

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

September 10, 2012

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, September 10, 2012. Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

ROLL CALL

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to adopt the following resolution at 7:10 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:

Resignation of teacher; salary adjustments for teachers; appointments of administrator, teacher, athletic coaches; instructional aide, homebound instructor; placement of student teachers

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be sixty 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.

Executive Session ended at 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Almberg 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, Paul Barnes, Dorothea Durand, Michael Chakansky, Vito Acquafredda and Joseph Manzelli were present.

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Admin/Board Secretary
Lisa Finn, Secretary
Marisa Wozniak, Student Representative
Approximately 7 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. Tashjian read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School district.

MISSION
STATEMENT

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| <p>IV. <u>Public Comments (on agenda items only)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary position | <p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p> |
| <p>V. <u>Student Member Report</u>
 Student Liaisons Marisa Wozniak reported on the lap-tops, athletic and extra-curricular activities that have started.</p> | <p>STUDENT MEMBER
 REPORT</p> |
| <p>VI. <u>Reports</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>President's Report</u>
 The following topics were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDTV Students • Opening day for teachers • HIB with Mr. Lange 2. <u>Superintendent's Report</u>
 The following topics were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming of teachers for the 2012-2013 school yr. • PARCC online assessments • Lap-Tops • New teacher orientation • Students came back 9-5-12 • QSAC Review • NJ Monthly Magazine and the ranking of High Schools | <p>PRESIDENT'S
 REPORT</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT'S
 REPORT</p> |
| <p><u>Committee Reports</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <u>Budget & Finance Committee</u>
 Mrs. O'Neill stated that the Committee has nothing to report. 4. <u>Campus Facilities Committee</u>
 Mr. Manzelli discussed welcoming everyone back, also the M/S Science Labs and LLD room, are completed in time for the opening of school.

 Mr. Acquafredda stated that the next meeting is scheduled on September 19, 2012. 5. <u>Community Relations & Information Committee</u>
 Mr. Barnes stated that the committee discussed a Community Survey/Town Hall meeting. | <p>COMMITTEE
 REPORTS</p> |

- 6. Personnel Matters Committee
Mr. Manzelli stated that he will be forming Committees soon.
- 7. Policy & Governance Committee
Mrs. Almberg stated the Committee has not met.
- 8. Technology Committee
Mr. Tashjian stated that there is nothing to report.
- 9. Curriculum/Tri-District Committee
Mrs. Hartman commented on the Tri-District Candidates, and that the Curriculum meeting minutes will be distributed at the next Board meeting.

* Motion was made by, Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Barnes 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. Barnes, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted to abstain on resolution VII A1, and voted aye on the rest.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

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

PROFESSIONAL
DAY REQUEST
M. WILLIAMS

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
Marianthe Williams	Intel Schools of Distinction, Washington, DC	9/10/12	\$625

*5. approve a junior cheerleading clinic at the high school to be conducted by River Dell cheerleading and coaching staff on September 11 and 12, 2012.

JUNIOR CHEERLEADING
CLINIC

B. Resignations/Retirements-None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers-None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections-None

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2012-2013 school year:

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS

Maria Buckley (MA—Montclair State University)
Denise Corcoran (BA—Montclair State University)
Donna Corcoran (BA—Montclair State University)
Sheila Kurtz (BA—Bloomsburg University)
Jonathan Lin (MS—New Mexico State University)
Frank Macri (BA—Montclair State University)
Kevin DiMauro (BA—Ramapo College)

- *2. approve the appointment of the following registered nurses to work at Bergen Catholic High School at a pay rate of \$29 per hour for the 2012-2013 school year:

BERGEN
CATHOLIC NURSE
LABARBIERA/PILZ

Kathleen LaBarbiera (full time)—not to exceed \$26,100
Marie Pilz (part time)—not to exceed \$6,090

- *4. approve the appointment of the following professional staff as turnkey trainers for effective September 2012 to June 2013, paid by NCLB funds:

TURNKEY TRAINERS

Name	Hours	Rate	Total
Kerri Afromsky	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Saratheresa Bartelloni	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Mary Lynn Borges	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Sue Carney	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Chin Chu	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Lauren DelPiano	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Stefan DelPiano	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Sara Ferris	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Rachel Geschwind	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Amy Heusinkveld	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Andrea Lauterback	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Melissa Marinari	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Lydia Oser	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Joanne Pawlowski	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Diana Rieder	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Dawn Rivas	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Lauren Spooner	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Lisa Torres	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Anthony Traina	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Kerri Volmar	12	\$55.62	\$667.44
Jeffrey Williams	12	\$55.62	\$667.44

- *6. approve the appointment of Steve A. Ahad as a Teacher of Science (Tenure Track), for the 2012-2013 school year, effective September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 at a salary of \$57,785 (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.

S. AHAD TEACHER
OF SCIENCE

- *7. approve the appointment of Christopher Koble as an instructional aide at a salary of \$15 per hour, 7.5 hours per day, including 5 paid holidays, 5 non-cumulative sick days and 1 non-cumulative personal day for the 2012-2013 school year.

C. KOBLE
INSTRUCTIONAL
AIDE

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve participation in the Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSSSD) Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) for the 2012-2013 school year with a membership fee of \$500.

BCSSSD (SAP)
PROGRAM

IX. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2012-2013 school year.

NURSING SERV.
PLAN

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills
Middle School (N/A)
High School (N/A)
- *2. Recording of Enrollment (N/A)
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report (N/A)
- *4. Recording of HIB Report(s)—August 2012

FIRE/SECURITY
DRILLS

ENROLLMENT

SUSP./VIOLENCE &
VANDALISM RPTS.

HIB REPORT

- *5. approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2012-2013 school year:

OUT-OF-DISTRICT
PLACEMENTS

Student #	Placement	Tuition Rate	Contract Dates
51	Ridgefield Public School District	\$91,444.74	7/2012 through 6/2013
4112	Community Steps/Independence Program—Cresskill School Dist.	\$35.036 Plus Transportation cost (Region V) of \$6,150.60	2012-2013 school year
4546	ECLC	\$43,966.80	9/5/12 through 6/2013
181011	Community Lower School	\$35,435 with Region V providing transportation	2012-2013 school year
181027	Valley Program	\$6,340	July 2012
181032	Valley Program	\$69,745 Plus Occupational Therapy of \$2,820	2012-13 Extended School year

- *6. approve the transportation route costs with First Student, Inc. for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:

FIRST STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION

1RDO River Dell Oradell $\$207.64 \times 180 = \$37,375.20$

RD2 River Dell River Edge $\$231.37 \times 180 = \$41,646.60$

- *7. approve summer services of homebound instruction, speech and occupational therapies for student #7070 provided by the Bergen County Special Services School District for summer 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$1,188 for July 2012.

HOMEBOUND INSTR.
SUMMER SERV. FOR
STUDENT #7070
BCSSSD

- *8. approve an extended school year program for student #181030 at Bergen Center for Child Development from July 2 to August 3, 2012 at tuition of \$6,132.96.

BRGN.CTR.FOR
CHILD DEV. FOR
STUDENT #181030

- *9. approve the disposal of outdated and unusable textbooks and audio/visual equipment at the middle school as per the attached list.

DISPOSAL OF
OUTDATED & UNUSABLE
TEXTBOOKS

- *10. approve the agreement/meeting with Bergen Catholic High School for non-public nursing services and textbooks/technology for the 2012-2013 school year.

BERGEN CATHOLIC
NON-PUBLIC NURSING
TEXTBOOKS/TECH.

- *11. accept the 2012 Bergen County Utilities Authority Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant in the amount of \$1,950.

2012 BCUA GRANT

VII. Personnel**A Special Requests**

2. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to abolish the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business/ Board Secretary, effective immediately.

ABOLISH POSITION
ASST. SUP'T OF BUS/
BD. SECT'Y

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to approve the job description of Assistant Superintendent/ Board Secretary.

JOB DESCRIPTION
OF ASST. SUP'T/
BD. SECT'Y

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 voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted nay.

4. Motion was made by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mrs. Almberg to approve the position of Assistant Superintendent/ Board Secretary for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

POSITION OF
ASST SUP'T/
BD. SECT'Y

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 voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted nay.

E. Appointments

3. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to approve the appointment of Thomas L. Bonfiglio to the position of Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract attached to the Board Secretary's copy of this agenda.

T. BONFIGLIO
ASST. SUP'T/
BD. SEC'Y

Mr. Fletcher stated that this is for one year in order for Mr. Bonfiglio to obtain his School Administrators Certification.

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 voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted nay.

W. FELDMAN
TRI-DISTRICT SUP’R
OF CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

- 5. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Tashjian to approve the appointment of William Feldman as the Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2012-2013 school year, effective September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 at a prorated salary of \$116,043. 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.

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
 voted aye. Mrs. Durand voted to abstain.

IX. Miscellaneous

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to approve the following resolution:

SUPPORT MAYWOOD’S
 B.O.E. DELEGATE
 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the use of Third Party Administrators for the purpose of ‘salary advancement’ has the potential to additionally pressure already strained school budgets and additionally burden the New Jersey State Pension Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Delegate Assembly is the official policymaking body of the New Jersey School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, education-related policies resulting from prior Delegate Assembly and Board of Directors actions are codified in the NJSBA’s Manual of Positions and Policies on Education; and

WHEREAS, The River Dell Regional Board of Education proposes new policy language for adoption by the Delegate Assembly which should be included in NJSBA’s Manual of Positions and Policies on Education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the River Dell Board of Education supports the Maywood Board of Education’s resolution for placement on the agenda for consideration at the November 17, 2012 Delegate Assembly.

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 voted aye.

XI. Items for Board Discussion and Decision/
XII./XIII. Old Business/New Business

**ITEMS FOR BRD. DISCUSSION &
 DECISION/OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the board in regard to tutors for our students. Mr. Chakansky proposed that a way to address the matter was to have 1 to 3 teachers available after school from 2:30 to 7:00 to assist students from River Dell MS and HS in subjects like English, Math and Science.

Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mrs. Durand to approve the hiring of 3 new teachers from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to tutor River Dell students for Math, English and Science.

Motion was withdrawn by Mr. Chakansky. Mr. Fletcher will look into the situation and report back at the next meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Applauding Mr. Denis Nelson in regard to the lightning storm issues and the safety of our children and parents during our football game.
- Dress code policy
- Academic reviews at each meeting
- Town Hall meeting

XIV. Public Comments—General

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following topics were discussed:

- Lap-tops
- Ranking article in the NJ Monthly Magazine
- Moment of silence was mentioned for the members of the community who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

XV. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Chakansky to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary

