

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

July 11, 2011

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Monday, July 11, 2011. Board President, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary was absent.
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
Approximately 5 members of the public

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Fletcher 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.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

Reports

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli reported on the following items:

- Thank you to the River Dell Communities for their positive feedback on the “cozy” indoor graduation held last month.
- NJSBA sent a newsletter stating, among other things, that dues will remain the same fee as last year. He also mentioned that Mrs. McCusker, our field representative from NJSBA will be in attendance at the July 25th meeting to discuss Board Norms and help with goal setting.

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

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. Almborg, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda, and all voted aye. Mr. Manzelli voted aye on all but item X.4. on which he abstained. Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mr. Barnes were 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:

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to exceed
Susan Carney	Pre-AP Topics for Vertical Teams	10/11/11	\$190.00
John Knable	Annual Asbestos License Renewal	7/21/11	\$166.00
Suzanne DiRenno	Pre AP Topics For Vertical Teams English	10/10/11	\$198.00
Lindsay Woda	Pre AP Topics For Vertical Teams English	10/10/11	\$198.00

- *2. approve a revised maternity leave request for Teacher of Mathematics April Clark as follows: paid leave from June 13, 2011 to June 30, 2011; unpaid leave from September 1, 2011 until November 14, 2011.

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

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None

IX. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the Bilingual/ESL Three-Year Program Plan for the school years 2011-2014. BILINGUAL/ESL
3 YEAR PROGRAM

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
 - Middle School June 21 & 22, 2011
 - High School June 10 & 22, 2011
- *2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM REPORT
- *4. approve out-of-district placement for student #5640 at Silver Hill Hospital, effective June 13, 2011 at a cost of \$24,300. OUT OF DISTRICT
PLACEMENT #5640
- *5. approve a summer program for student #65 at the Forum School effective July 5, 2011 for 18 days at a cost of \$4,462.74. SUMMER
PROGRAM #65
- *6. approve an extended school year for student #7028 at East Mountain School in Belle Mead, NJ, effective July 1, 2011 through August 12, 2011 at a total cost of \$9,860. EXTENDED SCHOOL
YEAR #7028
- *7. approve extended school year for students #16008, 7024 and 1234 to attend the Camp Excel Program from July 5 through August 12, 2011 at a cost of \$5,200 per student. EXTENDED SCHOOL
YEAR #'s 16008, 7024,
AND 1234
- *8. approve bedside instruction for student #5843 at High Focus Center, Paramus, NJ effective June 10 to 23, 2011 at a cost of \$49.78 per hour. BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION
#5843
- *9. approve homebound instruction for student #160001 on June 20, 2011 for three hours at \$49.78 per hour. HOMEBOUND
INSTRUCTION #160001

*10. approve the disposal of the following equipment:

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

<u>Asset Tag</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Location</u>
20200840	Stove	Middle School
0201426	Dryer	Middle School
N/A	Mower Deck	Garage

*11. approve the transportation route costs with First Student Inc. for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

FIRST STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION

1RDO River Dell Oradell	\$203.79 x 180 = \$36,682.20
RD2 River Dell River Edge	\$227.08 x 180 = \$40,874.40

Items for Board Discussion and Decision

BOARD DISCUSSION

The following topics were discussed:

- Goals update
- Math program - lack of enrollment in upper level courses

Old/New Business

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Durand requested Mr. Fletcher’s recommendation regarding a Reading Specialist prior to September.

Mr. Manzelli stated that the NJSBA Field Representative is scheduled to attend the next Board meeting to assist with goal setting; therefore, he would like to make the August meeting a Board Retreat to finalize the process, along with any other business needing Board action prior to September.

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topic was discussed:

- The elimination of Honors Pre-Calculus BC due to low enrollment.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to adopt the following resolution at 8:53 PM:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, "The Open Public Meetings Law," PL1975-231 allows a public body to hold a Closed Session in order to discuss personnel and/or legal matters, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the River Dell Regional School District go into Executive Session.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Information that was discussed during Executive Session will be released when it is no longer a matter of confidentiality.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to resume open session at 9:15 PM.

RESUME OPEN

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to adjourn at 9:16 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Fletcher
Superintendent of Schools

PJF:ms