

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
September 8, 2020

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held September 8, 2020. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Feigenson to adopt the following resolution at 6:30 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:

Personnel needs; salary adjustment

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 90 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 was made by, Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mrs. O'Neill 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, Stephanie Hartman and John Samuel.

ROLL CALL

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Marc Wachter, Technology Specialist/Assistant Business Administrator
Kerry Heiser, Secretary Accounts Payable
86 others were in attendance virtually.

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

PRESENTATIONS: River Dell Reopening Update - Patrick J. Fletcher

PRESENTATION
REOPENING
UPDATE

Mr. Fletcher discussed staffing and PPE

IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only) –

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Discussion ensued with the public on Mr. Fletcher's reopening update.

PRESENTATIONS:

V. Student Member Report - None

VI. Reports

1. President's Report

Mr. Graef reported the following:

- Mr. Freedman and Mr. Hynes sent out emails regarding the opening of school.
- Mr. Principe recently updated the SAT date for River Dell seniors only.
- Mr. Freedman sent out an email regarding the September 9, 2020 Back to School Night at the Middle School.
- Mr. Hynes will be sending out an email regarding the September 17, 2020 Back to School Night at the High School.

2. Superintendent's Report - None

Committee Reports

3. Budget & Finance

Mr. Feigenson reported that there was a meeting on September 2, 2020. Alyssa's Law and The Cares Act grants were applied for. These grants should help pay for items purchased for the opening of school. About \$90,000 has been spent on purchased items.

4. Facilities & Security

Mr. Kupfer reported that there was a walk-through at the high school on September 3, 2020. The walk-through was to review the progress on modifying the classrooms for social distancing, the signage and to make sure all PPE are in place. There will be a walk-through at the Middle School this week. Everything will be 100 percent complete for the October 5, 2020 opening date.

5. Community Relations & Technology

Mr. Samuel reported that there is information on the school website regarding the River Dell Reopening Plan, it is listed under Parent and Community Resources. A frequently asked question section is being worked on to put on the school website. The Administration needs to explore additional ways to improve technology if remote learning continues due to health concerns.

6. Curriculum

Mrs. Hartman spoke about the Astronomy and Hospitality courses on the agenda and that maintaining the delivery of the curriculum is done by the Administration, Supervisors and the Instructional Staff.

7. Policy & Governance

Mrs. O'Neill reported that policy # 9322 was discussed. Based on guidance from the State, the policy will be updated for a virtual component for both Regular and Executive Session Board Meetings.

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

APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Ehalt, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Graef, Mr. Feigenson Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Samuel 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	Dates	Cost Not to exceed
Mariluz Ruiz-Norena	The World Language Classroom goes Remote, Online	9/23/20	\$149.00

B. Resignations/Retirements

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following nurses to work at Bergen Catholic High School at a pay rate of \$30 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year:

BERGEN
CATHOLIC
NURSES
2020/2021

Kathleen LaBarbiera (full time) – not to exceed \$27,000
Marie Celeste Tumino (part time) – not to exceed \$6,300

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve the following new curriculum dated August 2020:

<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Astronomy Hospitality & Tourism</p>	<p>ASTRONOMY HOSPITALITY/ TOURISM</p>
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IX. Miscellaneous

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills N/A FIRE/SECURITY
DRILLS
- *2. Recording of Enrollment—(Attached) N/A ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Reports—(Attached) N/A SUSPENSION/
VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM
REPORTS
- *4. Recording of HIB Reports—(Attached) N/A HIB REPORTS
- *5. approve a transportation jointure with Emerson (Route EM/RD) for transporting Academy students to Hackensack for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost of \$16,509.92. EMERSON
TRANSPORT.
JOINTURE

Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson seconded by Mrs. Ehalt to approve: SCHOOL
ALLIANCE
INSURANCE
FUND

6. **WHEREAS**, the River Dell Board of Education, (“Educational Facility”) has resolved to join the School Alliance Insurance Fund (“SAIF”) following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of SAIF require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate that SAIF shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established annually by the Executive Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the River Dell Board of Education does hereby appoint Polaris Galaxy Group as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund’s Bylaws.

Motion carried by the following call vote

Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Ehalt, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Graef, Mr. Feigenson
Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Samuel all voted aye.

- *7. approve a continuation contract with Bergen County Special Services to provide hospital instruction to students confined during school hours for medical and/or rehabilitative care at New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, NJ for the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$65 per hour. BERGEN COUNTY SPEC .SVCS. CONTRACT
- *8. approve the out-of-district placements and related services for the students on the attached list, for the 2020-2021 school year. OUT OF DISTRICT SERVICES

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business

Mr. Feigenson reported that children are riding their bicycles on the high school track and something needs to be done to stop this from continuing.

Mr. Samuel encouraged parents to contact the Administration, Middle School and High School Principals with any issues or questions they may have.

XIII. Board Discussion

XIV. Public Comments

XV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Feigenson to adjourn at 8:49 pm. ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary