

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

October 15, 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, October 15, 2012. Board Vice-President, Vito Acquafredda, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools

Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary was absent.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution at 7:01 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:

Translator services; student teacher placement; rescind athletic coaching appointments; teacher salary adjustments; appointment of athletic coaches, extracurricular advisors, lead teachers, open gym supervisors, mini-bus driver

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.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, 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, Dorothea Durand, Paul Barnes, Michael Chakansky, Vito Acquafredda. Joseph Manzelli was absent.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
 Student Liaisons - Marisa Wozniak and Nick Shanman
 Malissa Stokes, Secretary
 Approximately 15 members of the public

Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary was absent.

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.

Mr. Acquafredda requested Mrs. Durand to read the mission statement. Mrs. Durand declined as she felt uncomfortable with the Board's commitment to the statement. Mr. Acquafredda then did so.

Public Comments (on agenda items only)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following topic was discussed:

- Proposed tutoring program

Presentations

PRESENTATIONS

2011-2012 District Testing Report—Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent
 Violence and Vandalism Report—Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent

Reports**Student Member Report**

Student representatives reported on the following topics:

- 9th Grade Field Day
- Halloween Dance
- Club Day
- Girls' Soccer game tomorrow
- Football Team is currently undefeated

President's Report

Mr. Acquafredda thanked everyone for their patience with him running tonight's meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following topics:

- Teacher, Muriel Shearer's retirement
- National Merit Scholars
- Survey results, which will also be posted on the website
- Community emails regarding pertussis, and a luring incident

Committee Reports**Budget & Finance Committee** - Mrs. O'Neill

The committee met on October 4, 2012. The update on the audit is being wrapped up and results will be present to the Board. In addition, the new budget process is being started.

Campus Facilities Committee - Mrs. Durand

Necessary maintenance projects are being prioritized, and the issue of naming rights was discussed. NJSBA was contacted for information, after which the committee feels it needs to be turned over to the Policy Committee for further review.

The next meeting will be November 5, 2012.

Community Relations & Information Committee - Mr. Barnes

Mr. Barnes discussed the survey results with the Board.

Personnel Matters Committee - None

Policy & Governance Committee - There will be a meeting in two weeks.

Technology Committee - Mr. Tashjian

The committee met tonight and discussed infrastructure needs, after school turnkey sessions will be starting, and Project Red which is being hosted the first week in December.

Curriculum/Tri-District Committee - Mrs. Hartman

The committee discussed grade weighting, and what the weighted numbers might be, but would like to get input from the Board before making a recommendation. The next meeting will be October 18, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Barnes, 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, and Mr. Acquafredda all voted aye. Mrs. Durand and Mr. Chakansky voted aye on all but resolution VII.A.1 on which they abstained. Mr. Manzelli was absent.

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: **WORKSHOPS/
CONFERENCES**

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to exceed
Susan Carney	Teacher Evaluation Model Symposium, W. Windsor, NJ	9/20/12	\$38.00
Brian Clapp	Teacher Evaluation Model Symposium, W. Windsor, NJ	9/20/12	\$49.00
William Feldman	Teacher Evaluation Model Symposium, W. Windsor, NJ	9/20/12	\$50.00
Mercedes Faunde	Effective Questions & Discussion Techniques, NYC	11/6/12	\$100.00
Gale Sasson	Effective Questions & Discussion Techniques, NYC	11/6/12	\$55.00
JoAnne Pawlowski	SUPA Forensics Annual Conference, NY	10/23/12	\$16.00
Marta Mayer	ACTFL Annual Convention 2012, Philadelphia, PA	11/16/12	\$150.00
Marianthe Williams	Social Media, Schools and the Law, Jamesburg, NJ	1/16/13	\$195.00
Chris VanDerVelde	Effective Questions & Discussion Techniques, NYC	11/6/12	\$45.00
George Tucci	Faking It: Manipulated Photography Before Photoshop, NYC	11/6/12	\$30.00
Stephanie Griffin	Effective Questions & Discussion Techniques, NYC	11/6/12	\$55.00
Richard Freedman	Strong Effective Teacher & Principal Evaluations, Monroe, NJ	10/16/12	\$106.00
Jennifer Ali	Strong Effective Teacher & Principal Evaluations, Monroe, NJ	10/16/12	\$110.00
Chin Chu	Tech Forum—Tarrytown, NY	10/19/12	\$38.00

- *2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants Lauren Del Piano a federal family and medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning December 10, 2012 and ending January 9, 2013, an unpaid FMLA/State of New Jersey family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning January 11, 2013 to June 30, 2013. L. DelPIANO
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE

- *3. approve the placement of Maral Varjabedian as a student teacher in the social studies department at the high school for the spring semester, January 22 to May 3, 2013, with Dawn Rivas as cooperating teacher. M. VARJABEDYAN
STUDENT TEACHER

B. Resignations/Retirements - None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

- *1. approve salary adjustments for the following professional staff, effective September 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year: SALARY
ADJUSTMENTS

Anthony Manderano	MA+32 Step 7-\$71,224 to MA +48 Step 7-\$73,909
Lindsay Silverman	MA Step 8-\$68,536 to MA+16 Step 8-\$71,224
Jennifer Jarusiewicz	MA+16 Step 14-\$96,526 (\$89,500 plus \$7,026 stipend) to MA+32 Step 14-\$99,211 (\$92,185 plus \$7,026 stipend)

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of Michael Hirsch as Campus Monitor, at a prorated salary of \$25,000, including ten non-cumulative sick days and one non-cumulative personal day, for the 2012-13 school year, effective September 16, 2012. M. HIRSCH
CAMPUS MONITOR

- *2. approve the appointment of Brian Reich as the advisor for The GUMDO Club, at a stipend of \$1,050 (Step 2) for the 2012-2013 school year. B. REICH GUMDO
CLUB ADVISOR

- *3. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2012-2013 school year: SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER

Sean Colello (BA—Manhattan College)

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve two 10 percent overages in Special Education-Art at the middle school effective October 16, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year. 10% OVERAGES MS
SPECIAL ED. ART

IX. Miscellaneous - None

X. Finance/District Operation

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| *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills | FIRE DRILLS |
| Middle School September 19 & 21, 2012 | |
| High School September 12 &13, 2012 | |
| *2. Recording of Enrollment | ENROLLMENT |
| *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report | SUSP/VIOLENCE/VANDALISM |
| *4. Recording of HIB Report(s) - September 2012 | HIB REPORT |
| *5. approve services for student #7070 via Bergen County Special Services School District for the 2012-2013 school year to include 3 hours of home-based instruction, 2 hours of speech services and 2 hours of occupational therapy per week at a rate not to exceed \$21,066. | #7070 HOME INSTRUCTION |
| *6. approve homebound instruction for student #7365 effective September 24 to October 8, 2012 for ten hours per week, at the rate of \$50.79 per hour. | #7365 HOME INSTRUCTION |
| *7. approve homebound instruction for student #7263 effective October 2, 2012 pending an appropriate out-of-district placement, for ten hours per week, at the rate of \$50.79 per hour. | #7263 HOME INSTRUCTION |
| *8. approve physical therapy services for student #181030 (individual once a week and group once a week) and student #170537 (group once a week) provided by Christie Rutherford at the rate of \$85 a session for a total of \$6,800 for the 2012-2013 school year. | #1810030 PHYSICAL THERAPY |
| *9. approve out-of-district placement for student #5832 at Dumont High School/Special Education Program for the 2012-2013 school year at the tuition cost of \$26,545. | #5832 OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT |
| *10. approve out-of-district placement for student #160669 at The Children's Home in Mount Holly, NJ for the 2012-2013 school year at the tuition cost of \$53,182.80 (\$295.46 per diem). | #160669 OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT |
| *11. approve out-of-district placement for student #5922 at Park Academy High School Program for the 2012-2013 school year at the tuition cost of \$31,484. | #5922 OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT |
| *12. approve bedside instruction for student #5645 for 10 hours per week at Touchstone Hall, effective September 5, 2012 for approximately four to six months, at the rate of \$60 per hour. | #5645 BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION |

*13. approve a change for an out-of-district placement for student #5841 to Bonnie Brae at a tuition of \$62,100 for the 2012-2013 school year, effective September 19, 2012.

#5841 CHANGE OF PLACEMENT

*15. approve the Non-Public School Nursing Agreement with the County of Bergen for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost not to exceed \$10,886.96.

NON-PUBLIC NURSING AGREEMENT

X. Finance/District Operation

14. Motion was made by Mrs. Durand, seconded by Mrs. Almberg, to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the River Dell Regional School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the River Dell Regional School District hereby authorizes the assistant superintendent/board secretary to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 Form for River Dell Regional in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Discussion ensued, and Mrs. Durand and Mr. Chakansky feel the report should have been reviewed by the Campus Facilities committee prior to this request for approval to submit.

Motion was made by Mrs. Durand, seconded by Mr. Chakansky to table resolution X.14 until the October 29, 2012 meeting.

TABLE CMP AND M1 SUBMISSION

Motion to table carried by the following roll call vote:

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

16. Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Almberg, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs sponsored by NJSBA and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of board members' duties; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs sponsored by NJSBA and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of the listed job title's current responsibilities and the board's professional development plan; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that participation in the NJSBA training and informational programs requires school district travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or furthers the efficient operation of the district, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that the school district travel expenditures to NJSBA programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate equal to that of the federal Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate of [\$.31] per mile is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that participation in the NJSBA training and informational program are in compliance with the district policy on travel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed number of school board members and district employees at the annual NJSBA workshop on October 23, 24 and 25, 2012, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures. Be paid for by the River Dell Regional Board of Education.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Items for Board Discussion and Decision

1. The hiring of two to three teachers in core subjects explicitly for additional assistance to students after the regular school day.

Lengthy discussion of pros and cons ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to support the creation of an “academic coach and enrichment program,” and requests the administration to vet out the details of this program by October 29, 2012.

DENY CREATING
ACADEMIC COACH
PROGRAM

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Grade Weighting Policy

The Board discussed the pros and cons, as well as what the actual weighted numbers would be, and the Curriculum Committee will have a recommendation at the next meeting on October 29, 2012.

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topic was discussed:

- District Testing Report

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed bringing back the hosting of college fairs.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to adjourn at 11:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Fletcher
Superintendent of Schools

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