

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

June 4, 2012

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Monday, June 4, 2012. Board President, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

Roger Tashjian, Stephanie Hartman, Patricia Almborg, Claudia O'Neill, Dorothea Durand, Michael Chakansky, Vito Acquafredda, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr. Paul Barnes was absent.

**Others Present**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution at 7:01 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:

Teacher request for leave of absence; teacher resignation; appointment of 2012-2013 staff—substitute teachers, school nurses, custodians; homebound instructors, webmaster, mini-bus drivers, extracurricular advisors, athletic coaches, weight room supervisors, substitute arranger

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be sixty 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 Mrs. Almborg, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN  
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

Roger Tashjian, Stephanie Hartman, Patricia Almborg, Claudia O'Neill, Dorothea Durand, Michael Chakansky, Vito Acquafredda, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr. Paul Barnes was absent

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
 Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
 Student Liaisons - Marisa Wozniak and Nick Shanman  
 Malissa Stokes, Secretary  
 Approximately 20 members of the public

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

FLAG SALUTE

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.

Mr. Manzelli read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

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

**Student Member Report**

REPORTS

The student representatives reported on field trips, final exams, awards dinners, and the prom.

**President's Report**

Mr. Manzelli reported that the Senior Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday. He also stated that there are three Board of Education seats up for election - two in River Edge, and one in Oradell.

## Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following topics:

- Bergen County Teen Arts Festival, and Young Playwright's award recipients
- Arrival of the exchange students from Guadalupe
- Organic chemistry class - Mr. Fletcher's report was sent to the Board stating that the only available scheduling for the class occurs in conflict with the students' core subjects; therefore, he is still recommending that the class not run.

## Committee Reports

Budget & Finance, Personnel Matters, Technology, and Curriculum/Tri-District Committees had no reports.

### Campus Facilities Committee - Mr. Acquafredda

The committee met a month ago and discussed reviewed the projects completed in 2011-12, as well as projected new projects for 2012-13. Some of the topics included -

- conversion of the former Growing Garden classroom to the LLD room - this is now a priority.
- electric service improvements at the Middle School - which will have to be done in phases.
- use of facility rates
- future air-conditioning unit replacement

### Community Relations & Information Committee - Mrs. Hartman

There is a follow-up survey going out at the end of June with questions regarding tutoring and summer enrichment interests. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of adding space for verbatim comments to this and/or future surveys.

### Policy & Governance Committee - Mrs. Almberg

There is a first reading of two policies with minor changes, and a second reading of a regulation on tonight's agenda. Policy 9130 should be on the next agenda. The committee also discussed the possibility of using NJSBA to review the policy manual in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, 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:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted aye on all but resolution VII.A.1 on which she abstained. Mr. Barnes was 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: PROFESSIONAL DAYS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Not to exceed</b>
Mary Moran	NJACAC Annual Conf., Long Branch, NJ	6/4/12	\$166
Dorothea Welch	Job Dev/Today's Labor Market, New Brunswick, NJ	6/14/12	\$20

- \*2. approve Literacy Workshops at Northern Valley for Tri-District staff from June 5, 2012 through January 22, 2013, as per the attached list, at a total cost of \$19,040, to be paid by NCLB funds. WORKSHOPS

**B. Resignations/Retirements - None**

**C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None**

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

**E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the appointment of Tri-District professional staff for 2012 summer literacy work on July 23 to 27, 2012 as per the attached list, to be paid by NCLB and Tri-District funds. TRI-DISTRICT STAFF  
SUMMER WORK

**VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None****X. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
- |               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Middle School | May 10 & 18, 2012     |
| High School   | May 23, 24 & 31, 2012 |
- \*2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT
- \*3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/VANDALISM  
REPORT
- \*4. Recording of HIB Reports - May 2012

\*5.       **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

BERGEN COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE SWIMMING  
POOL RENTAL

**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 \$10,108.00 (\$304 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.

\*6.   approve homebound instruction for student #7322, effective April 16 through June 21, 2012. HOMEBOUND  
INSTR #7322

\*7.   approve the agreement between Bergen County Special Services and River Dell Regional for 192-193 Non-Public Services for the 2012-13 school year. 192-193 THRU  
BCSSSD

\*8.   approve the Integrated Pest Management Plan for the River Dell Regional School District for the 2012-2013 school year. IPM PLAN

\*9.       **WHEREAS**, the River Dell Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") advertised for bids for the Upgrading of the Electrical Light and Power Distribution System at River Dell Middle School Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

REJECT BIDS  
UPGRADE OF  
ELECTRICAL POWER &  
DISTRIBUTION SYS/  
ABANDON PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2012 the Board received five (5) bids for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, a further review of the proposed Project and the Board's budgetary constraints has raised concerns regarding whether the Project is necessary to meet the Board's current needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is in the best interests of the School District to abandon the Project and further evaluate the current status of its facilities to determine what upgrades, if any, it wishes to pursue and whether there is sufficient funding to support such upgrades.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby rejects the bids received for the Electrical Light and Power Distribution System at River Dell Middle School Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 (c) as the Board has determined to abandon the Project until it evaluates its options concerning facilities upgrades and funding expenditures which may best meet the needs of the School District.

- \*10. approve the following paid holidays for the Building Service Employees **BUILDING SERVICES**  
for the 2012-2013 school year: **UNIT PAID HOLIDAYS**

July 4, 2012	Independence Day	Regular Holiday
September 3, 2012	Labor Day	Regular Holiday
November 9, 2012	NJEA Convention	Selected Holiday
November 22, 2012	Thanksgiving	Regular Holiday
November 23, 2012	Day after Thanksgiving	Regular Holiday
December 24, 2012	Christmas Eve	Selected Holiday
December 25, 2012	Christmas Day	Regular Holiday
December 31, 2012	New Year's Eve	Selected Holiday
January 1, 2013	New Year's Day	Regular Holiday
February 18, 2013	Winter Recess	Selected Holiday
March 29, 2013	Good Friday	Regular Holiday
April 8, 2013	Spring Recess	Selected Holiday
May 27, 2013	Memorial Day	Regular Holiday

### **IX. Miscellaneous**

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

**APPROVE 1<sup>st</sup>  
READING OF  
POLICIES**

**Series 5000:** 5118\* Nonresidents

**Series 9000:** 9140 Board Representatives

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted nay. Mr. Barnes was absent.

2. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, to approve the following regulation:

**APPROVE  
REGULATION 5132**

**Series 5000:** 5132 Dress and Grooming

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Chakansky voted nay. Mr. Barnes was absent.

Discussion ensued regarding the policy committee looking into uniforms.

**X. Finance/District Operation**

11. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Durand, to approve the following resolution:

AWARD LLD CLASS-  
ROOM RENOVATION TO  
SCIACCA GENERAL  
CONTRACTING

**WHEREAS**, the River Dell Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) twice rejected bids for the Renovations to the LLD Classroom Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”) as being in excess of the cost estimates prepared on behalf of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board authorized the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Architect to negotiate contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c); and

**WHEREAS**, all bidders who submitted bids were advised of the Board’s intention to negotiate and were afforded a reasonable opportunity to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, negotiations were conducted with all interested contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, Sciacca General Contracting, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Sciacca”) submitted the lowest negotiated price offered by a responsible vendor for the Project, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, with a base proposal in the amount of \$150,000, together with Alternate No.GC-2 in the amount of deduct (-\$7,500), for a total contract sum of \$142,500, which negotiated price is lower than the lowest rejected bid submitted on the second occasion by a responsible bidder and is a reasonable price for such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal submitted by Sciacca does not include any amendments or modifications to the terms, conditions, restrictions and specifications that were the subject of competitive bidding pertaining to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is desirous of awarding the contract for the Renovations to the LLD Classroom Project to Sciacca.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

1. The contract for the Renovations to the LLD Classroom Project is hereby awarded to Sciacca General Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$142,500, representing a base proposal in the amount of \$150,000, together with Alternate No.GC-2 in the amount of deduct (-\$7,500), which negotiated price is lower than the lowest rejected bid submitted on the second occasion by a responsible bidder and is a reasonable price for such services.
2. The proposal submitted by Sciacca does not include any amendments or modifications to the terms, conditions, restrictions and specifications that were the subject of competitive bidding pertaining to the Project.
3. This award is expressly conditioned upon Sciacca furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and performance bond as required in the Project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful contractor consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted nay. Mr. Barnes was absent.

**Presentation**

PRESENTATION

The Eisenhower Leadership Award was presented by Dr. Roshong.

**Board Discussion and Decision**

Discussion was held regarding the organic chemistry course; holding an “unplugged” day of no technology use next year; surveys.

Motion was made by Mrs. Durand, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, that the organic chemistry class run if eight (8) students or more are enrolled.

DENY ORGANIC  
CHEMISTRY COURSE  
OFFERING

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. Durand and Mr. Chakansky voted aye. Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted nay. Mr. Barnes was absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to include open-ended questions on all surveys going out from the Board.

DENY OPEN-  
ENDED SURVEY  
QUESTIONS

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Durand and Mr. Chakansky voted aye. Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted nay. Mr. Barnes was absent.

**Public Comments - Town Hall Forum**

PUBLIC COMMENT/  
TOWN HALL FORUM

The following topics were discussed:

Organic chemistry class; economics courses; uniforms; Bergen County Academies; no administrators at Honor Society inductions

Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mrs. Durand, to run the organic chemistry class with a minimum enrollment of ten (10) students.

DENY ORGANIC  
CHEMISTRY COURSE  
OFFERING

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. Durand, and Mr. Chakansky all voted aye. Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted nay. Mr. Barnes was absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to adjourn at 10:21 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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