

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
May 24, 2021
(Hybrid Meeting)

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held May 24, 2021. 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, John Samuel, and Stephanie Hartman

ROLL CALL

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson seconded by Mr. Manzelli 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:

Summer work, curriculum revisions, a retirement, hiring of a school nurse and administrative assistant

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 by 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, John Samuel and Stephanie Hartman

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) Noelle Sarafian, Josh Wiesenfeld and Jesse Henderson
Kerry Heiser, Secretary/Accounts Payable
Approximately 26 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. Manzelli read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

MISSION
STATEMENT

4. Public Comments (on agenda items only)

5. PRESENTATION: N/A

6. Student Member Report

STUDENT
MEMBER
REPORT

The student representatives mentioned that students attending school in person has increased. The senior class is excited about the upcoming senior events.

7. Reports

1. President's Report

PRESIDENT
REPORT

Mr. Graef reported that he attended the Junior Prom and the production of Mamma Mia. He congratulated everyone involved in the planning of both events. He mentioned there are many activities taking place at the end of the school year.

2. Superintendent's Report

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following:

He attended the production of Mamma Mia and congratulated Mr. Wilson and his team.

Recommended to the Board that effective June 7, 2021 Board of Education Meetings will be in person. The meeting will be filmed by students and livestreamed through YouTube.

Governor Murphy's new conference and the revised guidance regarding NJSIAA sports.

Congratulated Tiffany Correa for organizing the Community Book Club. My Perfect Life by Lucas Wolfe was the subject.

Enrollment is increasing in the Middle School and High School

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

3. Budget & Finance

Mr. Manzelli stated that the committee did not meet. The committee plans to meet with the new Business Administrator, shortly. Mr. Manzelli congratulated Jesse Henderson and the Boys Golf Team for being State Champions.

4. Facilities & Security

Mr. Kupfer stated that the committee did not meet. The committee plans to set up a new meeting with Mr. Bonfiglio.

5. Community Relations & Technology

Mr. Samuel stated that the committee did not meet.

6. Curriculum

Mrs. O'Neill state that the committee did not meet.

7. Policy & Governance

Mrs. Hartman reported that there is a second reading of a policy on tonight's agenda.

- 8. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mrs. Hartman that all items designated with asterisks be a part of a consent agenda and approved.

APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

9. **Board Meeting Minutes**

APPROVE
BOARD
MEETING
MINUTES
4/26/2021

- A. *approve the following Board meeting minutes:

April 26, 2021 Executive and Regular Session

10. **Personnel**

- A. **Special Requests**
- B. **Resignations/Retirements**
- C. **Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers**
- D. **Salary Adjustments/Corrections**

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mr. Feigenson

E. Appointments

- 1. approve the appointment of Robert Urbanovich as Middle School Principal (Tenure Track), effective July 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$160,000. This appointment is contingent upon receipt of proper certification, academic records and satisfactory background/reference checks, as required by P.L. 1986. This is an emergent appointment under the provision of Senate Bill #851 amending the criminal history background check laws N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-04, 13 et seq.

APPOINT
ROBERT
URBANOVIK
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mrs. O'Neill

12. Miscellaneous

2ND READING
9000 SERIES

- A. approve the 2nd reading of the following Bylaw:

9000 Series:

9121 Election and Duties of President

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Kupfer and Mrs. Hartman voted yes.

Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Ehalt, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli and Mr. Graef voted no.

13. Finance/District Operation

- *A. accept, that as of **April 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.

NO OVER
EXPENDITURES
BOARD SECY
REPORT
APRIL 2021

- *B. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the months ending April 2021.

SCHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS
REPORT
APRIL 2021

- *C. recommend bill payments in the amount of **\$1,174,706.69** including **\$1,967.01** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$387,312.02** for previously issued warrants, and **\$785,427.66** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **May 24, 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
ENDING
5/24/2021

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli seconded by Mr. Feigenson to

- D. accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **April 2021**.

LINE ITEM
TRANSFERS
APRIL 2021

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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| *E. | accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of May 2021 : | SCHOLARSHIP
ACCOUNTS
MAY 2021 |
| | Erika Steinbaurer | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | Jennifer Fialko Scholarship | \$ 2,000.00 |
| | Rick Bell Scholarship | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| | Total | \$ 3,500.00 |
| *F. | accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of April 2021 and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. | TREASURER
OF SCHOOL
MONIES RPT.
APRIL 2021 |
| *G. | 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 2021-2022 school year. | AGREEMENT
BCSSSD
NON-PUBLIC
SVCS IDEA
192-193
2021-2022 |
| *H. | BE IT RESOLVED the River Dell Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") affirms the district's application of the "School Security Grant" to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. | SCHOOL
SECURITY
GRANT
APPLICATION |
| | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board in the County of Bergen affirms local funds are available in the event the total estimated costs of proposed work exceed the River Dell Regional School District in the County of Bergen's grant allocation of \$97,740. | |
| *I. | approve the agreement between Bergen County Special Services, Region V and River Dell Regional School District for 192-193 Non-Public Services for the 2021-2022 school year. | AGREEMENT
NON-PUBLIC
SVCS, REG V
192-193
2021-2022 |

*J. approve the transportation route costs with First Student, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

FIRST
STUDENT
2021-2022

Laidlaw 3 – 1RDO (Oradell):	\$235.91 X 180	=	\$42,463.80
Laidlaw 4 – RD2 (River Edge):	\$262.86 X 180	=	<u>\$47,314.80</u>
	TOTAL:		\$89,778.60

14. Items for Board Discussion and Decision

15. Old Business

Mrs. Hartman spoke about the Delegate Assembly she attended on May 15, 2021.

OLD/NEW
BUSINESS

16. New Business

Mr. Manzelli spoke about naming rights of the softball field.

17. Public Comments—General

There were public comments about the hiring of the new Middle School Principal and the Board of Education Meetings being changed from virtual to in person.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Kupfer seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to adjourn at 8:47 pm.
Motion carried by all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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