

**RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR SESSION**

October 29, 2012

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, October 29, 2012. Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 7:30 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:

Appointment of substitute custodian, teacher overages, volunteer assistant athletic coaches

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.

Executive Session ended at 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Almborg 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 Almborg, 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

**IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only)**

**V. Student Member Report**

**VI. Reports**

**A. Committee Reports**

1. President's Report
2. Superintendent's Report

- \* 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**

**VII. Board Meeting Minutes**

- \* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

September 10, 2012 Executive and Regular Sessions  
September 19, 2012 Special Executive Session  
September 24, 2012 Executive and Regular Sessions

**VIII. 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Cost (Not to exceed)</b>
Linda Rothenberg	Influence of Culture on the Developing Child	10/18/12	\$9
Anthony Loria	Accelerate Your Students' Use of the Target Language, Newark, NJ	12/19/12	\$225
Lauren Weber	SUPA-Psychology, NYC	11/2/12	\$18
Lauren Weber	K-12 Educator Conference, NYC	12/11/12	\$43
Kathryn Ciccaglione	Maximize Achievement in Your World Language Classroom, Newark, NJ	11/27/12	\$231
Kaitlin Carroll	Conquer Mathematics, Fairfield, NJ	10/31/12 2/26/13	\$230

- \*2. approve the appointment of Kay Lee as a Korean Language Translator for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$43.20 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours.
- \*3. approve the placement of Michael Panos as a student teacher in the high school social studies department with Lisa Torres as cooperating teacher.

**B. Resignations/Retirements**

- \*1. rescind the appointments of the following athletic coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:

Joe Clause	Assistant Boys Basketball	Step 3b	\$5,256
Chris Mongilia	M/S Boys Basketball	Step 2b	\$4,159
Joe Clause	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	Step 3c	\$4,505
Andrew Rendine	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	Step 3a	\$4,505

**C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers-None**

**D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections**

- \*1. approve a salary adjustment, effective September 1, 2012 for the 2012-13 school year, for the following professional staff members:

Tina Bogan	from MA+32 Step 14, \$92,185
	to MA + 48 Steps 14, \$94,873
Susan Carney	from MA Step 9, \$71,224
	to MA+16 Step 9, \$73,909
Jennifer Luberto Stuber	from BA Step 8, \$63,162
	to BA+16 Step 8, \$65,849

**E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the appointment of the following athletic coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:

Joseph Abbadessa	MS Boys Basketball	Step 2a	\$2,830
Chris Mongilia	HS Asst. Boys Basketball	Step 2b	\$4,159
Maureen Kehoe	MS Girls Basketball	Step 2a	\$2,830

- \*2. approve the appointment of the following extracurricular advisor for the 2012-2013 school year:

Rachel Geschwind	HS Debate Team	Step 4	\$5,571
Steve Ahad	HS Academic Decathlon	Step 1	\$1,870
Anthony Ciccotelli	MS Robotics Club	Step 1	\$1,050
John Herbeck	MS Science Club	Step 1	\$1,050

- \*3. approve the appointment of the following Lead Teachers for the 2012-2013 school year, effective October 1, 2012:

Desiree Ferrandi—English	Stipend \$6,323 (prorated)
John Piekielek—Science	Stipend \$6,323 (prorated)

- \*4. approve the appointment of Michael Garibell and Kevin Looram as open gym supervisors for the fall 2012 athletic season (October 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 30 and November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 2012) at a total stipend not to exceed \$1,000.

- \*5. approve the appointment of William Kleinfelder as a mini-bus driver for the 2012-2013 school year at rates as per the RDEA Agreement.

- \*6. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2012-13 school year:

Michelle DeVona (BA—William Paterson University)

## **IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities**

- \*1. approve the following course title changes, effective September 1, 2012:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Algebra I Survey	Algebra 1 CP
Geometry Survey	Geometry CP
Algebra II Survey	Algebra II CP

- \*2. approve the grade weighting for honors designated courses from three (3) to five (5) points and advanced placement designated courses from five (5) to ten (10) points effective with the class of 2017.

## **X. Miscellaneous**

- \*1. approve the submission of the 2012-2013 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA).

## **XI. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. accept, that as of **September 2012** after review of the appropriate sections of the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and upon consultation with the School Business Administrator and other appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year and is in agreement with the Treasurer's Report.
- \*2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **September 2012**.
- \*3. recommend bill payments in the amount of **\$1,249,659.26** including **\$31,754.31** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$256,990.32** for previously issued warrants, and **\$992,668.94** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$19,615.00** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **October 29, 2012**.

(Members who had voucher reimbursements due them for Board connected expenditures listed on the bill list will indicate that their vote of approval will not include approval of any bill payment to them individually for those expenditures, or for any payee listed for whom they have performed services.)

- \*5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **October 2012**:

Katie Conway Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Scott Evan Baker Scholarship	2,000.00
Jennifer Fialko Scholarship	100.00
William Clayton Memorial Fund	<u>1,120.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,220.00</b>

- \*6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **September 2012** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report.

- \*7. approve the following revised tuition rate for the 2012-2013 school year:

Grades 9-12	\$14,059
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- \*9. approve an out-of-district placement for student #5771 at Newark Renaissance House, to receive two hours daily of home-instruction (10 hours per week) at the rate of \$40 per hour, for a total cost of \$16,000, effective September 10, 2012 to June 27, 2013.

- \*12. approve bedside instruction for student #5649 at Summit Oaks Hospital by Education, Inc. effective October 21, 2012 for approximately two to four weeks, four hours per week, at the rate of \$48 per hour.

#### XI. **Finance/District Operation**

4. Motion was made by \*\*\*\*\*, seconded by \*\*\*\*\*to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **September 2012**.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

8. Motion was made by \*\*\*\*\*, seconded by \*\*\*\*\*to approve 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 to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 Form for River Dell Regional in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

10. Motion was made by \*\*\*\*\*, seconded by\*\*\*\*\* to approve the submission of the FY2013 IDEA Grant application in the following amounts:

Public	\$347,823.00
Nonpublic	63,916.00
Nonpublic Carryover	<u>23,658.00</u>
Total	\$435,397.00

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:



11. Motion was made by\*\*\*\*\*, seconded by\*\*\*\*\*to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education of the River Dell Regional School District, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board”) proposes to sell its bonds in the near future for the purpose of refinancing the School District’s callable outstanding 2004 bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with such financing it is necessary that the Board retain bond counsel of recognized national standing to render approving legal opinions;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey, is hereby retained as Bond Counsel to the Board in connection with the above-described proposed refunding to render such approving legal opinions as are necessary in connection therewith, all in accordance with the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof, which agreement is hereby approved as to form for execution on behalf of the Board.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**XII. Items for Board Discussion and Decision**

**XIII. Old Business/New Business**

**XIV. Public Comments**

**XV. Adjournment**

Motion was made by\*\*\*\*\*, seconded by \*\*\*\*\*  
to adjourn at \*\*\*\*\*p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary