

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

January 23, 2012

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, January 23, 2012. Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

ROLL CALL

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to adopt the following resolution at 7:30 p.m.

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 leave of absence request, appointment of District Registrar, appointment of volunteer athletic coaches, appointment of athletic coach

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 was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to resume open session at 8:00 p.m.

RESUME
OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Admin/Board Secretary
Lisa Finn, Secretary
Lorraine Brooks, High School Principal
Antoinette Capodanno, Tri-District Supv. of Curriculum & Instruction
Approximately 8 members of the public

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statements:

OPEN PUBLIC
MEETING 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, and Board Office.

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 \$100.00.

Mr. Barnes read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School district.

IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only)-None

Presentation: Science Curriculum Update
Antoinette Capodanno, Supervisor/Curriculum & Instruction

PRESENTATION

V. Student Member Report-None

VI. Reports

A. Committee Reports

1. President's Report

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Manzelli reported on the following topics:

- Junior Prom
- RDTV Pass to the Future
- Robotics Club
- NJSB-Emerging Leaders

2. Superintendent's Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- Stem Club
- Student Representatives
- Junior Prom
- All sports/activities took place with the Snow storm
- Congratulated staff for their effort with removal of the snow
- Thanked River Edge and Oradell's DPW who helped with the spreading of salt for the snow storm.
- RD Volleyball Team will be present at the next meeting
- Student recognitions at the next Board meeting

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Hartman voted to abstain on resolution XI 3, and voted aye on the rest. Mr. Tashjian was absent.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MINUTES

- * approve the following Board meeting minutes:

December 12, 2011 Executive and Regular Sessions

VIII. Personnel**A. Special Requests**

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

PROF. DAY REQUESTS
FOR STAFF TO
ATTEND WORKSHOPS/
CONFERENCES

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
Kathy Kreger	Emergency Preparedness for Schools	2/10/12	\$25.00
Denis Nelson	Annual DAANJ Workshop	3/11-15/12	-0-

B. Resignations/Retirements-None**C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers-None****D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections**

- *1. approve a salary adjustment for Teacher of French Barbara Broomall from MA Step 16 (\$92,338 plus \$2,151 longevity) to MA+16 Step 16 (\$94,998 plus \$2,151 longevity), effective October 15, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.

SALARY ADJUSTMENT
B.BROOMALL

E. Appointments

- *1 approve the following volunteer assistant coaches for the 2012 spring athletic season:

VOLUNTEER ASST.
COACHES 2012
SPRING SEASON

Boys Lacrosse Will Leggett
Baseball Dick Collins, Chris Armen
Softball Laura Jerlinski
Track Steffan Del Piano, Ann Behrens

- *2. approve the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisors, effective January 1, 2012, for the 2011-2012 school year:

EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ADVISORS

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Advisors</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Federal Challenge Club	Matt O'Brien Co-Advisor	1	\$519.50*
	Kelli Shill Co-Advisor	1	\$519.50*

*prorated effective 1/1/12

- *3. approve the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2011-2012 school year:

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS FOR
2011-2012

Kathleen Patton	(MBA—Syracuse University)
Tingyou Xu	(60+ credits Rutgers University)
Scott Zymet	(BA—Montclair State)

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. accept, that as of **December 2011** 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.

ACKNOWLEDGE NO
OVER-EXPENDITURES
ACCEPT BOARD
SECRETARY'S REPORT

- *2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **December 2011**.

SCHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS REPORT

- *3. recommend bill payments in the amount of **\$1,158,929.26** including **\$24,552.96** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$261,380.30** for previously issued warrants, and **\$897,548.96** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **January 2012**. (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
JANUARY 2012

- *5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **January 2012**:

DONATIONS INTO
SCHOLARSHIP
ACCOUNTS

Katie Conway Memorial Fund	\$ 63.84
Scott Evan Baker	<u>625.00</u>
Total	\$688.84

- *6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **December 2011** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report.

TREASURER OF
SCHOOL MONIES
REPORT

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| *7. approve out-of-district placement for student #14 to attend the Tri Valley Academy for the 2011-2012 (July 2011 through June 2012) school year, at a cost of \$75,522. | OUT-OF-DISTRICT
PLACEMENT FOR
STUDENT #14 TO
TRI VALLEY ACADEMY |
| *8. approve student #140976 as an incoming student from the Teaneck School District, effective January 5, 2012 through the end of the school year. | INCOMING STUDENT
#140976 FROM TEANECK
SCHOOL DISTRICT |
| *9. approve bedside instruction for student #5843 at Four Winds Hospital, effective December 16 to 29, 2011, for five hours per hours per day at the rate of \$50.78. | BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION
FOR STUDENT #5843
AT FOUR WINDS HOSP. |
| *10. WHEREAS , the River Dell Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) advertised for bids for the Middle School Science Lab Renovations (Rooms 111, 113 and associated Prep Room) Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and | REJECTED BIDS FOR
M/S SCIENCE LAB
RENOVATIONS (ROOMS
111,113 & PREP ROOM) |

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2012 the Board received fourteen (14) bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid in the amount of \$264,900 is excessive as to price, as the bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates prepared by the Architect for this Project and, as such, is unreasonable as to price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby rejects the bids received for the Middle School Science Lab Renovations (Rooms 111, 113 and associated Prep Room) Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(a) as the bids substantially exceed the cost estimates and, as such, are unreasonable as to price on the basis of the cost estimates prepared on behalf of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to re-advertise the Project, in the best interests of the School District.

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Chakansky to approve the following new curricula for the 2012-2013 school year:

NEW CURRICULA
FOR 2012-2013

- Life Science Grade 7
- Science Grade 8
- Physics

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

X. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mr. Chakansky to approve the second reading of the following policy:

SECOND READING
OF POLICY 9200*

9000 Series: 9200* Orientation and Training of Board Members

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

XI. Finance/District Operation

4. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Chakansky to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **December 2011**.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
& ADJUSTMENTS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

XII. Items for Board Discussion and Decision**ITEMS FOR BOARD
DISCUSSION & DECISION****1. New Election Law**

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to approve the following resolution to Move the Election of School Board Members to the General Election beginning November 2012 and to Eliminate the Vote on the Annual Budget.

NEW ELECTION LAW

WHEREAS, Public Law 2011, Chapter 202 authorizes a local board of education to change the school election date from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Public Law 2011, Chapter 202 provides that, with the change in the school election date, a vote on the annual school budget that is within the statutory cap imposed by the State of New Jersey is no longer required, and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 2011, Chapter 202 requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional Board of Education has concluded that the change in the date of the school election to November and the resulting elimination of the vote on the school budget that is within the statutory cap are in the best interest of the Oradell and River Edge communities, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Law 2011, Chapter 202, the River Dell Regional Board of Education changes the annual date for the school election from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that with the change in the school election, the River Dell Regional Board of Education has determined that it will eliminate the vote on its annual school budget which is within the statutory cap effective the 2012-13 budget, and shall only submit a school budget to the electorate for approval if it exceeds the statutory cap; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Public Law 2011, Chapter 202, the change in the date of the school election will remain in effect at least through November 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Public Law 2011, Chapter 202, members of the River Dell Regional Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued in regard to the New Election law.

Mr. Acquafredda stated that voting on the budget; it's not the budget itself but the process, but it's an opportunity for the public to vent their frustrations and have the budget turned down for the wrong reasons. He continued by saying it's a positive move for the district.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Almborg and Mrs. Durand voted nay. Mr. Chakansky stated, "his objection for the record, as public was not given notice and he voted nay ". Mr. Tashjian was absent.

XIII. Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Posting of documents on the Web
- River Edge versus Oradell

A lengthy discussion ensued on posting of Curriculum documents on the website and the following motion was made.

Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mrs. Durand to approve that all Curriculum documents available for Board meetings are to be posted on the River Dell agenda web-site.

CURRICULUM DOCUMENTS POSTED ON AGENDA WEB-SITE

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

XIV. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Tri-District Calendar
- K-12 District Feasibility Study
- Update on the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)
- Board Newsletter-Email Blast System

A lengthy discussion ensued on a K-12 District Feasibility Study.

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Chakansky to continue the Board meeting past 11:00 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

A lengthy discussion continued on the K-12 District Feasibility Study.

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to call the question.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Durand and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Chakansky and Mr. Acquafredda voted nay. Mr. Tashjian was absent.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to enter into the process with River Edge and Oradell, with setting the parameters of a Feasibility Study.

K-12 DISTRICT
FEASIBILITY STUDY

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Durand and Mr. Chakansky voted nay. Mr. Tashjian was absent.

XV. Public Comments—General-None

XVI. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Manzelli to adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary