

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

January 9, 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, January 9, 2012. Board President, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mr. Barnes, 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:

Memorandums of Agreement with Secretarial Unit and Building Services Unit; Professional staff leave of absence requests; rescinding athletic coach appointment; resignation of instructional aide; reassignment of teacher; additional work schedule for teacher; appointment of athletic coaches; appointment of extracurricular advisor; appointment of leave replacement teacher; extension of appointment of leave replacement teacher.

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. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, 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 AlMBERG, Claudia O'Neill, Paul Barnes, Dorothea Durand, Michael Chakansky, Vito Acquafredda, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
 Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Student Liaisons - Allison Friedlander and Bridget Irvine
 Malissa Stokes, Secretary
 Approximately 5 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. Acquafredda read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) – None

Presentation

Mr. Mark Dance, of the Rotary Club, presented a check in the amount of \$1,144 to the Interact Club.

Reports**Student Member Report**

Student Liaisons Allison Friedlander and Bridget Irvine reported on the various academic, athletic, and extra-curricular activities that occurred since the last Board meeting.

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli wished everyone a happy new year and reported that the policy committee has been working on committee descriptions. He also thanked the Board for adopting the Board Norms at the last meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher also wished everyone a happy new year, and reported that at the last meeting, the Board passed a resolution not to support Senate Bill 2925. The bill did not come before the Senate as of today, which is the last day of the current legislative assembly; however, tomorrow begins the new session and it could be re-introduced in this session.

Mr. Fletcher introduced Councilman Alfonse Bartelloni, the liaison from the Oradell Mayor and Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee – Claudia O'Neill

The budget process is moving along and the Board has received the second piece of information, which is in keeping with the goal to keep everyone informed on the progress before having to vote on next year's budget.

Campus Facilities Committee – Vito Acquafredda

The following topics were discussed:

1. Baseball field netting – waiting for a variance on the height.
2. Science lab renovation – there will be a bid opening on January 18, 2012.
3. Renovation of Growing Garden classroom – it will become a special education classroom, which will allow four students now being sent out of district to remain at River Dell.
4. Energy study proposals are still being solicited.
5. Potential revisions to policy 9130 – suggestions were sent to the policy committee for review.
6. The next meeting will be February 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Community Relations & Information Committee – Paul Barnes

The following items were discussed:

- River Dell alumni are still being interviewed.
- Surveys – lengthy discussion ensued regarding the content of the survey, and Board input.

Policy & Governance Committee – Patricia Almberg

There are two policy resolutions on the agenda tonight, and the committee is accepting suggestions for other policy modifications. The next meeting will be January 17, 2012.

Technology Committee – Roger Tashjian

Vendors made presentation on December 16, 2011 and 21 different devices were reviewed. The committee narrowed down to two final manufacturers - Dell and HP. The annual Techspo convention will take place on January 26, 2012 and the committee will be able to do more research during and after attendance at the convention.

Curriculum/Tri-District Committee – Stephanie Hartman

The committee wrote an adjustment for the policy committee to consider. In the old version curriculum is still with technology and tri-district was a small item, so it just needed to be shifted. The Science curriculum and changes were discussed, and Ms. Capodanno will put together a presentation for the entire Board. The next meeting will be on January 19, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, 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. Barnes, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted aye on all but resolution VII.A.2, on which she voted nay; and resolution VII.A.4 on which she abstained.

VII. Personnel**A. Special Requests**

- *1. approve a practicum and internship in the Guidance Department for Teacher of Mathematics Kerri Afromsky with Joseph Skorupa as cooperating counselor.

K. AFROMSKY
GUIDANCE DEPT.
INTERNSHIP

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

PROFESSIONAL DAYS

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to exceed
Lisa Brown	NJ State Bar-Intro to Teasing & Bullying	3/1/12	\$ 21.00
Mercedes Faunde	National Art Education Convention	3/2/12	\$274.00
Michael O'Toole	Sociology-Continuing Education	12/12/11	\$ 20.00
Randie O'Neil	ASAP-NJ 26 th Annual Conference	2/1-3/12	\$ 90.00

- *4. approve an agreement with Professional Development Consultants IDE Corporation in the amount of \$19,080, to be paid by local funds, to provide professional development to the middle school staff.

IDE CORPORATION
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

B. Resignations/Retirements

- *1. rescind the appointment of Desiree Ferrandi as advisor to the Spring Musical at a stipend of \$4,908.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.

RESCIND D. FERRANDI
SPRING MUSICAL
ADVISOR

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following extracurricular advisors for the 2011-2012 school year:

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISORS

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Advisors</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Spring Musical-Director	Desiree Ferrandi Co-Advisor	4	\$2,454.00
	Brian Reich Co-Advisor	1	\$2,230.00
Environmental Action	John Piekielek	4	\$1,142.00

- *2. approve the appointment of Andrew Rendine as Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach, step 2c for a salary of \$3,431, for the 2011-2012 school year.

A. RENDINE ASST. BOYS LACROSSE COACH

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Arthur Henry	(BA—Montclair State University)
Joseph Meier	(BA—Rutgers University)
Jeannie Mills	(MBA—Rutgers University)

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

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
- *2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT REPORT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/VANDALISM REPORT
- *4. Recording of HIB Reports - December 2011 HIB REPORT
- *5. approve bedside instruction for student #140311 at High Focus provided by Professional Education Services at the rate of \$50.78 for 10 hours per week, effective December 6, 2011 for approximately four to six weeks. BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION #140311
- *6. approve an increase in homebound instruction for student #120318 to six hours per week, provided by Teacher of the Handicapped Jan Vossler-York, effective December 13, 2011 at the rate of \$50.28 per hour. #120318 ADDITIONAL HOMEBOUND INSTR.
- *7. approve homebound instruction for student #7228 via Educere, for four courses at the cost of \$580, for five weeks. #7228 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION
- *8. approve out-of-district placement for student #160001 at Sage Day effective December 5, 2011, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at the cost of \$32,505.48, with Region V providing the transportation. OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT #160001

- *9. approve out-of-district placement for student #5572 at Holmstead School effective December 7, 2011 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at the cost of \$31,627.26, with Region V providing the transportation. OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT #5572
- *10. approve out-of-district placement for student #4473 at Cerebral Palsy at Horizon High School effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at the cost of \$42,373.12, with a one-on-one aide at the cost of \$30,328.20. OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT #4473
- *11. approve homebound instruction for student #170547 effective November 21, 2011 for five weeks through January 3, 2012, for 10 hours per week, at the rate of \$50.78 per hour. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION #170547
- *12. **WHEREAS**, it is required by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), that this Board approve the submission of Plans and Specifications to the NJDOE for the new baseball netting system, and BASEBALL NETTING SUBMISSION

WHEREAS, the Architect has prepared plans and specifications that accurately address the program requirements for the project,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves Peter Raymond Wells Architects to make a submission of the Plans and Specifications to the NJDOE for final plan review,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this project is considered an "Other Capital Project" and that the Board is not seeking state funding to carry out the project.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

3. Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Acquafredda to approve attendance to the NJASA Techspo 2012 on January 26 & 27, 2012 by a maximum of four Board of Education members, Director of Technology and Superintendent of Schools, at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000, and in accordance with appropriate statute. APPROVE TECHSPO WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

IX. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar.

APPROVE 2012-13
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Motion was made by Mrs. AlMBERG, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve the first reading of the following policy:

APPROVE 1ST READING
POLICY 9200

9000 Series: 9200* Orientation and Training of Board Members

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Motion was made by Mrs. AlMBERG, seconded by Mrs. Durand, to approve the following policy regulation:

APPROVE POLICY 5131

5000 Series: 5131 Conduct/Discipline

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Community Relations Committee Survey.

Motion was made by Mrs. Durand, seconded by Mr. Chakansky to amend the current survey of the Community Relations Committee to include a comment box and a question regarding tutoring.

DENY AMENDING
COMMUNITY
RELATIONS
COMMITTEE SURVEY

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

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

The Board then discussed the following items:

- Feedback on goals
- New 7th Grade math program
- Mr. Acquafredda's list developed during goal-setting
- 2012-13 School Calendar

New Business

The following topics were discussed:

- AYP situation at the Middle School
- Record article regarding Bergenfield School District consultant for teacher evaluations and possibly using a similar method at River Dell. Mr. Fletcher replied that the Board approved already approved a consultant that the three districts are using.

Public Comments

Mr. Bartelloni stated that he hopes to strengthen the ties between the Mayor and Council and River Dell.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to adjourn at 9:54 pm. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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