

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

January 6, 2020

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, January 6, 2020. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Marc Wachter, Technology Specialist/Assistant Business Administrator
Jody Murphy, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator
Caleb Herbst, Former Student

Mr. Graef declared the Regular Board of Education Meeting in Session for January 6, 2020 in session.

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Graef read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

MISSION STATEMENT

IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

VI. Reports

REPORTS

1. **President’s Report**

Mr. Graef mentioned that he will discuss the inner workings of the Board at the next Board of Education meeting, on behalf of the Student Members.

2. **Superintendent’s Report**

Mr. Fletcher congratulated River Dell students for being selected to the New Jersey School of Music Association Chorus and New Jersey School Music Association State Orchestra for violin.

Mr. Fletcher mentioned that he is trying to organize a special Board Meeting regarding an open matter.

Mr. Fletcher reminded everyone about the meeting at the Eric Smith School in Ramsey on January 28, 2020 regarding the Mental Health Task Force Report. Seven Board Members will be attending. Mr. Fletcher indicated that there will be a second training on the subject area and he will reach out to Board Members when he gets more information.

Mr. Fletcher wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committee Reports

3. Budget & Finance – Nothing to report.
4. Campus Facilities - Nothing to report.
5. Community Relations & Information - Nothing to report.
6. Curriculum - Nothing to report.
7. Policy & Governance – Nothing to report.

Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Manzelli asked if the committee assignments will change. Mr. Samuel asked for a reconsideration of the committee assignments. Mr. Graef asked the Board to email him with his/her preferences. Mr. Fletcher indicated that after the committees have been established, a list of meeting dates will be sent out.

Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to move that all items designated with asterisks(*) be part of a consent agenda and approved.

APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

- *1. approve professional day requests for the following staff members to attend workshops/conferences as noted and in accordance with appropriate statute:

PROF. DAY
REQUESTS
FOR STAFF

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Cost (not to exceed)
Alison Donoghue	Section 504 in NJ: Updated Guide to Identifying & Planning for Students w/Disabilities in Schools at Embassy Suites in Parsippany, NJ	2/27/20	\$230.00
Mike Dunphy	Innovate with Microsoft Teams Education Roadshow at Microsoft New York Office	1/28/20	\$90.00
Fred Smith	NJSBGA 2020 Expo Conference at Harrah’s Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ	3/23-25/20	\$859.14

Marc Wachter	Innovate with Microsoft Teams Education Roadshow at Microsoft New York Office	1/28/20	\$90.00
Marianthe Williams	Innovate with Microsoft Teams Education Roadshow at Microsoft New York Office	1/28/20	\$90.00

- *2. grants Employee #5042, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, a maternity leave of absence for the period beginning March 23, 2020 and ending May 29, 2020. MLOA #5042
- *3. approve professional leave for Music Teacher Jeff Wilson to attend the Encore Tour Director's Professional Development Seminar in Milan, Italy from January 16, 2020 to January 22, 2020, at no cost to the Board except a substitute teacher. PROF. LEAVE J. WILSON

B. Resignations/Retirements

1. Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of English Teacher Susan Keitel, effective June 30, 2020. S. KEITEL RETIREMENT
- Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.
2. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to approve, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Social Studies Teacher Donald J. Nimphius, effective June 30, 2020. D.J. NIMPHIUS RETIREMENT
- Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.
3. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Feigenson to approve, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Art Teacher George Tucci, effective June 30, 2020. G. TUCCI RETIREMENT
- Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.
4. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Suzanne Mormino, effective June 30, 2020. S. MORMINO RETIREMENT

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.

The Board and Administrators wished all retiring staff members well on the occasion of their retirement. Mr. Fletcher noted that the retiring staff members have over 100 years of combined experience. He indicated that the Board will have the opportunity to honor them at the June 1, 2020 meeting. Mr. Manzelli questioned the statutory requirement and if will more retirements will be forthcoming. Mr. Fletcher indicated that there is a clause in each contract regarding what’s available to them. He indicated that River Dell has been very successful in having a very narrow sick time payout.

- *5. rescind the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2019-2020 school year: RESCIND
EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ADVISORS

Activity	Advisor
Academic Decathlon	Edward Houston
Academic Decathlon	Angela Lee

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections SALARY ADJ./CORRECTIONS

- *1. approve the salary adjustment for Teacher of Mathematics Karen Foglio from \$69,183 (BA+16 Step 8) to \$71,954 (MA Step 8) effective February 1, 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year. K. FOGLIO

E. Appointments APPOINTMENTS

- *1. approve the appointment of Brian Calabrese to the position of Head Softball Coach for the 2020 season, at a salary of \$8,550 (Group II) as per the RDEA Agreement. B. CALABRESE
HEAD SOFTBALL
COACH
- *2. approve the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisors for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, at prorated salaries as per the RDEA Agreement: EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ADVISORS
2019-2020

Activity	Name	Salary
Stigma Free Club – M/S	Sharon deMarrais	\$300
Stigma Free Club – M/S	Dawn Rivas	\$300

- *3. approve the appointment of Annais Cummiskey as a Teacher of Mathematics (Long Term Substitute) at the per diem rate of \$272.39 (MA Step 1), effective January 2, 2020 to May 22, 2020. A. CUMMISKEY
MATH
(L/T SUB)

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None

IX. Miscellaneous - None

X. Finance/District Operation

**FIRE/SECURITY
DRILLS**

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills

Middle School December 10 & 17, 2019
 High School December 5 & 18, 2019

- *2. Recording of Enrollment—**December 2019** (Attached)

ENROLLMENT

- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Reports—**December 2019** (Attached)

**SUSPENSION/
VIOLENCE/VANDALISM
REPORTS**

- *4. Recording of HIB Reports—**December 2019**

HIB REPORTS

- 5. Motion by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to table the proposed school year calendar for 2020-2021

**2020-2021 CALENDAR
(TABLED)**

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.

- *6. approve homebound instruction for Student #201533 via Educere effective November 5, 2019 thru June 18, 2020 at a total cost of \$1,197.00.

**HOMEBOUND
INSTRUCTION
#201533**

- *7. approve homebound instruction for Student #253620 for 10 hours per week at the rate of \$50.78 per hour effective January 2, 2020, with instruction provided by River Dell teachers.

**HOMEBOUND
INSTRUCTION
#253620**

Student Members: Allyson Tariga arrived at 7:55 p.m.; Greyson Ebeneter arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Student Member Report

STUDENT MEMBER REPORT

Allyson Tariga reported that second semester internships, the Iceland trip and the Senior Social are coming up. Greyson Ebeneter reported Drama Club participation, the Showcase at Montclair State University and the Teen Pep Decades Presentation.

Mr. Graef gave the student representatives a recap of the meeting proceedings.

XI. Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. O’Neill had the opportunity to attend the Winter Concert at River Dell. She indicated that everyone did a great job and it was nice to see the former Students sing.

Mr. Feigenson asked Mr. Fletcher if there were any updates from the Governor regarding his proposal to regionalize certain districts. Mr. Fletcher reported that there hasn’t been any action on that topic.

XII. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hartman mentioned an upcoming workshop on January 16, 2020 through N.J. School Boards Association on “School Board’s Guide to Safer Schools in New Jersey.” A few Board Members are registered to attend.

XIII. Board Discussion - None

XIV. Public Comments - None

XV. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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