

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

**March 29, 2021
(Hybrid Meeting)**

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held on March 29, 2021. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

ROLL CALL

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to adopt the following resolution at 7:00pm.

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:

Maternity leaves of absence, staff retirement, additional work schedules

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.

Executive Session ended at 7:57 p.m.

Thomas Bonfiglio led everyone in a salute to the flag.

FLAG SALUTE

Board Members Present

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

ROLL CALL

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Marc Wachter, Technology Specialist/Assistant Business Administrator
Stephanie Franco, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator
Student Liaisons: Jesse Henderson and Joshua Wiesenfeld, Noelle Sarafian was absent.
Approximately 29 others were in attendance virtually.

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.

Albert Graef read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District

MISSION STATEMENT

4. **Public Comments (on agenda items only) – None**

5. **PRESENTATION:**

6. **Student Member Report**

STUDENT MEMBER REPORT

Jesse Henderson said the class is looking forward to return for in-person instruction at the high school after the Spring Break. Joshua Wiesenfeld mentioned that the quiz bowl team had a tournament and performed very well.

7. Reports

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| 1. | President's Report – Mr. Graef requested that the board members complete the CSA evaluation. | PRESIDENT
REPORT |
| 2. | Superintendent's Report – Mr. Fletcher pointed out a correction on the agenda from the last board meeting in regards to the Finance 13A. B.D. and F labeled as February which should have been January. Congratulated Paige Riley for being selected to participate in the Unsung Heroes Program. Mr. Fletcher also provided an update on the COVID-19 exposures and travel restrictions and protocols for Spring Break. | SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT |

Committee Reports

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

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| 3. | Budget & Finance – Mr. Manzelli mentioned the final budget will be voted on April 26, 2021. Mr. Bonfiglio mentioned that the county office approved the budget. |
| 4. | Facilities & Security – Mr. Kupfer mentioned the committee is planning to meet and review the security report. |
| 5. | Community Relations & Technology – Mr. Samuel mentioned they are reviewing how to distribute the budget information to the community. A newsletter will go out to the community. |
| 6. | Curriculum – Committee had nothing to report. |
| 7. | Policy & Governance – Mrs. Hartman mentioned that the first reading of new policies will be discussed in tonight's meeting. |

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| 8. | Motion was made by Mr. Kupfer, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill that all items designated with asterisks(*) be part of a consent agenda and approved. | CONSENT
AGENDA |
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Motion carried by the following call vote:
Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Kupfer,
Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mrs. Harman, and Mr. Graef all voted aye.

9. Board Meeting Minutes

A. *Approve the following Board meeting minutes:

APPROVAL
OF MINUTES

February 8, 2021 Executive and Regular Meeting

10. Personnel

A. Special Requests

B. Resignations/Retirements

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

E. Appointments

*1. The Board approve the correction of the shift change appointment, effective November 1, 2020 to April 1, 2021, for following Building Services Unit employee:

SHIFT
CORRECTION

From	To	Shift
Selenia Hernandez	Maria Sosa	Tuesday thru Saturday

11. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

*A. The Board approves the following High School course changes for the 2021-2022 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE CHANGES
2021-2022

1. Convert SUPA Personal Financial Management and SUPA Economics from semester courses to full year courses.
2. Combine the Business Management and Marketing semester courses into a full year course entitled Business Management/Marketing.
3. Revise the name of the Law semester course to Law and Modern Society and convert to a full year course.

12. Miscellaneous

- A. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to approve the 1st reading of the following Policies: FIRST READING
OF POLICIES
3000/5000 SERIES

3000 Series:

3514.1 School Furnished Electronic Device: Distribution and Use

5000 Series:

5132 Dress and Grooming

5141.5* Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

5141.7* Social and Emotional Learning and Character Education

Motion carried by the following call vote:

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

13. Finance/District Operation

- *A. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept, that as of **February 2021** 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 SECY.
REPORT
FEB. 2021
- *B. The Board Secretary, recommends that the Board accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **February 2021**. SHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS
REPORT
FEB. 2021
- *C. Approve bill payments in the amount of **\$2,823,120.74** including **\$603.03** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$1,712,783.85** for previously issued warrants, and **\$1,109,733.86** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending, **March 29, 2021**. (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
MARCH 29, 2021

- D. Motion made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Feigenson to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **February 2021**. TRANSFER/
ADJUSTMENTS
FEB. 2021

- Motion carried by the following call vote:
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mrs. Harman, and Mr. Graef all voted aye.

- *E. The Board accepts the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **March 2021**: SCHOLARSHIP
ACCOUNTS
DONATIONS
N/A

- *F. The Board accepts the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **February 2021** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary’s Report. TREASURER OF
SCHOOL MONIES
FEB. 2021

- *G. The Board approves the establishment of the Joyce Garvin Memorial Scholarship. ESTABLISHMENT
OF JOYCE GARVIN
SCHOLARSHIP

- *H. The Board approves homebound instruction for Student #222438 for 10 hours per week at the cost of \$50.78 per hour beginning March 16, 2021 through June 24, 2021, with instruction provided by River Dell teachers. HOMEBOUND
INSTRUCTION
#222438

- I. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve the following resolution: SUBMISSION OF
RDHS & RDMS
VESTIBULE
CAPITAL PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the River Dell Regional School District in the county of Bergen, hereby approves the submission of the following “Other Capital Project” 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:

<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>DOE</u>
River Dell High School	Secure Vestibule Upgrades	4405-050-21-1000
River Dell Middle School	Secure Vestibule Upgrades	4405-030-19-1000

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Graef all voted aye.

- 14. **Old Business**
- 15. **New Business**
- 16. **Board Discussion**

A. Middle School Principal Vacancy – Mr. Fletcher proposed to follow the same interview process as they did when hiring the High School principal. The process includes screening of resumes, and multiple rounds of interviews with the superintendent, different board members and administrators, teachers, and parents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL
INTERVIEW
PROCESS

17. **Public Comments**

The public had questions about the policies read, what they meant and how they affected the district. They also wanted to know how the CARES fund money is going to be used.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Return to Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, at 8:31p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes

RETURN TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

18. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Kupfer, to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary