

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

March 2, 2020

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, March 2, 2020 Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Albert Graef, Joseph Manzelli, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman. Douglas Kupfer arrived at 8:17 p.m. Tracy-Ellen Ehalt, Alan Feigenson and John Samuel were not present.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Liaison(s) Allyson Tariga and Greyson Ebnetter

Mr. Bonfiglio led everyone in a salute to the flag

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statement:

OPEN PUBLIC
MEETING STMT.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the River Dell Regional Board of Education has caused notice of this regular meeting to be publicized by having the date, time, and place thereof sent to THE RECORD (primary), THE TOWN NEWS, and/or THE STAR LEDGER newspapers, the constituent borough clerks and borough libraries, as well as posting in the school district principals' offices, faculty rooms, Board Office, and website.

According to New Jersey Public Law 2001, Chapter 226, the smoking or use of any tobacco product is strictly prohibited anywhere in the public school buildings or anywhere on school grounds, including but not limited to the parking lots, grassy areas, and athletic fields. Violators will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.

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

MISSION
STATEMENT

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

V. Student Member Report –

Allyson Tarega reported on the following topics:

- The Class of 2020 Valedictorian is James Chan and the Salutatorian is Isabella Simon.
- Julia Rabbia won a \$7,000 Academic Scholarship.
- Girls and Boys Basketball are playing in the Big North State Sectional Finals

Greyson Ebneter reported on the following topics:

- There is a final call for the 2020 Yearbook
- Submissions for the Literary Magazine are due
- The Senior Social at the Liberty House
- Spring Muscial “Into the Woods” March 26, 27, 28, 29, 2020 and tickets are on sale
- Peer Leadership

VI. Reports

1. President’s Report

Mr. Graef reported on the following topics:

- Executive Function tips for Grade 6 – 12 students
- Thrive To Be Successful workshop on March 3, 2020 at 7 p.m.
- School Board Note Digest

2. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- The Iceland trip on this agenda was already approved, VIII (3)
- The Senior Prom which is run the by Interact Club is April 2, 2020
There is a band and dinner. The theme is the Roaring 20’s.
The prom started in the 1990’s.
- The Coronavirus
- The student trip to Italy has been cancelled
- The possibility of having Virtual School

Committee Reports

3. Budget & Finance – There was a meeting in February to discuss the Preliminary budget. Goals, Salaries, Capital Projects, Retirements, Benefit Costs, Outgoing Tuition, Maintenance and the Governor’s Address were discussed. River Dell will be receiving \$1.29 million in State Aid This is a sixteen percent increase from the 2019-2020 school year.

4. Campus Facilities - None
5. Community Relations & Technology - None
6. Curriculum – Mrs. Hartman reported there was a meeting February 24, 2020. There was a presentation by Mr. Feldman and Mr. Freedman.
7. Policy & Governance – there was an electronic meeting about the name change to Campus Facilities and Security

Motion was made by Claudia O’Neill seconded by Stephanie Hartman to move APPROVE CONSENT that all items designated with asterisks (*) be part of a consent agenda and approved. AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Graef, and Mr. Manzelli voted aye.
 Mrs. Hartman voted aye on all resolutions except Resolution VII, A. 1, Supa Personal Finance/The Economics of Personal Finance at Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY and Resolution VIII, 3. She voted no on both resolutions.

Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Feigenson and Mr. Samuel were not present.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

PROF.DAY REQUESTS FOR STAFF

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

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Amount (Not to Exceed)
Susan Carney	AP Language and Composition Reader for AP Exam in Tampa, FL	6/9-17/2020	No cost
Lori Dunn	Next Generation Science Standards Conference at Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange, NJ	3/16/2020	\$319.00
Lori Dunn	Innovative Strategies to Increase Student Engagement in NGSS at Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange, NJ	4/21/2020	\$309.00
Edward Houston	SUPA Physics Seminar at Lubin House in New York City	3/27/2020	\$75.00
Tammy Lenihan	DECA State Finals at Harrah’s Resort in Atlantic City, NJ	3/2-3/2020	\$105.00
Tammy Lenihan	Mock Trial State Finals at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick, NJ	3/19/2020	\$50.10
Tammy Lenihan	SUPA Personal Finance/The Economics of Personal Finance at Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY	7/12-17/2020	\$1,188.60

Xiomara Rios	Implementing a Sustainable SEL Program at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah, NJ	3/12/2020	\$174.40
Mary C. Risi	School Library Journal Day of Dialog 2020 at New York Academy of Medicine in New York, NY	5/27/2020	\$183.10
Mariluz Ruiz-Norena	Implementing a Sustainable SEL Program at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah, NJ	3/12/2020	\$174.40
Danielle Russo	SUPA English Spring Seminar at Lubin House in NYC	4/23/2020	\$75.00
Olga Sagalchik	Making Best Use of DESMOS to Strengthen Your MATH Instruction Workshop at The Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange, NJ	5/12/2020	\$291.92
Marc Wachter	2020 Statewide Assessment District Test Coordinator and District Technology Coordinator Training at Birchwood Manor in Whippany, NJ	2/27/2020	\$25.00
Kathryn Zintel	NJ Music Education Assoc All State Intermediate Orchestra Auditions at J. P. Stevens High School in Edison, NJ	3/21/2020	\$54.20

- *2. approve the following correction to the professional day request, F. SMITH
approved January 6, 2020, for Fred Smith: PROF. DAY
REQUEST CORRECTION

	Workshop/Conference	Date Correction	Cost Correction (not to exceed)
FROM	NJSBGA 2020 Expo Conference at Harrah's Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ	3/23-25,2020	\$859.14
TO	NJSBGA 2020 Expo Conference at Harrah's Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ	3/22-25/2020	\$970.00

- *3. grant Employee #5077, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, a maternity leave of absence June 4, 2020 and ending November 25, 2020. MATERNITY LEAVE
EMP. #5077
- *4. grant Employee #1840, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, a revised federal family and medical leave of absence (FMLAI) with pay for the period beginning January 2, 2020 and ending February 21, 2020 and an unpaid leave of absence for the period beginning February 24, 2020 and ending May 26, 2020. FMLA
EMP. # 1840

B. Resignations/Retirements

RESIGNATION
M. VARGAS III
MARCH 25, 2020

- *1. accept the resignation of Computer Technician Manuel Vargas III effective March 25, 2020.

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

E. Appointment

VOLUNTEER
ASST. COACHES

*1. approve the appointment of the following volunteer assistant coaches for the spring 2020 athletic season:

Baseball	Dick Collins	Track	Adam Herman
Baseball	Adam Derner	Track	Jamie Woods
Baseball	Alex Derner	Track	Lauren McDonald
Boys Lacrosse	Tom Kiernan	Track	Joe Acuna
Golf	Maureen Kiel	Track	Bethann Kiely
Softball	Lauren Brown		

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

*1. approve a field trip for the High School Ski Club to Park City Canyons, Utah on February 15-20, 2021 with Club Advisor Kevin Loram as chaperone, at no cost to the Board.

SKI CLUB
TRIP, UTAH

*2. approve an overnight field trip for science students to Iceland on February 13-18, 2020 with science teachers Maria Ceppaglia and Ellen DeRosa-Hill as chaperones, with substitutes as the only cost to the Board.

FIELD TRIP
TO ICELAND

*3. approve the establishment of the following extra-curricular Activity at the middle school for the 2020-2021 school year, at a stipend as per the RDEA Agreement:

ESTABLISH
FRENCH/ITALIAN
CLUB, MS

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
French/Italian Club	\$1,212.00

IX. Miscellaneous

SEMI PROGRAM
2020-2021-WAIVER

*2. **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2020-2021, and

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that we project having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students and participation in SEMI would not provide a cost

benefit to the district based on the projection of the district’s available SEMI reimbursement for the 2020-2021 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2020-2021 school year.

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY
DRILLS
 - Middle School February 3 & 27, 2020
 - High School February 21 & 24, 2020
- *2. Recording of Enrollment—**February 2020** (Attached) ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension/Violence & Vandalism Reports VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM RPT.
—**February 2020** (Attached)
- *4. Recording of HIB Reports—**February 2020** (N/A) HIB REPORTS
- *5. approves the submission of the following “Other Capital Project” CAPITAL PROJ.
VESTIBULE
UPGRADES
to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan. It is further understood that the District is not seeking funding at the current time for this project:

School	Project	DOE Project #
River Dell Middle School	Secure Vestibule Upgrades	0450-030-19-1000

- *6. approve the Applied Behavioral Analysis Parent Training Agreement TRAINING
AGREEMENT
REGION II
Between Region II and River Dell Board of Education for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, as per the attached.
- *7. approve the transportation jointure with Neptune Township School NEPTUNE
TWP.
JOINTURE
District (Route #ERDHS71) for transporting a River Dell Regional High School student at a cost of \$16,308, for the period beginning September 1, 2019 and ending November 25, 2019.
- *8. approve the establishment of the Timothy Cappola Scholarship T. CAPPOLA
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Fund.

- *9. approve an out-of-district placement for Student #253620 at Cornerstone Day School effective February 11, 2020, at the cost of tuition for the remainder of the school year in the amount of \$35,328.60. CORNERSTONE DAY SCHOOL STUDENT # 253620

IX. Miscellaneous

- 1. Motion was made by Claudia O’Neill, seconded by Joseph Manzelli to approve the reading of the following regulation: 9000 SERIES

9000 Series 9130-R Committees

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Graef, Mr. Manzelli and Mrs. Hartman voted aye.

Mr. Samuel, Mr. Feigenson and Mrs. Ehalt were not present.

- 3. Motion was made by Claudia O’Neill seconded by Albert Graef to: SUSPENSION # 222297

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the River Dell Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board of Education”) continued the suspension of student bearing identification number 222297 until the March 2, 2020 board meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby continues the suspension until the next regular monthly board meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be present on any of the Board of Education’s school campuses before, during and after the regularly scheduled school day during the period of his/her suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board of Education and shall not be present for or attend any Board of Education sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the River Dell Regional School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the suspension shall be reviewed at every subsequent regular board meeting to determine whether the suspension will be continued until the regular monthly board meeting scheduled for April 27, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an alternate education shall continue to be provide to the student during his/her suspension.

Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Graef,
and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Hartman abstained.

Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Feigenson and Mr. Samuel were not present.

XI. Old Business – Claudia O'Neill asked for an update on the student suspension

XII. New Business

The following topics were reported on:

- Joseph Manzelli congratulated Greyson Ebnetter who sang The National Anthem at a basketball game.
- Stephanie Hartman mentioned that the River Edge Run is March 28, 2020.
- There was a PTO meeting on February 25, 2020. The PTO partnered with Montclair State University to discuss student stress and anxiety.
- Youth Truth survey

XIII. Board Discussion - None

XIV. Public Comments - None

XV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Claudia O'Neill, seconded by Stephanie Hartman to adjourn at 9:02 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary