

**RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR SESSION**

January 22, 2018

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, January 22, 2018.

Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar Stephanie Hartman, Patrick Gallagher and Joseph Manzelli were present.

ROLL CALL

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to adopt the following resolution at 7:00 p.m.

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:

*Resignation of technician*

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.

Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to resume open session at 7:30 p.m.

RESUME  
OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Patrick Gallagher and Joseph Manzelli were present.

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Lisa Finn, Secretary  
Kaitlyn Bridge, Student Representative  
Greg Sarafian, Student Representative  
Olivia Tumino, Student Representative  
3 members of the public

Mr. Fletcher led everyone in a salute to the flag.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Fletcher read the following statements:

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, and 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 \$100.00.

Mrs. O'Neill read the mission statement.

MISSION  
STATEMENT

**IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only)-None****V. Student Member Report**

The student liaisons gave brief updates on academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities & achievements.

STUDENT MEMBER  
REPORT

**VI. Reports****President's Report**

PRESIDENT'S RPT.

Mr. Manzelli reported on the following topics:

- School Code of Ethics
- Bergen County School Boards
- Teachers to add Board members on their emails
- Vacant Board seat

**Superintendent's Report**

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- Student Accomplishments
- School Disclosure Forms
- New QSAC Process
- Vacant Board seat
- School Performance Report
- Presentations from 1/4/18 will be done on 2/12/18

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

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Patrick Gallagher and Joseph Manzelli voted aye.

**VII. Board Meeting Minutes**

BOARD MINUTES

\* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

December 4, 2017    Executive and Regular Session  
December 18, 2017    Executive and Regular Session

**VIII. 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)
Jennifer Ali	NCTM Annual Meeting and Exposition, Washington, D.C.	4/25-27/18	\$2,426.00
Stacy Colucci	Strengthen Your Writing Instruction, Newark, NJ	1/30/18	\$277.50
Elizabeth Stiles	AP Government and Politics, Watertown, CT	6/25-29/18	\$1,183.00
Wachter, Marc	NJASA District Websites and ADA Compliance	1/17/18	\$53.56
Williams, Marianthe	NJASA TechSpo 2018, Atlantic City, NJ (replacing previously approved conference request for 1/23-27/18)	1/25-26/18	\$600.00
Kathryn Zintel	NJ School Music Assoc. Region I Jr. High Chorus, Clifton, NJ	2/3/18, 3/13/18	\$31.00

- \*2. approve the placement of Giovanna DeSimone and Kayla Perez as student athletic trainers for the winter and spring athletic seasons from January 2018 to May 2018, with Angela Sterzer as cooperating Athletic Trainer. G. DESIONE & K. PEREZ  
ATHLETIC TRAINERS
- \*3. approve the placement of Jasmine Barkley as a student teacher to complete her clinical experience (practicum) for one day per week (Wednesday) from January 31, 2018 through April 25, 2018, with Middle School Special Ed Teacher Todd Bejot as the cooperating teacher. J. BARKLEY  
STUDENT TEACHER

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

- \*1. approve the appointment of Kathy Voorhis as a long-term substitute Teacher of English effective January 2, 2018 to January 28, 2018, at the rate of \$269 per diem (MA Step 1 \$53,811) for the 2017-2018 school year, to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations. K. VOORHIS AS LONG  
TERM SUBSTITUTE
- \*2. approve the appointment of Danielle Kasen as an Instructional Aide, at a salary of \$15.00 per hour, effective January 25, 2018 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, for 7.5 hours per day, with two paid holidays, two non-cumulative sick days and one non-cumulative personal day. D. KASEN AS  
INSTURCTIONAL AIDE

\*3. approve the appointment of the following substitute for the 2017-2018 school year:

SUBSTITUTES

Arielle Branco (BA – Seton Hall University)  
 Karen Cabany (60 credits – Kingsborough College)

\*4. approve the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisor for the 2017-2018 school year, to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations:

R. ACCARDI  
 EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
 ADVISOR

Activity	Advisor	Step	Salary
Spring Musical Choreographer	Randy Accardi	1	\$1,307.00

**IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities -None**

**X. Miscellaneous**

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Graef to approve the following resolution.

SPECIAL EDUC.  
 MEDICARE INITIATIVE  
 PROGRAM (SEMI)  
 WAIVER OF  
 COMPLIANCE

**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 2018-2019, 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 2018-2019 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 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 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Patrick Gallagher and Joseph Manzelli voted aye.

**XI. Finance/District Operation**

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| *1. accept, that as of <b>December 2017</b> 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.   | ACKNOWLEDGE NO<br>OVER EXPENDITURES<br>ACCEPT BOARD<br>SECRETARY'S REPORT |
| *2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the months ending <b>December 2017</b> .  | SCHOLARSHIP<br>ANALYSIS REPORT  |
| *3. recommend bill payments in the amount of <b>\$1,158,024.47</b> including <b>\$31,889.40</b> from Cafeteria Account Funds, and <b>\$420,643.65</b> for previously issued warrants, and <b>\$737,380.82</b> for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which <b>\$-0-</b> is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending <b>January 22, 2018</b> . (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   |
| *5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of <b>January 2018</b> :  | DONATIONS INTO<br>SCHOLARSHIP ACCTS.                                      |
| Lindsey Manzelli Memorial Scholarship \$500.00   |   |
| *6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months of <b>December 2017</b> and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report.   | TREASURER OF SCHOOL<br>MONIES REPORT                                      |
| *7. approve homebound instruction for student #222501 effective January 2, 2018, for 10 hours per week.  | HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION<br>FOR STUDENT #222501                              |
| *8. approve an out-of-district placement for student #202581 at Holmstead School at a tuition of \$296.13 per diem, for a total cost of \$29,316.87, effective January 11, 2018 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.  | OUT-OF-DISTRICT<br>PLACEMENT FOR<br>STUDENT #202581                       |

**Finance/District Operation**

4. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Graef to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **December 2017**. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS  
& ADJUSTMENTS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Patrick Gallagher and Joseph Manzelli voted aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Kupfer, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to approve the following resolution: SCHOOL FUNDING  
REFORM ACT OF 2008  
(SFRA)

Whereas, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA) reflects the current New Jersey law that provides State Aid to public school districts; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Legislature has appropriated limited monies to fund such State Aid for public school districts; and

Whereas, the River Dell Regional School District is receiving less than 70% of the State Aid it would otherwise receive pursuant to the SFRA; and

Whereas, the River Dell Regional School District’s taxpayers are paying more than 100% of their fair share of local taxes as determined by the State of New Jersey; and

Whereas, other school districts are receiving 100% and more of their State Aid allocation pursuant to the SFRA, while their taxpayers pay less than 100% of their fair share of local taxes as determined by the State of New Jersey; and

Whereas, such disparate treatment is neither “equal” nor “equitable” and is without a rational basis;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the River Dell Regional School District hereby determines to join in litigation proposed by the Newton Board of Education and the Town of Newton to address the unequal and disparate results caused by the SFRA’s distribution of available State Aid and its impact upon its local taxpayers; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the River Dell Regional School District Administration is directed and authorized to provide the assistance that is reasonably required by the Newton Board of Education to pursue such litigation in order to further the interests of the River Dell Regional School District and its taxpayers; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the River Dell Regional School District will authorize an expenditure of funds to support said litigation in an amount not to exceed \$5000.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Patrick Gallagher and Joseph Manzelli voted aye. Stephanie Hartman voted to abstain.

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

**XIII./XIV. Old Business/New Business**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- River Dell Fashion Show
- Assigning of Board Committees
- Maintaining Defibrillators
- Opioid Fact Sheet
- Vaping
- Course Proposals

**XV. Public Comments—General**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following topics were discussed:

- Marching Band
- Music Staff

**XVI. Adjournment**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Kupfer to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Fletcher  
Superintendent of Schools