

***RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION***

**REGULAR SESSION**

October 13, 2015

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

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

**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 7:31 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:

*Staff transfers; appointment of new 2015-2016 teaching staff; appointment of 2015-2016 extra-curricular advisors; appointment of Building Service Unit Employee; appointment of H/S Assistant Principal; appointment of volunteer athletic coaches*

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be thirty 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Barbary, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to resume open session at 8:02 pm.

RESUME OPEN  
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

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

FLAG SALUTE

**Board Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
 Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
 Student Liaison(s), Caleb Herbst  
 Malissa Stokes, Secretary  
 20 members of the public

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statement:

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 of tobacco 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.

Caleb Herbst read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

**Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None**

**Reports**

## REPORTS

**Student Member Report**

Caleb Herbst reported on the various student activities that took/will take place since the last meeting.

**President's Report** - Mr. Manzelli discussed the following:

- NJ School Board annual workshop will be held October 27 - 29, 2015
- Volunteer attendee for the Delegate Assembly on November 21, 2015
- Invitation to Board Presidents and Vice-presidents to a meeting at New Bridge Center on Saturday.
- River Dell fundraisers through local businesses - Habit Burger, Blaze Pizza, Visage Salon
- Distinguished Graduate dinner

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following

- Congratulations to all of the students for their achievements in the Bergen County music competition
- The annual suspension/violence/vandalism report presentation
- The modified testing report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee - None  
 Curriculum/Tri-District Committee - None  
 Policy & Governance Committee - None

Campus Facilities Committee - There will be a meeting next Monday evening.

Community Relations & Information Committee - The next meeting will be October 26, 2015.

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

APPROVE CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Kuchar were absent.

**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:

WORKSHOPS/  
CONFERENCES

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Workshop/Conference</b>                                | <b>Dates</b> | <b>Not to exceed</b> |
|------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Jennifer Chatmon | Tech & Learning Live, Tarrytown, NY                       | 10/23/15     | \$ 15.50             |
| Jennifer Chatmon | Legal One: School Law Boot Camp, Monroe Twp., NJ          | 4/28-29/16   | \$ 49.00             |
| Desiree Ferrandi | SUPA English, NYC   | 9/28/15      | \$100.00             |
| Kathryn Kreger   | Legal Issues for School Nurses, Wood Ridge, NJ            | 10/19/15     | \$ 35.00             |
| Edward Houston   | SUPA Physics Seminar                                      | 10/19/15     | \$ 50.00             |
| Anthony Loria    | Italian through Art: A Pedagogical Seminar, Montclair, NJ | 10/23/15     | \$ 50.00             |
| Melissa Miller   | AENJ Conference, Long Branch, NJ                          | 10/4-5/15    | \$190.00             |
| JoAnne Pawlowski | SUPA Forensic Conf., NYC                                  | 10/15/15     | \$ 42.00             |
| Danielle Russo   | SUPA Fall Conference, NYC                                 | 9/28/15      | \$100.00             |
| Lisa Torres      | Legal One: School Law Boot Camp, Monroe Twp., NJ          | 4/28-29/16   | \$ 35.00             |

- \*2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants Teacher of English Kathryn Jackson a federal family and medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning November 30, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015; an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning January 1, 2016 to April 4, 2016; an unpaid child rearing leave of absence for the period beginning April 5, 2016 to June 30, 2016. K. JACKSON  
MATERNITY  
LEAVE

### **B. Resignations/Retirements**

- \*1. accept the resignation of Instructional Aide Jazimar Bailey, effective September 1, 2015. J. BAILEY  
RESIGNATION

### **C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers**

- \*1. approve the transfer of Elizabeth Elfring from Secretary to the Middle School Principal to Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, effective October 9, 2015, at a salary as per the Secretary Level 3, step 13 of the RDEA Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. E. ELFRING  
TRANSFER

### **D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections** - None

### **E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the appointment of Cora Delfini as an Instructional Aide effective September 29, 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year, at a salary of \$15 per hour (not to exceed \$20,055), for a 7-hour day, and including five paid holidays, five non-cumulative sick days and one non-cumulative personal day. C. DELFINI AIDE
- \*2. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2015-2016 school year: SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS
- Terrence Ciccolella (BA William Paterson University)  
Rebecca Myers (60+ credits Montclair State University)
- \*3. approve the appointment of the following middle school teachers for summer 2015 work: SUMMER WORK
- Susan Keitel 5.5 hours @ \$65.56 per hour for a total of \$360.58  
Linda Mikulka 5.5 hours @ \$48.32 per hour for a total of \$265.76

### **VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities**

- \*1. approve the replacement of the extracurricular activity, GUMDO Club, with The River Dell Cooking Club for the 2015-2016 school year. REPLACE EXTRA-  
CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

**IX. Miscellaneous**

- \*1. approve the 2015-2016 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials. UNIFORM MEMO OF AGREEMENT

**X. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Middle School | September 28 & 30, 2015 |
| High School   | September 11 & 28, 2015 |

- \*2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT

- \*3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/  
VANDALISM REPORT

- \*4. Recording of HIB Report(s) - N/A

- \*5. approve the agreement/meeting with Bergen Catholic High School for nonpublic security aid for the 2015-2016 school year. NONPUBLIC SECURITY AID

- \*6. **WHEREAS**, the River Dell Regional School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") desires to provide instruction and training in swimming for students of the River Dell Regional School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"); and SWIMMING POOL LICENSE AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, Bergen Community College (hereinafter referred to as the "College") has offered to make its swimming pool available to the Board for use by the students of the District at a cost of \$11,172.00 (\$228 increase) for seventy-six (76) hours of use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to use the College swimming pool under the terms and conditions set forth in the License Agreement attached hereto;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the License Agreement with the College to use the swimming pool under the terms set forth in the License Agreement attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board President and School Business Administrator are authorized to execute the License Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

**Old/New/Business/Discussion**

DISCUSSION

The board discussed the following items:

- Green schools
- Certified Board status
- PTO volunteer fair
- Italian exchange students arriving on October 21

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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The Senior Class advisor, Maureen Kiel, and several senior students, as well as one parent, discussed the cancellation of the previously approved class trip to Disney World.

Discussion was also held regarding hiring of a lacrosse coach.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adjourn at 8:42 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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