

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
October 12, 2020

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held October 12, 2020. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Mrs. Hartman to adopt the following resolution at 7:00 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:

A resignation, rescinding of appointments, salary adjustment, appointment of extra-curricular advisors, appointment of turnkey trainers. In addition, the Board discussed a few items of concern with Mr. Bonfiglio.

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 60 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, Mr. Feigenson seconded by Mrs. Hartman 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
Student Liaison(s) Josh Wiesenfeld, Noelle Sarafian,
Kerry Heiser, Secretary Accounts Payable
48 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: - Patrick J. Fletcher
Mr. Fletcher introduced the new student liasons.
Jesse Henderson, Noelle Sarafian and Josh Wiesenfeld

STUDENT
LIASONS

IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only) –

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Discussion ensued with public comments.

V. Student Member Report –

Josh Wiesenfield and Noelle Sarafian reported that the students are happy to be back in school. Noelle also reported that there is some confusion about the meeting times for clubs.

VI. Reports1. President's Report

Mr. Graef thanked Mr. Fletcher, the Administration and Staff for all they have done in these trying times.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following:

- There is a high school principal search going on. There are over 35 candidates for the position. The interview panel will include teachers, parents, administrators and Board Members.
- The Interact Club is having its first event. A non-perishable food-drive will take place between October 12th and November 4th.
- The hybrid schedule may be changed to increase instructional time. The change would be implemented by the beginning of the second marking period.
- Students have been very cooperative entering the buildings in the morning.
- The process and procedures when a quarantine event occurs.

Committee Reports3. Budget & Finance

Mr. Feigenson reported that a grant of \$41,827 was received for Covid-19 expenses. The grant can be used for supplies and PPE.

4. Facilities & Security

Mr. Kupfer reported that school security and building updates will be pursued in the upcoming months and over the summer.

5. Community Relations & Technology

Mr. Samuel reported that the website has been updated with additional information from the public's questions.

They are exploring additional capabilities in the classrooms to make it easier for teaching staff, in classroom students and virtual students.

6. Curriculum – Nothing to report7. Policy & Governance – Nothing to report

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

APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following call vote:

Mrs. Ehalt, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Graef, Mr. Feigenson

Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Samuel all voted aye.

Mrs. O'Neill voted aye on all items except item VII (E1), She abstained.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

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

PROF. DAY
REQUESTS
FOR STAFF

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to Exceed)
Andrea McNamara	NJ Science Teachers Convention, virtual	10/14/20	\$19

B. Resignations/Retirements

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year:

SUB. TEACHERS
2020-2021

Timothy O'Neill (BA – Plymouth State Univ, NH)

Lewis Steccato (Substitute Certification Exp. 7/1/2021)

- *2. approve a shift change for the following Building Service Unit employees effective November 1, 2020 to April 1, 2021, at a stipend of \$2,000.00 each as per the RDEA Agreement:

BUILD.
SVC. UNIT
SHIFT
CHANGE

Name	Shift Change
Jessica Abarca (Middle School)	Tuesday thru Saturday
Selenia Rosa-Hernandez (High School)	Tuesday thru Saturday

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

IX. Miscellaneous

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills

FIRE/
SECURITY
DRILLS

Middle School September 25 & 29, 2020

High School September 22 & 29, 2020

- *2. Recording of Enrollment—(Attached)

ENROLLMENT

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

SUSPENSION/
VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM
REPORT

- *4. Recording of HIB Reports—N/A

HIB
REPORTS

- *5. approve the following payment amounts for PSAT testing on October 19, 2019, with no more than 20 students permitted in each classroom:

PSAT
PROCTOR
PAYMENTS

Name	Position	Rate	Not to Exceed
Jennifer Stuber	Director	\$69.75/hour X 15 hou	\$1,046.25
Yanira Obeso	Associate Director	\$27.84/hour X 15 hou	\$417.60
App. 17 people	Room Proctor-Regular time	\$125.00 per proctor	\$2,250.00
App. 2 people	Room Proctor-Extended time	\$185.00 per proctor	\$370.00
Michael Hirsch	Security	\$185.00	\$185.00

- *6. **WHEREAS**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public-school facilities, and THREE YR.
MAINT.
PLAN

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the River Dell Regional School district are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the River Dell Regional School District hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan Md M-1 Form for River Dell Regional in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

- *7. approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Building Checklist, for both Middle School and High School, for the 2020-2021 school year. HEALTH/
SAFETY
CHECKLIST
2020/2021

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli seconded by Mrs. Hartman to approve:

- 8. **WHEREAS** the River Dell Regional Board of Education (“Board”) desires to register and participate in OMNIA Partners, a cooperative purchasing organization for public sector procurement, (“OMNIA purchasing program”) to use various contracts to acquire products, equipment or other services; and OMNIA
PURCHASING
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board is in full support of participating in the OMNIA purchasing program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves participating in the OMNIA purchasing program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Agreement.

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.

XI. Items for Board Discussion and Decision

XII. Old Business

1. Board Requirements – Mr. Bonfiglio stated that training for Board Members needs to be completed by the end of the year.

XIII. New Business – Mr. Manzelli welcomed the new student representatives.

XIV. Public Comments—General

XV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kupfer to adjourn
at 8:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

TLB:kh