

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 13, 2012

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

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 7:50 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

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

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent /Board Secretary
Lisa Finn, Secretary
Marisa Wozniak, Student Representative
Nick Shanman, Student Representative
Approximately 4 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. Manzelli requested Mrs. Durand to read the mission statement. Mrs. Durand declined as she felt uncomfortable with the Board's commitment to the statement. Mr. Manzelli then did so.

MISSION
STATEMENT

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

V. Student Member Report

Student Liaisons Marisa Wozniak and Nick Shanman reported on the various academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities that occurred since the last Board meeting. The students also showed concern for resolution IX 2 in regard to the weighting for honors/advanced placement designated course point system.

STUDENT MEMBER
REPORT

VI. Reports

A. Committee Reports

1. President's Report

Mr. Manzelli reported on the following topics:

- Hurricane Sandy
- Commended our students with their help for donations to the Red Cross.
- Drama Clubs attempt at presenting "44 Presidents" play before the power failure.
- Thanked PSE&G for all their dedication in this time of need.
- Appreciated the coordination of both towns
- Thanked the teachers who came back from their convention because of the opening of school for the adjustment from Hurricane Sandy.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher turned the floor over to Mr. Bonfiglio who presented the School Board Election results to the Board of Education.

Mr. Bonfiglio gave a report on the School Board Election results. Mr. Acquafredda ran for River Edge Council and won, and Mr. Bonfiglio discussed Mr. Acquafreddas open seat on the Board also Mr. Gallagher was victorious in Oradell.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- Congratulated those Board members who won the Election, and Mr. Acquafreddas seat on the River Edge Council.
- H/S & M/S students accomplishments in the Chorus and Band of Bergen County, and All State Opera
- Hurricane Sandy storm and the closing of schools
- Thanked the RDEA Association for coming back to school early
- 2012-2013 Calendar has been adjusted to help make up the days the staff and students were out due to Hurricane Sandy.

- * Motion was made by, Mr. Barnes, 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:

Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Almberg voted to abstain on resolution VII 9/24/12 Board Meeting Minutes and voted aye on the rest. Mrs. Durand voted to abstain on resolutions VIII A-1, X-2 and voted aye on the rest. Mr. Tashjian and Mr. Chakansky were absent.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

- * approve the following Board meeting minutes:

BOARD 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:

PROFESSIONAL
DAY REQUEST

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
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
Lisa Torres	SUPA Sociology Conference, NYC	12/10/12	\$23
Michael O'Toole	SUPA Sociology Conference, NYC	12/10/12	\$23
Fred Smith	IPM/Rutgers Workshop, New Brunswick, NJ	1/15/13	\$195

- *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.

K.LEE KOREAN
LANG. TRANSLATOR

- *3. approve the placement of Michael Panos as a student teacher in the high school social studies department with Lisa Torres as cooperating teacher.

M. PANOS
STUDENT TEACHER

B. Resignations/Retirements

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

RESCIND ATHLETIC
COACHES

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:

SALARY
ADJUSTMENTS

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:

ATHLETIC
COACHES

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:

EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ADVISOR

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

- *4. approve the appointment of Michael Garibell and Kevin Loram 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.

M.GARIBELL &
K. LOORAM AS
GYM SUPR.

- *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. W. KLEINFELDER
MINI-BUS DRIVER

- *6. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2012-13 school year: M. DEVONA
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
- Michelle DeVona (BA—William Paterson University)

X. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the submission of the 2012-2013 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA). 2012/13 NJQSAC
SOA
- *2. approve a revision to the 2012-2013 School Calendar as follows: REVISED 2012-2013
SCHOOL CALENDAR
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| Tuesday, November 6, 2012 | Full Day Session |
| Thursday, November 8, 2012 | One-Session Day |
| Friday, November 9, 2012 | One-Session Day |

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY
DRILLS
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| Middle School | October 22 & 25, 2012 |
| High School | October 5 & 11, 2012 |
- *2. Recording of Enrollment (attachment) ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report (attachment) SUSPENSION/VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM RPT.
- *4. Recording of HIB Report—October 2012 HIB REPORT-OCTOBER '12
- *5. 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. ACKNOWLEDGE NO
OVER-EXPENDITURES
ACCEPT BOARD
SECRETARY'S REPORT

- *6. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **September 2012**. SCHOLARSHIP ANALYSIS RPT.
- *7. 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.) BILL PAYMENTS OCTOBER
- *9. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **October 2012**: DONATIONS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS
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| 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> |
| Total: | \$4,220.00 |
- *10. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **September 2012** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES REPORT
- *11. approve the following revised tuition rate for the 2012-2013 school year: REVISED TUITION RATE
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| Grades 9-12 | \$14,059 |
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- *13. 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. OUT-OF-DISTRICT FOR STUDENT #5771
- *16. 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. BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENT #5649

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| *17. approve an out-of-district placement for student #7263 at Greenbrier Academy, WV effective October 11, 2012 through October 10, 2013 for a total cost of \$64,561.20. | OUT OF DISTIST FOR
#7263 GREENBRIER
ACADEMY |
| *18. approve a transportation jointure with New Milford for transportation of River Dell students to Paramus Vocational Technical School (Satellite), at a cost of \$5,616.11, for the 2012-2013 school year. | NEW MILFORD
TRANSPORTATION
JOINTURE2012-2013 |
| *19. approve an evaluation for student #170987 in Korean by school psychologist Taeok Chong at the cost of \$1,200. | EVAL. FOR #170987
TAEOK CHONG |
| *20. approve additional auditory training for student #160199, once a week for 30 minutes after school, by Speech Therapist Barbara Balkin at the rate of \$40.35. | ADD'L AUDITORY
TRAINING #160199 |

VIII. E. Appointments

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| 3. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Almberg to approve the appointment of the following Lead Teachers for the 2012-2013 school year, effective October 1, 2012: | LEAD TEACHERS |
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Desiree Ferrandi—English	Stipend \$6,323 (prorated)
John Piekielek—Science	Stipend \$6,323 (prorated)

Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli voted aye. Mrs. Durand
voted nay. Mr. Tashjian and Mr. Chakansky were absent.

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

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| 1. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Barnes to approve the following course title changes, effective September 1, 2012: | COURSE TITLE
CHANGES |
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<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Algebra I Survey	Algebra 1 CP
Geometry Survey	Geometry CP
Algebra II Survey	Algebra II CP

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Acquafredda and Mr. Manzelli vote aye. Mrs. Durand voted
nay. Mr. Tashjian and Mr. Chakansky were absent.

2. Motion was made by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Acquafredda to 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.

GRADE WEIGHTING
FOR HONORS &
AP COURSES

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

XI. **Finance/District Operation**

8. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **September 2012**.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

COMPREHENSIVE
MAINTENANCE PLAN
& M-1 FORM

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

14. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman
to approve the submission of the FY2013 IDEA Grant application
in the following amounts:

FY 2013 IDEA
GRANT APPL.

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

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

CALLABLE
OUTSTANDING
2004 BONDS

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

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**XIV. Items for Board Discussion and Decision
Old Business/New Business**

**BOARD DISCUSSION &
DECISION/OLD BUSINESS/
NEW BUSINESS**

The following topics were discussed:

- Review District Goals
- River Edge Veterans Day Ceremony

XV. Public Comment-None

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to formally except the resignation letter of Mr. Vito Acquafredda. effective December 28, 2012.

**RESIGNATION OF
MR. ACQUAFREDDA
AS BOARD MEMBER**

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almberg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes,
Mrs. Durand and Mr. Manzelli vote aye. Mr. Acquafredda voted to abstain. Mr. Tashjian and Mr. Chakansky were absent.

XVI. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Almberg to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary