

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 26, 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, November 26, 2012. Board President, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

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

Motion was made by Mr. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution at 7:31 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:

Middle school guidance department intern; teacher's salary adjustment; additional work hours for instructional aides; appointments of volunteer coach, athletic coach, extracurricular advisor, leave replacement teacher

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.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
 Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary
 Malissa Stokes, Secretary
 One member of the public

Student Liaisons were absent.

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio 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. Manzelli read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

Reports

REPORTS

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli wanted to point out that the River Dell football team is still undefeated, even with the injured co-captains, which is a testimonial to the leadership of Coach Nimphius. Mr. Manzelli also stated that there will be a Bergen County School Boards Association meeting at Cherry Hill School in River Edge, on December 4, 2012 and new by-laws will be discussed/voted on.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher distributed the Program for the Francophonie Festival taking place at the high school on Wednesday evening, which had been given to him by the student representatives. He then discussed the district's participation in the teacher and principal evaluation program. After evaluation the various computer programs available, the tri-district team chose the STRONGE program.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, 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:

Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Almborg, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Chakansky all voted aye. Mr. Manzelli voted aye on all but resolution VII, on which he abstained. Mr. Tashjian and Mr. Acquafredda were absent.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

October 15, 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 DAYS

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Not to Exceed
Alison Donoghue	Transition Assessments for Students w/Disabilities	1/17/13	\$ 11
Elizabeth Stiles	AP European History Workshop, Verona, NJ	12/8/12	\$230
Claire O'Connor	Obesity Prevention in NJ, East Brunswick, NJ	12/11/12	\$ 70

- *2. approve dinner expenses for the guest speaker at Junior College Planning Night on January 9, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$300.
- *4. accept, with gratitude, a donation of \$1,000 from the Class of 1962 to purchase a bench at the high school.

Mr. Manzelli shared his personal thanks to the Class for their donation.

B. Resignations/Retirements - None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Adjustments/Corrections - None

D. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of Leonilo M. Codilla as a substitute custodian, at the rate of \$13.70
- *2. approve the appointment of the following Teachers of the Handicapped for additional 10 percent schedule at the middle school, effective November 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013:
- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sharon deMarrais | \$5,051 (prorated) (BA+16 Step 7) |
| Keri Koch | \$4,623 (prorated) (MA Step 4) |
- *3. approve the appointment of the following volunteer assistant athletic coaches for the winter 2012-13 season:
- | | |
|------------------|---|
| Boys Basketball | Keith Hammer |
| Girls Basketball | Bob Capetola, Ashley Engel |
| Indoor Track | Briana Bayersdorfer, Ann Behrens, Michele DeVincenzo, DJ Nimphius, Steffan DelPiano |
| Swimming | Andrea Egg |
| Wrestling | Jared Glick, Alex Gomez |
- *4. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2012-2013 school year:
- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Jeannie Mills | (MBA Rutgers University) |
| Chelsea Leahy | (BA Bergen Community College) |

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve a field trip for the River Dell Cheerleaders to participate in the Contest of Champions Cheerleading Competition, March 1-4, 2013, at Disney World in Orlando, FL, with Maureen Kiel and Kaitlin Carroll as chaperons, with substitute teachers as the only cost to the Board.

X. Miscellaneous - None**XI. Finance/District Operation**

- *1. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept that, as of **October 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.

NO OVER-
EXPENDITURES/
BOARD SECRETARY
REPORT

- *2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **October 2012.** SCHOLARSHIP ANALYSIS
- *3. bill payments in the amount of **\$665,650.80** including **\$33,606.41** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$254,758.04** for previously issued warrants, and **\$410,892.76** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$5,920.00** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **November 26, 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
- *5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **November 2012:** SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS
- | | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Bill Clayton Memorial Fund | \$1,690.00 |
| Total: | \$1,690.00 |
- *5. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **October 2012** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. TREAS. SCHOOL MONIES REPORT
- *6. approve an out-of-district placement for student #5865 at Bonnie Brae, effective November 12, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$46,920.

VIII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

3. Motion was made by Patricia Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve an agreement with Professional Development Consultants IDE Corporation in the amount of \$15,460 to include three (3) workshops at the rate of \$1,640 each and six (6) coaching days at the rate of \$1,590 per diem for the middle school staff. APPROVE IDE CORP. WORKSHOPS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

XI. Finance/District Operation

4. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **October 2012.** APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution: ABANDON PROJECT/
REJECT BIDS

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") advertised for bids for the Handicap Renovations to a Boys Room and a Girls Locker Room Toilets at River Dell Regional Middle School Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2012, the Board received seven (7) bids for the Project as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, a further review of the proposed Project and the Board's budgetary constraints, due to an anticipated influx of new students with special needs, has raised concerns regarding whether there is sufficient funding available to support the Project at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interests of the School District to abandon the Project until such time as the Board determines there is sufficient funding available to support the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby rejects the bids received for the Handicap Renovations to a Boys Room and a Girls Locker Room Toilets at River Dell Middle School Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 (c) as the Board has determined to abandon the Project until there is sufficient funding available to support the Project, after funding necessary expenditures which may best meet the needs of the School District.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topic was discussed:

- Campus Monitor position

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adjourn at 8:41 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary

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