

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

March 1, 2012

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Thursday, March 1, 2012. Board President, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

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

**Others Present**

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

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

**Presentation**

BUDGET  
PRESENTATION

Mr. Bonfiglio presented the Preliminary FY2012-2013 Budget

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

**Reports**

REPORTS

**President's Report**

Mr. Manzelli discussed the Superintendent and Board evaluations. He stated that Mr. Fletcher completed his, which will be sent to the Board to complete. He then requested that the Board submit evaluations by next Friday.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Fletcher will be emailing a request to the Board for two volunteers to serve on the Teacher Recognition Committee.

The winter sports season is coming to an end and the boys and girls basketball teams are both in playoff games tonight.

The Spring Musical, "Willy Wonka", will be held on March 22, 23, and 24, 2012 and tickets go on sale tomorrow.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Budget & Finance Committee** - Claudia O'Neill

Mr. Bonfiglio and Mr. Fletcher worked hard to bring forth this sound budget, which is under the 2% cap, and hopefully everyone will vote yes tonight.

### **Technology Committee** - Roger Tashjian

Various aspects of the laptop initiative were discussed. A goal statement for the program, selling of existing systems, timeline for ordering new machines if that option is chosen. The various options researched will be reviewed, and a recommendation will be made at the next Board meeting.

Discussion was then held regarding continuance of the laptop insurance fee. Mr. Tashjian stated that the committee had discussed it, but until an option is chosen, it is a moot point, since not continuing the initiative is one of the options.

### **Curriculum/Tri-District Committee** - Stephanie Hartman

The committee discussed summer implementation projects, initiatives, positive feedback on map testing training in February, new 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade English texts, the new ESL Literacy course offering.

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

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

## **VII. Personnel**

### **A. Special Requests**

- \*1. approve professional day requests for the following staff members to attend PROFESSIONAL workshops/conferences as noted and in accordance with appropriate statute: DAYS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Not to Exceed</b>
Kathryn Franzino	Curriculum Conversation, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY	3/16/12	\$200
Lauren Weber	Holocaust Study Day @Seton Hall, So. Orange, NJ	3/15/12	\$10
Richard Freedman	NASSP Annual Conference, Tampa, FL	3/8-10/12	\$2,000
Dianne Furusawa Kevin Looram	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Driver Ed Conf., Jersey City, NJ	5/18/12	\$153 each
Jeffrey Principe	NJACAC 2012 Annual Conf., Long Branch, NJ	6/3-5/12	\$631

- \*2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants Jennifer Luberto Stuber a federal family and medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning February 1, 2012 and ending March 1, 2012, an unpaid FMLA/State of New Jersey family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning March 2, 2012 and ending April 1, 2012 (revised due to delivery date).

J. LUBERTO STUBER  
FMLA & SFLA

**B. Resignations/Retirements - None**

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

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

**E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2011-12 school year:

SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS

Thomas Schwark (JD Tulane School of Law)

- \*2. approve the appointment of the following volunteer assistant coaches for the spring 2012 season:

ASSISTANT  
COACHES

Baseball Joseph Abbadessa, Jon Crawford

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

- \*1. approve the following high school new course offering for the 2012-2013 school year:

NEW COURSE  
OFFERING

- ESL Literacy

- \*2. approve a field trip for the marching band to participate in Music in the Parks Festival Performance in Hershey, PA on May 18 & 19, 2012, at no cost to the Board.

FIELD  
TRIP

- \*3. approve a field trip for the High School Ski Club to Utah during the February 2013 winter break.

SKI CLUB TRIP

**IX. Miscellaneous - None**

**X. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills

FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS

Middle School February 1 & 17, 2012  
High School February 7 & 17, 2012

- \*2. Recording of Enrollment

ENROLLMENT

- \*3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report

SUSP/VIOLENCE/  
VANDALISM REPORT

- \*4. Recording of HIB Reports—February 2012 HIB REPORTS
- \*5. approve the settlement agreement for cost sharing with the family of student #7082. COST SHARING AGREEMENT #7082
- \*6. approve an out-of-district placement for student #5783 at Bonnie Brae, effective February 14, 2012, at a prorated tuition of \$62,100 (\$345 per diem). OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT #5783
- \*7. approve bedside instruction for student #5771 at Vantage Health System-Touchstone Hall for 10 hours per week, effective February 6, 2012 for approximately three to six months, at the rate of \$60 per hour. #5771 BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION
- 8. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Almberg, to approve the following resolution: APPROVE PRELIMINARY 2012-2013 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a school district preliminary budget for the FY2012-2013 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent’s office as follows:

Tax Levy	\$26,016,756
Current Expenses	\$27,979,312
Capital Outlay	60,317
Special Revenue Projects	415,000
Debt Service	1,610,000
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES	\$30,064,629

The district will bank \$96,169 for enrollment growth for future use.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Board Discussion/Old Business/New Business**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

The following topics were discussed:

- The State’s pilot program on teacher evaluations
- Possible offering of parent waiver of transportation services
- Procedural question regarding prior approval on webinar cost for board member mandatory training.
- Request for monthly agenda item for update on academics. Mr. Manzelli stated that all the information is already available on RDTV and youtube.com.
- Shortening February break in order to have an earlier June dismissal.

**Public Comment**

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topic was discussed:

- The Community Relations Committee Survey

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adjourn at 9:28 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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