

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

September 12, 2011

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, September 12, 2011. Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Patricia Almborg, Claudia O'Neill, Dorothea Durand, Vito Acquafredda and Joseph Manzelli were present. Roger Tashjian (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Michael Chakansky (arrived at 7:40 p.m.) and Stephanie Hartman (arrived at 7:55 p.m.). Paul Barnes was absent.

ROLL CALL

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Almborg, 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 Mr. Tashjian to resume open session at 8:00 p.m.

RESUME
OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Admin/Board Secretary
Lisa Finn, Secretary
Allison Friedlander, Student Representative
Bridget Irvine, Student Representative
Approximately 2 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.

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

V. **Student Member Report**

STUDENT MEMBER
REPORT

The following topics were discussed:

- Select Choir performed at the Oradell's September 11th Ceremony
- River Dell Athletic accomplishments
- Senior caps and gowns regiment for Friday September 16th.

VI. **Reports**

1. **President's Report**

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Manzelli discussed the following topic:

- Ms. Susan McCusker from NJSBA regarding Board Goals

2. **Superintendent's Report**

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher turned the meeting over to Mr. Bonfiglio.

Mr. Bonfiglio presented each member of the Board a calendar from Pioneer Athletics. The calendar shows River Dells football field in the Matty Certosimo Stadium for the month of January 2013.

Mr. Bonfiglio congratulated Mr. Fred Smith and Mr. Bruce Labouseur for their hard work on the fields.

Mr. Manzelli stated that what a nice touch of support we displayed with the red, white and blue ribbons that Fred and Bruce put around the football field for 9/11.

Mr. Tashjian commented that the River Dell fields are honored amongst Universities and other winners. He also stated congratulations to all.

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- River Dells first football game and the moment of silence for 9/11 during the half time ceremony.
- Flag of Honor. This American flag was given by the family of Jennifer Fialko who lost her life on 9/11. Imbedded in the Flag of Honor's stripes are the names of the lives that perished on 9/11.
- River Edges Memorial Service for 9/11.
- Received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross acknowledging the money that was raised by our students from the high school for Japans earthquake relief.
- Student Enrollment
- Lap-Top distribution.

Committee ReportsCOMMITTEE
REPORTS3. Budget & Finance Committee

Mrs. O'Neill stated that the committee met and discussed taking the additional state aid and placing it for tax relief in the 2013-2014 school year. The Budget process, Audit and Plan of Action for 2012-2013 school year were also discussed.

4. Campus Facilities Committee

Mr. Bonfiglio stated that the Committee met and discussed the following topics:

- Cleaning of the schools
- Carpet installation
- Painting of the schools
- Electrical needs
- Flooring needs
- Two Middle School bathrooms
- Two High School bathrooms
- Mini Bus may age out
- Proposals for total costs for solar panels in the High School and Middle School

5. Community Relations & Information Committee-None6. Personnel Matters Committee-None7. Policy & Governance Committee

Mrs. AlMBERG stated that the Committee met on August 24, 2011 and they discussed the Policies to be approved on the agenda this evening. They also discussed the list of River Dells job descriptions and compare it to what New Jersey School Board uses. The Committee will be meeting once a month.

8. Technology Committee

Mr. Tashjian stated that the Committee met on August 12, 2011 and they discussed the following:

- What was completed in the summer
- Lap-Top lease expires in June 2012
- NJSBA Convention meetings with Technology Companies
- Graduation was on the Web
- Community Pass is up and running
- Lap-Top options that are coming up in June 2012
- 19 Turn-Key trainers

9. Curriculum/Tri-District Committee

Mrs. Hartman commented that the Committee met on August 23, 2011 and the following topics were discussed with Mrs. Capodanno:

- Science Curriculum for 6th, 7th and 8th grades
- World Language Assessments
- English 11th grade- 21st Century Learning (formally Strive for Success)
- 8th grade Math
- Every Curriculum developed Common Assessments
- All information for staff will be available on their share drive
- Transition Teams for 6th, 7th and 8th grades
- Committee to review the 9-12 changes in January 2012
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 26th.

- * Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill 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:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted nay on resolutions VII-E 6 and X 13 and voted aye on the rest. Mr. Barnes was absent.

VII. 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:

PROFESSIONAL DAY
REQUEST FOR STAFF

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
Lorraine Brooks	Tech Forum	10/21/11	\$10.00
Pat Jaworski	New Pension & Health Benefits Law Review/Update	9/16/11	\$150.00
Sharon Milch	Pre-AP English	10/10/11	\$190.00
Mary C. Risi	EBooks: The New Normal	10/12/11	\$20.00
Jeff Williams	Pre-AP English	10/10/11	\$190.00
Carrie Jacobus	NJ Science Convention	10/11 & 12/11	-0-
Jennifer Ali	AMTNJ Supervisors' Conf-Assessing the Common Core	9/21/11	\$138.00
Sarah Wyatt	Successful Mentoring @ Northern Valley PD	9/19 & 11/17/11	\$370.00

*2. approve the College Roundtable dinner expenses on October 18, 2011 for college representatives and counselors at a cost not to exceed \$600.

COLLEGE
ROUNDTABLE
DINNER EXPENSE

*3. approve the placement of Nicole Card as a student teacher in the middle school science department with Tina Bogan as cooperating teacher from September 7 to December 22, 2011.

N. CARD STUDENT
TEACHER M/S SCIENCE

B. Resignations/Retirements -None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers -None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

*1. approve additional work schedules for the following teachers, effective September 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year:

ADDITIONAL
WORK SCHEDULES
FOR STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>2011-2012 Salary</u>
Ming Ho	Chinese	\$37,522 (60% of \$62,536 MA Step 6)
Laura Haemmerle	Mathematics	\$91,006 (120% of \$75,838 MA+32 Step9)

*2. approve additional summer hours to complete grades 7-8 science curriculum for the following teachers:

ADDITIONAL
SUMMER HOURS
FOR STAFF

Tina Bogan	3 hours @ \$62.91=\$754.92
Brian Clapp	3 hours @ \$75.48=\$226.44

- *3. approve the following replacement to the 21st Century Learning of 2011 Tri-District Summer Work Projects:

REPLACEMENT TO
THE 21ST CENTURY
LEARNING

Saratheresa Bartelloni (replacing Kat Pomeroy) 6 hrs. @ \$54.55=\$327.30

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of Lydia Oser as a Teacher of the Handicapped (Tenure Track), for the 2011-2012 school year, effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at a prorated salary as required by P.L. 1986. This is an emergent appointment under the provision of Senate Bill #851 amending the criminal history background check laws N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4, 13 et seq.

L. OSER TEACHER OF
THE HANDICAPPED

- *3. approve the appointment of Casey D'Elia as a Teacher of the Handicapped (Tenure Track), for the 2011-2012 school year, effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at a salary of \$45,235 (BA Step 1), as per the RDEA Agreement. This appointment is contingent upon receipt of proper certification, academic records, and satisfactory background/reference checks, as required by P.L. 1986. This is an emergent appointment under the provision of Senate Bill #851 amending the criminal history background check laws N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4, 13 et seq.

C. D'ELIA TEACHER OF
THE HANDICAPPED

- *4. approve the appointment of Tonia Trobiano as a Teacher of the Handicapped (Leave Replacement), for the 2011-2012 school year, effective September 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012 at a prorated salary of \$57,213 (MA Step 4), as per the RDEA Agreement. This appointment is contingent upon receipt of proper certification, academic records, and satisfactory background/reference checks, as required by P.L. 1986. This is an emergent appointment under the provision of Senate Bill #851 amending the criminal history background check laws N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4, 13 et seq.

T. TROBIANO TEACHER
OF THE HANDICAPPED

- *5. approve the following substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year.

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS

Rita O'Hare	(MA—Jersey City State College)
Lewis Marx	(MA—Monmouth University)
Marquise Liverpool	(BA—Temple University)

- *6 approve summer 2011 hours for Teacher of TV Media Anthony Traina for 15 hours at the rate of \$50.37 per hour, for a total of \$755.55. A.TRAINA TEACHER
TV MEDIA SUMMER
2011 HOURS
- *7. approve the extra-curricular advisor appointment of Anthony Traina as Videographer, Step 3 at a stipend of \$5,667 for the 2011-2012 school year. A.TRAINA
VIDEOGRAPHER
- *8. approve the appointment of Joseph Clause as an instructional aide, effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 for 7 hours per day, at \$15 per hour (not to exceed \$20,055) and including five paid holidays, five non-cumulative sick days and one non-cumulative personal day for the 2011-2012 school year. J. CLAUSE
INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE
- *9. approve the appointment of Brian Reich as the extracurricular advisor to the GUMDO Club for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$1,039 (Step 1). B. REICH GUMBO
CLUB ADVISOR
- *10. approve the following registered nurses to work at Bergen Catholic High School at a pay rate of \$29.00 per hour for the 2011-2012 school year, with salaries not to exceed the grant amount:

Kathleen LaBarbiera (full time)—not to exceed \$30,484
Marie Piliz (part time)—not to exceed \$6,046
- REGISTERED NURSES
BERGEN CATHOLIC H/S

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve participation in the Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSSSD) Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) for the 2011-2012 school year with a membership fee of \$500. BCSSSD
SAP PROGRAM
- *2. approve a change of name for the extracurricular activity Odyssey of the Mind to Academic Competition Club for the 2011-2012 school year. ACADEMIC
COMPETITION CLUB
- *3. approve a field trip for the River Dell High School Ski Club to travel to Vermont from February 21 to 24, 2012, at no cost to the Board. RDHS SKI CLUB
TO VERMONT

- *4. approve open gym workouts for boys and girls basketball, one night a week from 7 to 9 p.m. until November 21, 2011, with Michael Garibell as volunteer supervisor.

OPEN GYM WORKOUTS
M. GARIBELL AS
VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR

IX. Miscellaneous

- *1. BE IT RESOLVED that the River Dell Regional Board of Education authorizes reimbursement of individual Board members for the cost of the criminal history background investigations required by Assembly Bill 444.

REIMBURSE BOARD
MEMBERS COST OF
CRIMINAL HISTORY
BACKGROUND
INVESTIGATIONS

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills N/A
- *2. Recording of Enrollment (attachment) N/A
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report (attachment) N/A
- *4. approve the appointment of Dr. Lisa G. Hahn as a specialized neuropsychological evaluator for the 2011-2012 school year, at a cost of \$3,500 per evaluation
- *5. approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2011-2012 school year:

DR. L. HALN
NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL
EVALUATOR

OUT-OF-DISTRICT
PLACEMENTS

Student #	Placement	Tuition	Contract Dates
32	ECLC (11 months)	\$45,762	7/6/11-6/25/12
3030	ECLC (10 months)	\$41,186	9/7/11-6/25/12
16	EPIC (11 months)	\$89,250	7/6/11-6/25/12
17	Institute for Educational Ach. (11 months)	\$90,445	7/6/11-6/25/12
6061	Chancellor Academy (10 months)	\$53,820	9/7/11-6/25/12
160349	Childrens Institute (11 months)	\$56,477	7/6/11-6/25/12
6	CSI-Cresskill (10 months)	\$33,365	9/2/11-6/16/12
4122	CSI-Cresskill (10 months)	\$33,365	9/2/11-6/16/12
15	Ridgefield Public School (11 months)	\$59,342	7/6/11-6/25/12
7350	Holmstead School (10 months)	\$45,182	9/6/11-6/25/12
5531	Holmstead School (10 months)	\$45,182	9/6/11-6/25/12
5640	Holmstead School (10 months)	\$45,182	9/6/11-6/25/12

- *6. approve the following consultants, requested by the Child Study Team at an on-need basis, during the 2011-2012 school year:

CONSULTANTS
ON- NEED BASIS

<u>Service</u>	<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Auditory	Communications Therapy Center	\$750—Fast for Word Auditory Training \$600—Speech and Language Evaluation \$1,000—6 week program

- *7. approve reimbursement in the amount of \$2,350 to the parents of student #160200 for services rendered by Janet Krebs of Communication Therapy Center for auditory training. REIMBURSE PARENTS OF STUDENT #160200 SERV. BY JANET KREBS
- *8. approve Blood Borne Pathogen Training for the 2011-2012 school year, provided by the Bergen County Department of Health Services, at a cost of \$28 per participant and the cost of Hepatitis B vaccinations at \$56 per inoculation. BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING
- *9. approve a transportation jointure with Emerson (Route EM/RD) to transport Academy students to Hackensack for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost of \$16,317.60. EMERSON JOINTURE (ROUTE EM/RD) ACADEMY STUDENTS TO HACKENSACK
- *10. approve transportation through South Bergen Jointure as follows: SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE FOR BERGEN ACADEMIES IN TETERBORO
Bergen Academies—Teterboro (6 students) Route TT803 \$17,280
- *11. approve the agreement/meeting with Bergen Catholic High School for nonpublic nursing services for the 2011-2012 school year. BERGEN CATHOLIC H/S NON-PUBLIC NURSING SERVICES
- *12. approve the acceptance of the 2011 Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant in the amount of \$927. 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CHALLENGE GRANT
- *13. approve the additional state aid in the amount of \$256,261 be used for tax relief in the 2013-2014 school year. ADD'L STATE AID FOR TAX RELIEF 2013-2014

E. Appointments

2. Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to approve the appointment of Sharon deMarrais as a Teacher of the Handicapped (Tenure Track), for the 2011-2012 school year, effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at a salary of \$59,875 (BA+16 Step 6), as per the RDEA Agreement. This appointment is contingent upon receipt of proper certification, academic records, and satisfactory background/reference checks, as required by P.L. 1986. This is an emergent appointment under the provision of Senate Bill #851 amending the criminal history background check laws N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4,13 et seq.

S. DEMARRAIS
TEACHER OF
HANDICAPPED

Motion was made by the following roll call vote:

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

XI. Miscellaneous

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

FIRST READING
6000 SERIES
POLICY 6142.4*

6000 Series: 6142.4* Physical Education and Health

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

REGULATIONS
4000 SERIES POLICIES
4119.23*R, 4146R & 4246R

4000 Series: 4119.23*R Employee Substance Abuse
4146R Medical Insurance Alternatives-
Certified Staff
4246R Medical Insurance Alternatives-
Non-Certified Staff

Motion was made by the following roll call vote:

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

XI. Items for Board Discussion and Decision-None

XII. Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Questions for Board Norms
- Committees completed by next meeting
- Board meeting with the public
- Paperless Board Packets

XIII. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

The following topic was discussed:

- Updating the Bullying Policy

XIV. Public Comments—General-None

XV. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Durand to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary