any overall premium savings, resulting in increased net costs to the district; and

WHEREAS, the low employee contribution requirements under NJEHP encourage employees who had previously waived or declined coverage to enroll thereby increasing the districts' health benefit costs for the balance of fiscal year 2021, continuing into fiscal year 2022 and likely beyond; and

WHEREAS, these costs may exceed districts' ability to address within their budgets owing to the limitations of the 2% property tax levy cap; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 44 was a well-intentioned proposal that aimed to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in savings for school districts, school employees and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, while some school districts may indeed be realizing savings due to the provisions of Chapter 44, many are experiencing the opposite effect and witnessing an increase in their health care costs, which may result in cuts to critical programs, services and staff in order to balance their budgets; and

WHEREAS, since Chapter 44 essentially froze the level of health benefits and employee contributions for the seven-year period following the law's effective date, districts are unable to control cost increases through the traditional collective bargaining process; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Legislature and Governor to address and correct the unintended financial consequences districts are experiencing due to Chapter 44 and ensure that all districts share in the anticipated savings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the River Vale Board of Education requests that the State Legislature and Governor provide relief from the increased health care costs experienced by school districts due to the implementation of Chapter 44; and be it further

RESOLVED, that relief from Chapter 44 should include direct, short-term assistance from the state to ensure that all school districts are held financially harmless in both the current and subsequent fiscal years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature and Governor should expeditiously begin to explore long-term structural reforms that reverse the unintended consequences of Chapter 44 and generate lasting savings for school districts, employees and taxpayers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any proposals to amend or revise Chapter 44 include input from all affected stakeholders before moving forward, including feedback from representatives of local boards of education, school business administrators, superintendents, building-level supervisors and school employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, and General Assemblywoman Holly T. Schepisi; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

- B1. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini**
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **retroactively approves the transfer of funds for month ending January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$30,201.00 as set forth below:**

Transfer of Funds
Month Ending January 31, 2021

T569	FROM	11-000-100-562-10-18-000	TUITION –LEA IN STATE	-30201.00
	TO	11-000-100-566-10-18-000	TUITION –PRIVATE SCHOOL	30201.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-30201.00
	TO			30201.00

Note: Transaction Date: 1/31/21

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

- B2. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **retroactively approves the transfer of funds for month ending February 28, 2021, in the amount of \$130,725.00 as set forth below:****

**Transfer of Funds
Month Ending February 28, 2021**

T576	FROM	11-120-100-101-10-11-000	MOVEMENT ON GUIDE	-36520.00
	FROM	11-120-100-101-60-11-001	TCHR LUNCH DUTY SALARIES	-2205.00
	FROM	11-190-100-320-20-11-102	H-PURCH ED SRV/SUBS	-5000.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-10-17-046	DW-GENERAL SUPPLIES	-75000.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-40-40-015	R-COMPUTER SUPPLIES	-4000.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-40-40-086	R-READING SUPPLIES	-4000.00
	FROM	11-190-100-610-60-60-050	W-LANG ARTS SUPPLIES	-4000.00
	TOTALS			-130725.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-20-20-063	H-MATH WORKBOOKS	46943.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-40-40-063	R-MATH SUPPLIES	39897.00
	TO	11-190-100-610-60-60-063	W-MATH SUPPLIES	43885.00
	TOTALS			130725.00
	TOTALS			
	FROM			-130725.00
	TO			130725.00

Note: Transaction Date: 2/28/21

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

- B3. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
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 2, 2021 as follows:****

Fund 10 - General Fund	-	\$	64,456.61
Fund 10 - Voided Checks	-	\$	0.00
Fund 20 - Special Revenue	-	\$	0.00
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$	0.00
Fund 30 - Capital Projects	-	\$	0.00
Fund 40 - Debt Service	-	\$	0.00
Unemployment Trust Account	-	\$	0.00

Fund 60 - Milk Account	-	\$	0.00
Fund 65 - Enterprise Fund	-	\$	0.00
Fund 90 - Trust & Agency	-	\$	0.00
Fund 91 - Merchants Account	-	\$	0.00
Total		\$	64,456.61

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

B4. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
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 2, 2021 in the amount of \$0.00.**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

B5. MOTION BY Mrs. Rothenberg SECONDED BY Mr. Rosini
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **has determined to undertake School Facilities Projects (the “Projects”):**

WHEREAS, under the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c.72 (the “Act”), one of the approvals required to be obtained by the School District is a preliminary eligible cost approval with respect to the Projects and a determination as to the amount of financial assistance to be provided; and

WHEREAS, the School District has received Preliminary Eligible Cost ("PEC Letters") letters from the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") setting forth the preliminary eligible cost for Debt Service Aid determination with respect to the Projects submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Board must make certain determinations with respect to the PEC Letters, PEC determination, in the form of Debt Service Aid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the River Vale Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator and pursuant to the PEC Letters, the Board hereby accepts the PEC determinations (See Attachment A) with respect to the Projects submitted and agrees not to appeal said determination as follows:

Pursuant to the PEC Letters, the Board hereby accepts the PEC Determinations as follows:

State Project No. 4430-050-20-1000
DEBT SERVICE AID
Holdrum Middle School (Grades 6-8)
River Vale Public School District
BERGEN COUNTY

Total PEC - \$15,864,808

Total Project - \$20,119,917

The approved school facilities project consists of the following components and their related work (**any ineligible scopes of work are noted in bold** with associated ineligible costs noted in PEC table):

- Rehabilitation includes:
 - o Building ceiling and lighting renovations;
 - o Replacement of VAT flooring;
 - o HVAC Upgrades/DDC Controls replacement/upgrades;
 - o Roof replacement;
 - o Roof top HVAC equipment replacement;
 - o Door replacements;
 - o Upgrade classroom bathrooms;
 - o Classroom renovation of including casework;
 - o Upgrade of classroom bathrooms;
 - o Enhanced sound system in classrooms.

- New construction includes:
 - o Improvements to building circulation patterns which are currently an issue by adding a new connecting corridor with one classroom and a wellness center;
 - o Renovation of exterior space for wellness area;
 - o Lockers in new corridor;
 - o Front entrance canopy.

**State Project No. 4430-060-20-1000
DEBT SERVICE AID
Roberge Elementary School (Grades K-5)
River Vale Public School District
BERGEN COUNTY**

Total PEC - \$8,867,235

Total Project - \$9,599,548

The approved school facilities project consists of the following components and their related work (**any ineligible scopes of work are noted in bold** with associated ineligible costs noted in PEC table):

- Rehabilitation includes:
 - o Building ceiling and lighting renovations;
 - o Replacement of gymnasium translucent panel window system;
 - o Replacement of flooring;
 - o Replacement of classroom case work;
 - o HVAC Upgrades/DDC Controls; masonry repairs,
 - o Roof replacement;
 - o Roof top HVAC equipment replacement;
 - o Air Conditioning;
 - o Door replacement;
 - o ADA bathroom for nurse's area;
 - o Upgrade of classroom bathrooms; and
 - o Enhanced sound system in classrooms.

- New construction includes:
 - o Updated front entrance canopy;
 - o Proposed wellness area and its exterior courtyard improvements

**State Project No. 4430-070-20-1000
DEBT SERVICE AID
Woodside Elementary School (Grades K-5)
River Vale Public School District
BERGEN COUNTY**

Total PEC - \$11,897,585

Total Project - \$12,780,120

The approved school facilities project consists of the following components and their related work (**any ineligible scopes of work are noted in bold** with associated ineligible costs noted in PEC table):

- Rehabilitation includes:
 - o Building ceiling and lighting renovations;
 - o Replacement of gymnasium translucent panel window system;
 - o Replacement of VAT flooring;
 - o HVAC Upgrades/DDC Controls;
 - o Roof replacement;
 - o Roof top HVAC equipment replacement;
 - o Door replacement;
 - o Classroom renovation of closet/ casework;
 - o Upgrade of classroom bathrooms;
 - o Enhanced sound system in classrooms;
 - o Change computer room to faculty room and change faculty room to 2 SGI rooms;
 - o Upgrade art room cabinetry and sink arrangement; and
 - o Replace case work in music room.

- New construction includes:
 - o Front entrance canopy;
 - o Wellness Center and Renovation of exterior space for wellness area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Interim Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute documents with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, with respect to the Projects and the Debt Service Aid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the School District by the President of the Board, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary or by the School District's professional advisors in connection with the Project or matters related thereto or the subject matter of this resolution are hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately file a certified copy of this resolution with the NJDOE; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption this 2nd day of March, 2021. *(See Attachment B5)*

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

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 recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, transfers the following District Aide from the Holdrum Middle School to the Woodside Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year, effective on or about March 8, 2021.**

EMPLOYEE NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	HOURS	DAYS	STEP	HOURLY RATE	ACCOUNT
Ashly Hunken	WES	Pre-K Aide	5.75	5	1	\$15.50	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

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AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

- P2. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli 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, transfers the following District Aides from the Instructional Aide Guide to the ABA Aide Guide for the 2020-2021 school year, having completed the necessary training and demonstration of skills, effective March 8, 2021.**

EMPLOYEE NAME	SCHOOL	FROM	STEP	HOURLY RATE	TO	STEP	HOURLY RATE	ACCOUNT
Kaelah Byrom	WES	LLD Aide	1	\$15.50	LLD ABA Aide	1	\$18.50	11-204-100-106-60-11-000
Samuelle Jean-Charles	WES	SE Aide	2	\$16.00	SE ABA Aide	2	\$19.00	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

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AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

- P3. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli 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 a paid medical leave for staff member #001651, beginning on or about May 24, 2021 through June 15, 2021, followed by an unpaid Family Medical Leave beginning September 1, 2021 through on or about November 23, 2021.**

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AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

- P4. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli 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, **accepts, with regrets, the resignation of Meryl Wolf, a Teacher at the Roberge Elementary School, effective July 1, 2021, for the purpose of retirement (See Attachment P4)**

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AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

- P5. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli 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 ESS Northeast, LLC, with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute teacher, secretary and substitute aide services to the district for the 2020-2021 school year.**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

- P6. MOTION BY Mrs. Pintarelli 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 Northern Region Educational Services Commission with all of their properly certified employees, to provide substitute aide services to the district for the 2020-2021 school year.**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

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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.

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Meeting opened to public comments at 7:17 P.M.

Public comments:

None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ippolito thanked the Finance Committee for all of their hard work along with the Administration. Ms. Ippolito also thanked Mrs. Pintarelli for delivering the good news. Ms. Ippolito stated that the budget process began back in September. Thanks to the Governor's commitment to rectify the inequity in the State Aid Funding, the District received more State Aid than last year. The allowable Budget cap is 2.0% however, the Board's commitment to fiscal responsibility over the past 6 years has been to preparing a budget that is under the cap. To that end, the proposed 201-2022 budget is an increase of 1.89%. The Board had \$334,118 in Banked Cap that it would have been able to utilize without voter approval however, the Board is committed to only seeking funds that are necessary and this budget includes all of the necessary staffing, professional development, curriculum & technology initiatives and scheduled maintenance projects. This budget includes an additional staff member for Woodside Elementary School (WES) due to the graduation of two (2) sections of fifth grade and the expectation of three (3) sections of Kindergarten which will mean three (3) sections on a grade level for WES. With a need to provide an extra section of the self-contained LLD class at WES an additional Teacher and two (2) Aides are included in the proposed budget. The expectation is that three (3) Out of District Students will

be graduating to the High School and two (2) students are potentially moving into District with current placements in the Valley Program. While a tighter than normal budget, it does accomplish all that the Board and Administration require.

NB1. MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Rothenberg

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **adopts the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget and authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget to the Bergen County Executive County Superintendent for review and approval.**

- a) **General Fund appropriations budget in the total amount of \$31,054,495, which includes** sub-fund budgets for General Current Expense, \$24,137,598 Capital Outlay, \$6,916,897, which includes a statutorily restricted increase in Capital Reserve of (\$12,000), and a mandated assessment for debt service aid on SDA funding of (\$50,531), and approve the schedule of anticipated revenue, as hereinafter indicated to fund appropriations budget for 2021-2022.

Balance Appropriated (General Fund)	140,788
Balance Appropriated (Capital Reserve Withdrawal)	6,770,000
Local Tax Levy	23,030,163
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve	12,000
Tuition	24,000
Miscellaneous: restricted	103,055
Miscellaneous: unrestricted	26,953
State Aid	947,536
Total Anticipated Revenue	31,054,495

Included in Budget Line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects, is \$6,770,000 for Other Capital Project costs to upgrade the interior lighting to LED (\$2,100,000), replace exterior doors (\$90,000), upgrade classroom and staff bathrooms (\$725,000), masonry upgrades (\$123,500), upgrade classroom built in case work (\$975,000), replace clerestory windows (\$256,000), courtyard site work and paving (\$725,000), new domestic water piping (\$200,000), install new enhanced classroom sound system (\$315,000), new suspended ceilings (\$420,500), install new DDC controls (\$420,000), Install gas piping and service for Roof Top HVAC (\$420,000) The total costs of these projects is \$42,499,585, which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

- b) Special Revenue Funds appropriations budget in the total amount of \$162,962 and to adopt the schedule of anticipated revenue as hereinafter indicated, to fund this budget for 2021-2022.

Local Aid (restricted)	-
State Aid (restricted)	-
Federal Aid	162,962
Total Anticipated Revenue	162,962

c) Debt Service Fund appropriations budget in the total amount of \$0 and adopt the schedule of anticipated revenue, as hereinafter indicated, to fund this budget for 2021-2022.

Balance Appropriated	-
Local Tax Levy	-
State Aid	-
Total Anticipated Revenue	-0-

NB2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the General Fund Tax Levy to be raised for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$23,030,163.**

NB3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following resolution regarding Employee Travel and Related Expenses:**

WHEREAS, school district policy 9520.B1 Employee Travel and Related Expenses and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) provided that the Board of Education shall establish in the 2020-2021 school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$49,250; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has incurred travel and related expenses as of February 28, 2021 in the amount of \$1,674 for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, school district policy 9520.B1 Employee Travel and Related Expenses and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B01.2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget in the sum of \$48,900; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

NB4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, **approves the following resolution regarding Public Relations and Purchased Professional Services:**

WHEREAS, The Accountability Regulations, specifically N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-5.2 a(1) provided that the Board Of Education shall establish annually a maximum dollar limit for public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14 and each type of professional services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Vale Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum annual dollar limit for public relations and professional services for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$15,000 and \$1,102,592 respectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

NB5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **reappoints Kelly Ippolito to the position of School Business Administrator, as of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$189,673; and approves the terms and conditions of the contract.**

Account No. 11-000-251-100-10-11-000

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:16-17A a contribution of the employee’s annual base salary would be required if he or she did not waive coverage, currently a specified percentage of the cost of coverage for health care benefits for the employee’s salary range, but not less than 1.5% of the employee’s annual base salary, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17, and as may be amended by the legislature.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Rosini SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli that the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
AYE	√		√	√		√	√
NAY							
ABSENT		√			√		
ABSTAINED							

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Kelly Ippolito
 Board Secretary/School Business Administrator