

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

April 15, 2013

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, April 15, 2013. Board President, Stephanie Hartman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Claudia O'Neill, Patrick Gallagher, Alan Feigenson, Patricia Almberg, Anthony Barbary, Joseph Manzelli, Paul Barnes and Stephanie Hartman were present. Lori Locastro was absent.

ROLL CALL

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent /Board Secretary
High School Administrators – Lorraine Brooks, Brian Long and Jeff Principe
Middle School Administrators – Richard Freedman and Michael Giorgio
(The Administrators arrived at 7:00 p.m. and left at 7:35 p.m.)

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Almberg to adopt the following resolution at 7:00 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:

Placement of student teacher; salary adjustment for teacher; stipend for BSU employee; appointment of volunteer assistant coaches and leave replacement teacher; school supervision.

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 7:58 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, 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

Claudia O’Neill, Patrick Gallagher, Alan Feigenson, Patricia Almberg, Anthony Barbary, Joseph Manzelli, Paul Barnes and Stephanie Hartman were present. Lori Locastro was absent.

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent /Board Secretary
Lisa Finn, Secretary
Approximately 5 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.

Mrs. Hartman requested Mr. Manzelli to read the Mission Statement.

MISSION
STATEMENT

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

V. Student Member Report-None

VI. Reports

1. President's Report

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Mrs. Hartman stated that our hearts and thoughts go out to all the people affected by the Boston bombings today during the marathon.

Mrs. Hartman discussed the following topics:

- Teacher evaluations and the importance of play for our students.
- Unfortunate events at Rutgers University, and the importance of how we speak to our children.
- Opening of the musical "Once Upon A Mattress"
- First Annual Science Research Symposium will be on June 6, 2013.
- Go to the web for the Calendar of Events for the H/S & M/S.
- French and Spanish National Honor Society Inductions are on April 18, 2013.
- Math and Science Honor Societies inductions are 4/24/13
- M/S play "Cliques & Cafeterias" was on March 26, 2013.
- American School Magazine

2. Superintendent's Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following topics:

- Student activities and accomplishments
- Student's artwork will be on display at the River Edge Cultural Center on 4/21/13.
- Commended the Board for promoting the school as a community resource.
- Commended the grounds department, Fred Smith & Bruce Labouseur for how nice the grounds look.
- NJ Coaches Association is inducting Mr. Lou Wejnert into their Hall of Fame.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

1. Budget & Finance

Mr. Manzelli stated that there was nothing to report.

2. Campus Facilities

Mr. Barnes stated that there was nothing to report.

3. Community Relations & Information

Mr. Gallagher stated that there will be a presentation by Miss O’Conner at the May 15th Board meeting on the Food Stamp Learning Experience and guests will be here in regard to Positive Publicity for school districts

4. Curriculum/Tri-District

Mrs. O’Neill commented on the following:

Curriculum:

The Board is voting on the revisions to Psychology & Junior Engineering Courses tonight.

Tri-District:

The Committee met with both towns. The Superintendents discussed the exciting changes taking place in the State of New Jersey, under education. They also discussed money management & personal finance.

5. Policy & Governance

Mrs. Almberg stated there are a lot of policies that need to be updated and that the committee will be meeting Monday April 22, 2013.

- * Motion was made by, Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Almberg 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. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Hartman voted aye. Mrs. Locastro 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:

PROFESSIONAL
DAY REQUESTS
FOR STAFF

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
Randi O'Neil	Marijuana Use in Adolescents, CT	5/16/13	\$75
Dennis Sasso	SUPA-Sports Management, Syracuse, NY	6/24-28/13	\$806
Kerri Volmar	Character Ed. Training/MS/HS Ed., New Bruns., NJ	4/17/13	\$38
Marianthe Williams	NJASA Spring Conference 2013, Atlantic City, NJ	5/20-22/13	\$850

- B. Resignations/Retirements-None**
- C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers-None**
- D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections-None**
- E. Appointments-None**

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- * 1. approve revisions to the following courses:
 - Junior Engineering
 - Psychology

COURSE REVISIONS

- *2. approve a field trip for the Italian Exchange Program students To travel to Italy on April 7 to 17, 2014, with Teachers of Italian Anthony Loria and Marina Viggiano as chaperons, at no cost to the Board except substitute teachers.

ITALIAN EXCHANGE
STUDENTS TRAVEL
TO ITALY

- * 3. approve a Cooperative Sports Program with the Westwood Board of Education to offer ice hockey and swimming for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years. (Westwood will compensate River Dell \$10,000 per year for each year of the agreement.)

WESTWOOD BOE
OFFER OF SWIMMING
& ICE HOCKEY
2013-2015

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills
 - Middle School March 13 & 15, 2013
 - High School March 26 & 28, 2013

RECORDING OF
FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS

- * 2. Recording of Enrollment (attachment) RECORDING OF ENROLLMENT
- * 3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report RECORDING OF SUSPENSION/VIOLENCE & VANDALISM RPTS.
- * 4. Recording of HIB Report—March 2013 RECORDING OF HIB REPORT
- * 7. approve homebound instruction for student #170615 effective March 25, 2013 to April 15, 2013, five hours per week at the rate of \$50.78 per hour. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION STUDENT 170615
- * 8. approve educational instruction for student #7151 at Pyramid Healthcare in Quakertown, PA effective March 21 to April 1, 2013 at the rate of \$67.46 per day. EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION STUDENT 7151
- *9. approve the disposal of out dated TV/media items as per the attached list. DISPOSAL OF TV/MEDIA ITEMS
- *10. approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, PL 1997, for the **2013-2014** school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district, special education, vocational, summer programs, field trips, and athletics. SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE 2013-2014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the River Dell Regional Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission.

IX. Miscellaneous

- 1. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Barnes to approve the following resolution: NJSBA’S STUDY IMPACT OF CAPS ON CSAs

WHEREAS, the primary responsibilities of the local Board of Education are to develop and evaluate policies that promote student learning and effective, efficient district operations; allocate resources to support these policies; and employ a Chief School Administrator who will implement them; and

WHEREAS, the Chief School Administrator, as the leader and manager of all instructional and non-instructional aspects of the district's operations, is critical to the effective implementation of Board goals and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board's ability to recruit and retain a competent Chief School Administrator is explicitly linked to its ability to provide fair and competitive compensation; 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*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Dell Regional Board of Education proposes the following new policy language for adoption by the Delegate Assembly and inclusion in NJSBA's *Manual of Positions and Policies on Education*;

The New Jersey School Boards Association believes that each local Board of Education should have the right to establish compensation for its Chief School Administrator with the flexibility to adjust the CSA's compensation commensurate with his/her experience knowing the current employment market conditions and other factors that may influence the ability to recruit, hire and retain a competent and high qualified CSA. Local Boards must determine the Chief School Administrators' compensation, knowledgeable of the budget revenues and expenses and the need to operate their school districts efficiently and effectively.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in support of this belief that NJSBA conduct a study to evaluate the impact of caps on Chief School Administrators' salaries on the recruitment, hiring and retention of CSAs; inform the NJSBA membership of the results of the study, and recommend appropriate action in response to the findings of the study, *such as a waiver for districts who may need relief*.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg,
Mr. Barbary, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Hartman voted aye. Mrs. Locastro was absent.

- 2. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Manzelli to approve the following professional staff members as River Dell’s Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program recipients:

BERGEN CTY TEACHER/
EDUCATIONAL SERVS.
RECOGNITION PRGM.

Mark Connolly	Middle School
Dr. Chin Chu	High School

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg,
Mr. Barbary, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Hartman voted
aye. Mrs. Locastro was absent.

X. Finance/District Operation

- 5. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson to approve the following resolution:

HANDICAP RENOV.
AWARDED TO
ALLTEC, INC.

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 26, 2012, the River Dell Regional High School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) rejected all bids for a project entitled “Handicap Renovations to a Boys Room and a Girls Locker Room Toilets at River Dell Regional Middle School” (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”) due to the Board’s decision to abandon the Project for funding purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board thereafter determined that there is sufficient funding available to support the Project and authorized the re-advertisement for bids; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2013, the Board received three (3) bids for the Project as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Alltec, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Alltec”) with a base bid for the Boys’ Room in the amount of \$51,998; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Alltec is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board’s desires to award the contract for the Project to Alltec.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Handicap Renovations to a Boys Room and a Girls Locker Room Toilets at River Dell Regional Middle School to Alltec, Inc., in the amount of \$51,998 for the Boys’ Room only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board Secretary is hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Hartman voted aye. Mrs. Locastro was absent.

- 6. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Almberg to approve the following resolution:

INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT
RIVER EDGE
MOTOR FUEL

WHEREAS, the River Dell Board of Education desire to contract with the Borough of River Edge for the provision of motor fuel for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has agreed to provide motor fuel subject to approval by the State of New Jersey pursuant to the Commodity Resale Division of the Cooperative Purchasing Rules (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et. seq.) and establishment of a trust fund as a dedication by rider to the municipal budget per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39; and

WHEREAS, such agreements are authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, this contract is in the best interest of the Borough of River Edge and the River Dell Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of River Edge in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, that the Interlocal Agreement on file with the Borough Clerk between the Borough of River Edge and the River Dell Board of Education for the provision of motor fuel is authorized and accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of the appropriate resolution by the River Dell Board of Education and the execution of the agreement by the parties in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. and approval by the State of New Jersey.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mr. Manzelli, Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Hartman voted aye. Mrs. Locastro was absent.

XI. Items for Board Discussion

ITEMS FOR
BOARD DISCUSSION

- 1. NJSBA Delegate Assembly

XII. Old Business-None

XIII. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Portable toilets by the Field House
- State Board of Education testimonial meeting
- Restructuring of the Education System
- Importance of playtime for students
- NJSBA Convention in Atlantic City is scheduled for 10/22-24/13
- American School Magazine

XIV. Public Comments-None

XV. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Barbary to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary

