

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**River Vale, New Jersey 07675**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**ROBERGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**

**Mrs. Waldes called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.** In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, the Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting 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. Rosini, Mrs. Senande,  
Mrs. Rothenberg, Mrs. Waldes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Puccio, Mr. Schlereth

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Ippolito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
2 Staff members  
9 members of the public

**FLAG SALUTE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Mrs. Waldes welcomed everyone to the meeting.** Mrs. Waldes indicated that the Board would be voting on whether to live stream Board Meetings in the future. Mrs. Waldes also advised that the district is moving forward and re-opening up the buildings and gyms for use by the public for after school and evening activities.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Ippolito reported on the referendum education specs to be presented at the next meeting.**
- **Communications & Policies – Mrs. Senande reported that the Committee would be meeting in October.**
- **Curriculum & Technology – Mrs. Rothenberg advised that a Curriculum and Technology Committee Meeting was held earlier in the evening and reported the following highlights:**
  - **Mrs. Rothenberg thanked Mr. O’Gara, his staff and Ms. Dowling for all of their continued tireless work in providing technology, curriculum and support to all the district’s staff and students.**

- **Mrs. Rothenberg gave an update on the Technology Department’s Summer Projects:**
    - **Installed new wireless system utilizing the latest technology**
    - **Installed new perimeter firewall providing improved security for the entire network**
    - **Deployed 350 Chromebooks to Grades 2, 4 and 5.**
    - **Prepared Grades 4 and 5 for 1:1 take home program (labeling, bags, etc.)**
    - **Installed additional security cameras**
    - **Setup SchoolBucks for increased usage – technology fee and milk purchases**
    - **Updated educational applications to work with Classlink (Big Ideas Math, etc.)**
    - **Improved automation for Canvas Observer account creation (easier for parents)**
    - **Updated and created new forms in the Genesis Parent Portal**
    - **Started process of implementing Multi Factor Authentication on some of the district’s online systems to increase and improve security.**
    - **A total of 330 helpdesk tickets were closed during the month of September.**
    - **Mrs. Rothenberg indicated that the Board had voted to move forward regarding livestreaming access to Board of Education meetings and that the Technology Department is in the process of researching the necessary equipment.**
  - **Mrs. Rothenberg gave an update on the district’s various Curriculum endeavors:**
    - **The Curriculum Department will be working on comprehensive curriculum revisions to be implemented in September, 2022.**
    - **The Committee revised New Jersey Mandates regarding Diversity and Inclusion in New Jersey schools.**
    - **Ms. Dowling touched on the areas of Social and Emotional Wellness being offered through the RULER approach and being provided by West Bergen Mental Healthcare.**
    - **Ms. Dowling discussed the district’s new programs for this year, Big Ideas Math and Bridges in Mathematics.**
    - **A new course elective, the NJPAC Residency Program, is being offered to Grade 8 students this year.**
  - **Mrs. Rothenberg shared that the district would be hosting a virtual “Meet the Experts” night on October 21<sup>st</sup> for parents to assist them with in-home strategies that reinforce what their children are learning in the areas of math, literacy and wellness.**
  - **Mrs. Rothenberg indicated that the district is scheduled to undergo QSAC monitoring during the 2021-2022 school year, more information would follow.**
- **Finance – Mrs. Pintarelli reported that the US Department of Education recently released more American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ARP ESSER). These funds are provided to school districts to assist with the reopening and operating of schools and address the impact COVID had on**

students’ academics, as well as their social/emotional health. Mrs. Pintarelli was happy to share that the River Vale Board of Education has received \$649,304 in total. School districts are required to reserve a certain amount of their total allotment to address learning loss through various interventions like summer enrichment. These funds can be utilized for costs incurred between March 13, 2020 and September 30, 2024.

- **Negotiations – Mr. Rosini reported that there were no new updates regarding contract negotiations**
- **Personnel – None**

**COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Committee
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**

**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 School District is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the responsible building principal or the Superintendent of Schools by telephone, letter or email.

**Meeting opened to public comments at 7:16 P.M.**

**Public comments:**

**Mr. Eli Moallem, 637 Harring Farm Court:** Mr. Moallem asked the Board if they are aware of how many teachers have been vaccinated? Has the Board received legal counsel? Could there be hyperlinks to the other board attachments? What are school wires, school dude and judgements?

**Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools** responded that the Board is complying with the Executive Order 253.

**Mr. Matthew De La Rosa, 712 Chalmers Court:** Mr. De La Rosa asked who is paying for the vaccine testing? If a teacher gets COVID are they exempt from testing?

**Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools** responded that at this time the testing falls on the employee however the District did sign up for the State's testing site yet has not heard back. There are no exemptions from testing if you are not vaccinated.

**Ms. Mariel Lennon, 808 Arcadia Place:** Ms. Lennon asked if lunch volunteers must comply with the vaccination and/or testing? Why are some HMS and WES students being told to wear masks while in PE class?

**Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools** responded that clarification should be sought from the classroom teacher and Building Principal.

**Meeting closed to public comments at 7:28 P.M.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Mrs. Signore noted the Emergency Remote/Virtual Instruction Plan for approval by the Board of Education. She explained the plan is required by the NJ Department of Education and that all school districts must have an emergency plan in place in the event a district needs to close the physical buildings for more than 3 consecutive days. Mrs. Signore explained the plan has certain requirements that must be met such as the length of the school day, access to digital devices, and the continuation of support services. Mrs. Signore informed the Board of Education that once the plan is approved, it will be posted on the Covid-19 Hub found on the District website. Mrs. Signore highlighted some significant differences from last year's allowable closures to this year. She explained that the traditional single snow day will not be permitted as a virtual day. She also informed the Board that in the event there are any other emergencies such as a power outage, flood damage, etc. the District would not be permitted to learn virtually unless the emergency was expected to keep the in-person learning closed for more than 3 consecutive days.**

**Mrs. Signore said communication is and has been a focus this year. She highlighted the new format and look to the District's monthly newsletter. She brought attention to consistent headlines in the newsletters such as the superintendent message and the section titled "inside our schools." She explained that this section is focused mostly on educational highlights and/or student accomplishments. She mentioned there is also the upcoming events section and reminded all to mark important dates down on their calendars. Mrs. Signore referred to a "Community Note" she sent to families on ways the District is providing support and staying connected to the larger community. This Community Note is on the district website for easy accessibility.**

**Mrs. Signore reported that Holdrum Middle School held their live-stream back to school night the week prior. Parents were given the opportunity to follow a typical daily student schedule and meet the teachers via Google Meet. She reminded the Board of Education that both Roberge and Woodside Schools will hold their virtual live stream back to school**

nights this week. She hopes all families are able to take advantage of this community event and connect with the educators that work with their child throughout the year.

### **BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Ippolito advised the Board of the new searchable database which is available on the district website for reviewing the district's Policies and Regulations. Mrs. Ippolito gave an update on the following:

- **Discussions regarding livestreaming Board Meetings**
  - Board is moving forward with planning to livestream meetings in the very near future.
  - Good sound is the most challenging part of live streaming events.
  - Equipment will be ordered. Repurposing existing equipment is not in the best interest of the students as they are using it so additional equipment must be purchased.
  - Sound system with microphones for board, public and guests (presenters)
  - Video camera capable of streaming high quality video
  - Encoder to stream video to district channel (Youtube, etc.)
  - Miscellaneous cables, tripod, etc.
  
- **NSLP update**
  - Spoke to the NJ Department of Agriculture
  - Typical timeline to file application for participating in NSLP
    - January File the Application – 9 month process
  - If applied in April, most likely would not make the timeline.
  - Free lunch is only for 2021-2022
  - Spoke to surrounding districts and most were not aware of the NSLP providing Free lunch to all students and they did not participate in the NSLP.
  - An option is to enter into a consolidated agreement with Hillsdale who does participate in the NSLP. Hillsdale would not be able to accommodate 1,100 student lunches however the recommendation is that a survey could be performed to assess the need for Free lunch.
  - Free and Reduced Lunch Applications were sent to all students. If there is a family in need, they should be reminded to complete the application as it is used for more than just milk.
  
- **Facilities Usage**
  - Outside groups will be permitted to use the facilities.
  - Proper protocols and procedures must be followed.
  - Meeting with the RV Athletic Director to discuss protocols and procedures.

Ms. Ippolito indicated that the district’s annual Audit may be moved again this year from December 5<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> with a submission date of February 5<sup>th</sup>. The bill is currently on the Governor’s desk for signature and a decision should be forthcoming.

**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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Closed Session Minutes from the September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.**

	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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves the second reading and revisions of the following new/revised River Vale Board of Education Policies and Regulations: [Policies & Regulations Second Reading](#)**

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>New/Revised</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>
P1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements	New	Sept. 14, 2021	Sept. 28, 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 Superintendent of Schools, **reclassifies the Non-HIB report, HMS-001, approved August 25, 2020 to a 2019-2020 Non-HIB report, HMS-010.**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves the Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program Plan 2021-2022.** (See *Attachment G4*)**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves the 2021-2022 Nursing Services Plan.** (See *Attachment G5*)**

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

- G6. 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 School Safety and Security Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2021-2022 school year.** (See *Attachment G6*)**

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

- G7. 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 Annual Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the River Vale Public Schools and the River Vale Police Department for the 2021-2022 school year.** (See *Attachment G7*)**

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

**G8. 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 Agreement between the River Vale Board of Education and Student #20342114 to provide technology equipment and services for the 2021-2022 school year.****

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

**G9. 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, **authorizes the Technology Department to dispose of/recycle the following used, obsolete technology equipment:****

<u>Earthwalk Carts laptop</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Audit Asset Tag</u>
1	59701	N/A
2	59693	N/A
3	57094	N/A
4	58665	N/A
5	59665	N/A
6	41024	10077
7	41929	10006
8	41930	10010

	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 period ending July 31, 2021 in the amount of \$13,135.00 as set forth below:****

**Transfer of Funds**

<b>T151</b>	FROM	11-000-218-390-10-11-000	DW-TEST SCORING SERVICES	-2925.00
	FROM	11-000-230-100-10-11-086	SECRETARIAL SUB SALARY	-225.00
	FROM	11-000-240-103-20-11-010	H-ASST PRINCIPAL/SALARY	-684.00
	FROM	11-000-251-440-10-11-000	COPY/POSTAGE MACHINE LEASES	-1226.00
	FROM	11-000-251-580-10-11-104	TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	-106.00
	FROM	11-000-252-330-10-65-000	PURCH/PROF SRV-SCHOOLDUDE	-334.00
	FROM	11-000-252-340-10-65-022	PURCH/PROF/SRV-SCHOOL WIRES	-2670.00
	FROM	11-000-262-110-40-11-103	RES-P/T SUMMER CUSTODIAL SALARIES	-1676.00
	FROM	11-000-262-420-20-14-017	CONT MAIN SERVICES-PAINTING-HMS	-360.00
	TOTAL			<b>-10206.00</b>
	TO	11-000-213-100-10-18-103	NURSE SUMMER WORK – ESY	2080.00
	TO	11-000-213-100-60-11-103	WES NURSE SUMMER WORK	845.00
	TO	11-000-230-105-10-11-000	SECRETARIAL SALARIES	225.00
	TO	11-000-240-104-10-11-000	SUPERVISOR/SOCIAL WORKER SALARY	684.00
	TO	11-000-240-580-20-20-104	H-PRINCIPAL TRAVEL EXP	106.00
	TO	11-000-251-100-10-11-000	BUSINESS ADMIN SALARY	474.00
	TO	11-000-251-105-10-11-002	ACCOUNTS/PAYABLE SECRETARY	164.00
	TO	11-000-251-105-10-11-009	EXEC. SEC. TO SBA/BD SEC/SALARY	216.00
	TO	11-000-251-105-10-11-076	PAYROLL/BOOKEEPER SECRETARY	216.00
	TO	11-000-251-105-10-11-094	SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST SALARY	156.00
	TO	11-000-252-100-10-11-065	NETWORK TECHNICIAN'S SALARY	334.00
	TO	11-000-252-330-10-65-089	PURCHASED PROF. SERVICES	2670.00
	TO	11-000-262-104-10-11-000	DIRECTOR OF B & G SALARY	1676.00
	TO	11-000-262-420-20-14-107	CONTRACTED IMPROVEMENTS-HMS	360.00
	TOTAL			<b>10206.00</b>
<b>T152</b>	FROM	11-000-252-340-10-65-021	PURCH TECH SRVCS/DISASTER REC	-334.00
	FROM	11-213-100-320-20-11-102	H-RES ROOM PURCH ED SRV/SUBS	-2595.00
	TOTAL			<b>-2929.00</b>
	TO	11-000-252-330-10-65-089	PURCHASED PROF. SERVICES	334.00
	TO	11-213-100-106-10-18-000	RESOURCE AIDE SALARIES-ESY	2595.00
	TOTAL			<b>2929.00</b>
	<b>TOTALS:</b>			
	<b>FROM:</b>			<b>-13135.00</b>
	<b>TO:</b>			<b>13135.00</b>

Note: Transaction Date: 7/31/2021

	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 period ending August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$4,000.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds**

T163	FROM	11-000-230-820-10-11-000	JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE SCHOOL	-4000.00
	TO	11-000-230-339-10-11-000	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	4000.00
	TOTALS:			
	FROM:			-4000.00
	TO:			4000.00

Note: Transaction Date: 8/31/2021

	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 September 28, 2021 as follows:**

Fund 10 – General Fund	-	\$ 770,986.60
Fund 10 – Voided Checks	-	\$ (45.00)
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	-	\$ 7,024.98
Fund 20 - Voided Checks	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 30 – Capital Projects	-	\$ 20,000.00
Fund 40 – Debt Service	-	\$ 0.00
Unemployment Trust Acct.	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 60 – Milk Account	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 65 – Enterprise Fund	-	\$ 0.00
Fund 90 -Trust & Agency	-	\$ 210,156.12
Fund 91 – Merchants Account-		\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,008,122.70</b>

	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 September 28, 2021 in the amount of \$182,016.89.**

	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, **approves the transfer of funds for period ending September 28, 2021 in the amount of \$6,524.00 as set forth below:**

**Transfer of Funds**

<b>T153</b>	FROM	11-000-252-330-10-65-000	PURCH/PROF/SRV-SCHOOLDUDE	-1105.00
	FROM	11-000-252-340-10-65-021	PURCH TECH SRVCS/DISASTER REC	-806.00
	FROM	11-000-252-340-10-65-098	PURCH PROF SERV/HONEYWELL	-3953.00
	TOTAL			<b>-5864.00</b>
	TO	11-000-252-610-10-65-022	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE/RENEWALS	<b>5864.00</b>
<b>T176</b>	FROM	11-000-217-610-10-18-000	EXTRAORDINARY SUPPLIES	<b>-660.00</b>
	TO	11-000-213-320-10-18-043	PURCH PROF SERV/CLINICAL	<b>660.00</b>
	<b>TOTALS:</b>			
	<b>FROM:</b>			<b>-6524.00</b>
	<b>TO:</b>			<b>6524.00</b>

Note: Transaction Date: 9/28/2021

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

- B6. 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, **accepts the payroll verification performed on September 15, 2021 in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:23A-5.7, wherein school districts are required to perform a verification of payroll check distribution at least once every three years.**

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

- B7. 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 following Travel and Conferences for the staff indicated below for professional improvement or development, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:**

Employee	Location/ Dept.	Conference	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Ashley Corizzi	Holdrum	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	10/26/2021 2/11/2022 4/8/2022	\$0.00
Justin Lewbel	Holdrum	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	10/26/2021 2/11/2022 4/8/2022	\$0.00
Thomas Fahey	Woodside	Regional New Staff Mentoring	PVRHS, Montvale	2/11/2022 4/8/2022	\$0.00
Laura Rella	RES/WES	E-Course: Assessing and Treating Selective Mutism as a Speech-Language Therapist	Online	On Demand	\$69.00
Kristina Aramanda	RES	Advancing Writing Instruction	Virtual	11/4/2021	\$99.00
Adam Kennis	RES	Comprehensive Health and PE Curriculum Writing	Virtual/ PVRHS, Montvale	11/3/2021 12/6/2021 2/10/2022 3/15/2022 4/28/2022 5/11/2022 6/6/2022 6/9/2022	\$0.00
Joseph Blundo	HMS	Comprehensive Health and PE Curriculum Writing	Virtual/ PVRHS, Montvale	11/3/2021 12/6/2021 2/10/2022 3/15/2022 4/28/2022 5/11/2022 6/6/2022 6/9/2022	\$0.00
Deborah Chinnici	HMS	HIB Law Update	Online	10/5/2021	\$150.00

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

- B8. 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, **accepts the generous donation of a trombone and clarinet, valued at \$300.00, to the Woodside Elementary School from former school parent, Mrs. Marshall.**

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

- B9. 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 contract for school based nursing services with Preferred Home Health Care and Nursing Services located in Eatontown, New Jersey for the 2020-2021 school year.**

	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 Superintendent of Schools, **accepts, with regret, the resignation of Jenna Stewart, Special Education Aide at the Woodside Elementary School, effective October 29, 2021. (See Attachment P2)**

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves an unpaid medical leave of absences for staff member #001937, beginning on January 3, 2022 through March 27, 2022.****

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves a paid medical leave for staff member #004722, beginning on or about February 2, 2022 through March 4, 2022, followed by an unpaid Family Medical Leave beginning March 7, 2022 through on or about June 7, 2022.****

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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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 Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of the following district Special Education Aide for the 2021-2022 school, pending completion of the Criminal History Review, as set forth below:****

Employee	Location / Dept.	Position	Number of Days	Hours Per Day	Step	Hourly Rate	Account No.
Maggie Touma	WES	SpEd Aide	5	5.75	1	\$16.50	11-000-217-106-60-11-004

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves the appointment of the following district staff member for the 2021-2022 school year, pending criminal history review, as set forth below:****

Employee	Location/ Dept.	Position	Max. Number of Days	Max. Hours Per Week	Hourly Rate	Account No.
Jenna Discepolo	District	Nurse's Aide	5	25	30.00	11-000-213-106-20-11-004 11-000-213-106-40-11-004 11-000-213-106-60-11-004

	Mrs. Pintarelli	Mr. Puccio	Mr. Rosini	Mrs. Rothenberg	Mr. Schlereth	Mrs. Senande	Mrs. Waldes
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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 Superintendent of Schools, **approves staff member, Mary Kurpiel, Social Worker, to work up to an additional five (5) hours per week for the Child Study Team for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.****

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

- P7. 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 Superintendent of Schools, **appoints the following faculty members to the extra-compensation positions for the 2021-2022 school year for the amounts as set forth below, pending RVEA contract negotiations:****

GROUP "B" – STUDENT ACTIVITIES					
B4	Fitness For Life	Woodside	1,103.00	Susan Polonsky	11-401-100-100-60-11-041
B10	Peer Mediation	Holdrum (Split Position – 2)	348.50	Erin Rudolph	11-401-100-100-20-11-041

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

- P8. 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 Superintendent of Schools, advises pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17, 18A:16-17.1 and 52:14-17.46.14, that unless an employee waives health insurance coverage, the employee shall contribute to the cost of their health insurance coverage in the amounts required by law, or any applicable collective negotiations agreement, whether said contributions are a percentage of the health insurance premium based upon their salary range, or a percentage of their annual base salary, as determined by the health insurance plan in which the employee is enrolled.**

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

- P9. 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 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 2021-2022 school year.**

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

- P10. 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 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 2021-2022 school year.**



	<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>							

**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 School District is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the responsible building principal or the Superintendent of Schools by telephone, letter or email.

**Meeting opened to public comments at 7:50 P.M.**

**Public comments:**

**Mr. Eli Moallem, 637 Harring Farm Court:** Mr. Moallem read a statement regarding live streaming the Board meetings as well as asking for Q&A to be available during the livestream and mentioned that the Board should look into term limits for Board Members.

**Ms. Amanda Mendez, 600 Echo Glen Avenue:** Ms. Mendez asked if parent/teacher conferences will be in person or virtual? Will there be class parents? Is there any way to get around the vaccine mandate?

**Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools** responded that the Administration will be discussing that very soon and get the information out. The PTA will have class parents. There is no way to get around the vaccine mandate.

**Ms. Mariel Lennon, 808 Arcadia Place:** Ms. Lennon asked if a person walking into the school to drop something off needs to comply with the Executive Order?

**Ms. Signore, Superintendent of Schools** responded that no they do not.

**Mr. Eli Moallem, 637 Harring Farm Court:** Mr. Moallem stated that the Board to consider opening up the live stream to Q&A to be available during the livestream and mentioned that the Board should look into term limits for Board Members.

**Ms. Lorraine Waldes, Board President** responded that they would look into that. Ms. Waldes stated that Boards operate under the policies and procedures set forth by New Jersey School Boards Association and she does not believe that term limits are permitted but they will look into that.

**Meeting closed to public comments at 8:04 P.M.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY Mrs. Senande SECONDED BY Mrs. Pintarelli  
that the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 P.M.**

	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>							

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kelly Ippolito  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator