

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**REGULAR SESSION (VIRTUAL MEETING)**  
May 18, 2020

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held May 18, 2020. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Claudia O'Neill, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Barbara Kuchar, Joseph Manzelli, Albert Graef, Alan Feigenson, Douglas Kupfer and Stephanie Hartman. John Samuel was not present.

ROLL CALL

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Student Liaison(s) Allyson Tariga, Greyson Ebnetter were not present

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to adopt the following resolution at 7:30 pm:

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act ("Act"), the River Dell Regional School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall conduct a closed executive session pursuant to the exceptions prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing:

*Employee retirement; appointment of administrators; appointment of part-time employee  
appointment of full-time employee*

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes and that action will be taken in public after the executive session.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the executive session will be released when the need for confidentiality in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 no longer applies.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Manzelli to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN  
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Claudia O'Neill, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Barbara Kuchar, Joseph Manzelli, Albert Graef, Alan Feigenson, Douglas Kupfer and Stephanie Hartman. John Samuel was not present.

ROLL CALL

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

MISSION  
STATEMENT

**PRESENTATION: QSAC – Patrick J. Fletcher**

-Mr. Fletcher discussed the QSAC Report which he received on May 14, 2020 and stated that River Dell Regional School District will continue to maintain its high performing status. Mr. Fletcher gave special thanks to Mr. Bonfiglio for his work with the maintenance and custodial staff and also thanked the Administrative Staff, Teaching Staff and the Support Staff.

QSAC  
RESULTS

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

**V. Student Member Report - None**

**VI. Reports**

1. President's Report

Mr. Graef reported on the following topics:

- School Boards webinar about QSAC
- County Leadership Meeting on May 18, 2020
- Superintendent's Evaluations are due by July 1, 2020
- Board Members running for re-election will most likely need to get petition signatures electronically.
- There is a virtual Bergen County School Boards Association meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.
- Campus Facilities Committee should be changed to Facilities and Security Committee

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- The River Dell School District will be closed on Friday May 22, 2020 and will reopen on Thursday, May 28, 2020.
- Status of graduation planning.

Committee Reports

- 3. Budget and Finance – None
- 4. Facilities and Security - None
- 5. Community Relations and Technology

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Graef stated that the give back of snow days and graduation were discussed.

6. Curriculum

Mrs. Hartman discussed student support over the summer.

7. Policy and Governance - None

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mrs. Hartman that all items designated with asterisks (\*) to be a part of a consent agenda and approved.

APPROVE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Ehalt, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Graef, Mr. Feigenson  
Mr. Kupfer and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye. Mr. Samuel was not present.

**VII. Board Meeting Minutes**

BOARD  
MINUTES

\*approve the following Board meeting minutes:

April 27, 2020 Executive and Regular Session

**VIII. Personnel**

**A. Special Requests**

- \*1. grant a maternity leave of absence revision for Employee #5077, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, an unpaid leave of absence for the period beginning September 2, 2020 and ending November 25, 2020.

MATERNITY  
LEAVE  
EMP. #5077

- \*2. approve the following middle school guidance counselors for summer work through July and August 2020, at salaries as per the RDEA Agreement:

M.ROSS  
D.BINDER  
SUMMER WORK

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Marnie Ross	36	\$76.13 per hour	\$2,740.68
Demetra Binder	36	\$80.75 per hour	\$2,907.00

This approval would be subject to and pending the regulations regarding social distancing from the Governor's office.

- \*3. approve Senior Options Coordinator Jennifer Stuber for summer work through July and August 2020, at a salary as per the RDEA Agreement:

J. STUBER  
SUMMER  
WORK

<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
30	\$69.75 per hour	\$2,092.50

This approval would be subject to and pending the regulations regarding social distancing from the Governor's office.

- B. Resignations/Retirements - None
- C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None
- D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None
- E. Appointments - None

**IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities**

- \*1. approve the establishment of the following extra-curricular activity in the middle school for the 2020-2021 school year, at a salary as per the RDEA Agreement:

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
ADVISOR

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor	\$1,212.00

**X. Miscellaneous**

- \*1. approve the COVID-19 School Closure Plan revision dated May 18, 2020 for submission to the Bergen County Office of Education.

COVID-19  
SCHOOL  
CLOSURE  
PLAN

**XI. Finance/District Operations**

- \*1. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept, that as of **April 2020** after review of the appropriate sections of the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and upon consultation with the School Business Administrator and other appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year and is in agreement with the Treasurer’s Report.

BOARD  
SECRETARY  
REPORT  
APRIL 2020
- \*2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the months ending **April 2020**.

SCHOLARSHIP  
ANALYSIS  
REPORT  
APRIL 2020
- \*3. bill payments in the amount of **\$1,275,895.97** including **\$4,988.98** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$405,021.31** for previously issued warrants, and **\$865,885.68** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **May 18, 2020**. (Members who had voucher reimbursements due them for Board connected expenditures listed on the bill list will indicate that their vote of approval will not include approval of any bill payment to them individually for those expenditures, or for any payee listed for whom they have performed services.)

BILL  
PAYMENTS  
MAY 18, 2020
- \*5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **May 2020**:

Scott Evan Baker Scholarship	\$2,644.00
Ms. Steinbauer Scholarship	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,644.00</b>

SCHOLARSHIP  
ACCOUNTS  
DONATION
- \*6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **April 2020** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary’s Report.

TREASURY OF  
SCHOOL  
MONIES  
REPORT
- \*7. approve the agreement between Bergen County Special Services School District and River Dell Regional School District for non-public services through IDEA funding, for the 2020-2021 school year.

BERGEN CTY  
SPEC. SVCS  
AGREEMENT  
2020-2021
- \*8. agree to continue the cooperative program for ice hockey and boys and girls swimming between River Dell High School and Westwood High School for the 2020-2021 thru 2023-2024 school years.

ICE HOCKEY/  
SWIM  
WESTWOOD  
2020-2021 / 2023-2024

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| <p>*9. approve the inclusion of Emerson High School in our ice hockey cooperative program with Westwood High School for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.</p> | <p>ICE HOCKEY<br/>EMERSON<br/>2020-2021<br/>2021-2022</p> |
| <p>*10. approve homebound instruction for Student #212156 via Educere effective March 5, 2020 thru June 18, 2020.</p>   | <p>EDUCERE<br/>STUDENT<br/># 212156</p>                   |
| <p>*11. approve extending homebound instruction for Student #253557 via Educere to May 15, 2020, instead of April 30, 2020.</p>                                       | <p>EDUCERE<br/>STUDENT<br/>#253557</p>                    |
| <p>*12. approve the updated OMNI 403(b) Plan, which is in accordance with the latest IRS rules and regulations. The plan is located in the Business Office.</p>       | <p>OMNI PLAN<br/>IRS REVISION<br/>403 (b)</p>             |
| <p>*13. approve the transportation route costs with First Student, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:</p>   | <p>FIRST<br/>STUDENT<br/>2020-2021</p>                    |
| <p>Laidlaw 3 – 1RDO (Oradell)    \$231.99 X 180 =    \$41,758.20</p> <p>Laidlaw 4 – RD2 (River Edge)    \$258.49 X 180 =    <u>\$46,528.20</u></p>                    |   |
| <p>TOTAL</p>  | <p>\$88,286.40</p>  |

**XI. Finance/District Operation**

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| <p>4.. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson seconded by Mr. Manzelli to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending <b>April 2020</b>.</p> | <p>LINE ITEM<br/>TRANSFERS &amp;<br/>ADJUSTMENTS</p> |
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Motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
 Mrs. O’Neill, Mrs. Ehalt, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Graef,  
 Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Kupfer and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye.  
 Mr. Samuel was not present.

**XII. Items for Board Discussion and Decision**

**XIII. Old Business**

**XIV. New Business**

**The following items were discussed:**

- AP students having problems submitting exams
- Schedule for last week of school
- Collection of laptops
- Issues with School Board Net

**XV. Public Comments—General - None**  
**XVI. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Graef, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to adjourn at 8:33 pm.  
Motion carried by all ayes. Mr. Samuel was not present.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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