

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

April 29, 2013

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Monday, April 29, 2013. Board President, Stephanie Hartman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Lorraine Brooks, High School Principal
Jennifer Ali, Supervisor of Mathematics

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

High school professional staff employment and tenure decisions; central office 2013-14 salaries; staff retirement; professional staff salary adjustment

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 Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

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

Student Liaisons - Marisa Wozniak and Nick Shanman 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.

Mrs. Locastro read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, 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. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Locastro, and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye. Mr. Manzelli voted aye on all but the minutes of March 4, 2013, on which he abstained. Mr. Barnes was absent.

Reports

REPORTS

President's Report

Mrs. Hartman discussed the following:

- PTO presentation by the Family Support Organization of Bergen County
- Student Art Show at the River Edge Cultural Center
- French, Spanish, National, Science, and Math Honor Society inductions
- Bergen County School Board Association meeting will be hosted by River Dell on May 9, 2013
- NJSBA will be having Legislative Day in Trenton on June 6, 2013
- "Race to Nowhere" will be shown in Glen Rock on May 7, 2013

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher reported that three ninth grade River Dell students won the "Don't Stand by for Bullying" contest which was sponsored by the Bergen County Prosecutor's office.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

March 4, 2013	Executive and Regular Sessions
March 21, 2013	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	Dates	Not to Exceed
Susan Becker	NJACAC Annual Conf., Long Branch, NJ	6/3-4/13	\$540
Anthony Loria	SUPA Summer Institute 2013, Syracuse, NY	6/24-28/13	\$700
Mary Moran	NJACAC Annual Conf., Long Branch, NJ	6/3-4/13	\$510

- *2. approve the placement of Laela Brock as a student teacher in the high school physical education department L. BROCK STUDENT TEACHER

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

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

Staff Member	From	To
Teacher of TV Media Anthony Traina	MA Step 10 (\$73,909)	MA+16 Step 10 (\$76,597)

- *2. approve a stipend of \$1,250 for Building Service Unit employee Robert Dougherty for working the Tuesday to Saturday shift during the 2012-2013 school year.

R. DOUGHERTY
SHIFT STIPEND

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following volunteer assistant athletic coaches for the spring 2013 athletic season:

VOLUNTEER ASST.
COACHES

Softball: Lee Hendl, Erin Cameron
Baseball: John Mauthe

- *2. approve the appointment of David Farrell as a Teacher of Biological Science (Leave Replacement), for the 2012-2013 school year, effective April 16, 2013 to June 30, 2013 at a prorated salary of \$52,903 (MA Step 2), as per the RDEA Agreement. This appointment is contingent upon receipt of proper certification, academic records, and satisfactory background/reference checks, as required by P.L. 1986. This is an emergent appointment under the provision of Senate Bill #851 amending the criminal history background check laws N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4, 13 et seq.

D. FARRELL BIOLOGY
TEACHER

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve dual enrollment at Bergen Community College in the following courses for the 2013-2014 school year:

DUAL ENROLLMENT BERGEN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- General Biology and A.P. Biology
- Drafting I and Drafting
- Introduction to Physics and Physics

X. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve a modification to the 2012-2013 school calendar as follows:

2012-13 CALENDAR
MODIFICATION

May 24, 2013	Professional Day for staff/No school for students
May 28, 2013	Schools Closed
June 7, 2013	One Session Day—MS only
June 21, 24, 25, 26, 2013	One Session Days—HS only
June 27, 2013	One Session Day

XI. Finance/District Operation

*1. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept that, as of **April 29, 2013** 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 **March 2013**.

SCHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS

*3. bill payments in the amount of **\$961,248.44** including **\$29,479.93** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$289,177.79** for previously issued warrants, and **\$672,070.65** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$2,440.00** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **April 29, 2013**. (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 **April 2013**:

SCHOLARSHIP
DONATIONS

Scott Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund	<u>\$86.00</u>
Total:	\$86.00

*6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **March 2013** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary’s Report.

TREAS. SCHOOL
MONIES REPORT

*7. **WHEREAS**, the River Dell Regional Board of Education, hereafter referred to as “Educational Facility” is a member of the School Alliance Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”; and

RENEW SAIF
MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, said renewal membership terminates as of July 1, 2013 at 12:01 a.m. standard time, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the **Educational Facility** and the **Fund**; and

WHEREAS, the **Educational Facility** is afforded the following types of coverages:

- Workers’ Compensation
- Foreign Travel Liability
- Package—Property, Boiler and Machinery, General and Auto Liability, Environmental Impairment Liability
- Excess Liability (AL/GL)

- School Leaders Professional Liability
- Excess Liability (SLPL)
- Student Accident
- Supplemental Indemnity-Workers' Compensation
- Security Guard Liability

WHEREAS, the **Educational Facility** desires to renew said membership:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The **Educational Facility** agrees to renew its membership in the **Fund** for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2013 and ending July 1, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, and to be subject to the coverages, operating procedures, bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of the **Fund** presently existing or as from time to time amended by the **Fund** and/or the Department of Banking and Insurance.
2. The **Educational Facility's** Business Official, Thomas L. Bonfiglio, is hereby appointed as the **Educational Facility's** Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the renewal Indemnity and Trust Agreement thereby evidencing annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the **Fund** and **Educational Facility's** renewal of its membership.

- *8. **Whereas**, the Department of Education has recommended to the New Jersey State Legislature that the funding of our public schools in the State of New Jersey shall be based upon the average daily attendance of school children which is contrary to current law (The School Funding Reform Act of 2008) which provides funding on the basis of average daily enrollment, and

SFRA ADA
OBJECTION

Whereas, the Department of Education has determined that an appropriate average daily attendance rate of 96% shall be the level of attendance for all New Jersey school districts, and districts that demonstrate an attendance rate of less than 96% shall suffer a loss of school aid for the 2013-2014 school year, and

Whereas, a 96% attendance rate is equal to a child being absent from school no more than seven days in one school year, and

Whereas, it is the opinion of the River Dell Regional Board of Education that a 96% attendance rate is an arbitrary standard to apply to all New Jersey School Districts and is contrary to the history of funding in this State and the School Funding Reform Act of 2008, and

Whereas, New Jersey school districts must staff, equip, feed and transport our children based upon the enrollment of students, and we do not send teachers home, or stop the buses, or turn off the lights, or sell their textbooks when a child is absent for health or other family reasons, and

Whereas, the recommendation of the Department of Education to penalize districts by reducing school aid when a district cannot demonstrate an average daily attendance in excess of 96% simply shifts the burden to support a thorough and efficient education to the local taxpayer,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the River Dell Regional Board of Education does hereby declare that the recommendation of the Department of Education to provide school funding based upon the attendance of children for the 2013-2014 school year is contrary to current law and fails to recognize that districts provide staff and resources for an adequate public education for all “enrolled” resident children in their school district, and

Be it Further Resolved that the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby requests it’s local legislators in particular and all legislators in general to reject the recommendation of the N.J. Department of Education to fund the public schools of the State of New Jersey based upon the attendance of resident children and to comply with our current school funding law which provides State support based upon the enrollment of resident school children.

- *9. approve bedside instruction for student #7280 at Four Winds Hospital from April 3 to 12, 2013 for approximately five to seven hours at \$54 per hour. #7280 BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION
- *10. approve homebound instruction for student #5576 effective April 1, 2013 for four to six weeks, for 10 hours per week at the rate of \$50.78 per hour. #5576 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION
- *11. **WHEREAS**, the River Dell Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) advertised for bids for the Upgrading Electrical Light and Power Distribution at River Dell Middle School Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and REJECT ELECTRICAL UPGRADE BIDS AND RE-BID PROJECT

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2013, the Board received four (4) bids for the Project as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the bid submissions and the project specifications, it is apparent that there was bidder confusion as to the prequalification requirements for the Project, as bid documents require that the bidders must be classified by the New Jersey Department of Treasury’s Division of Property Management and Construction for trades C008,

General Construction or C009, General Construction/Alterations and Additions and trade C047, Electrical or engage a properly classified subcontractors if the bidder is not so classified; and

WHEREAS, the bids submitted by the two low bidders, Boz Electrical Contractors, Inc. and ACI Electrical Contractor, Inc. did not list a subcontractor in either general construction trade C008 or C009, as required by the specifications, which is a material non-waiveable defect and, in any event the bid submitted by ACI Electrical Contractor, Inc. is excessive as to price, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(b), as the cost of the work exceeds the cost estimates prepared on behalf of the Board for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the bid documents must be clarified to determine the proper trades for the Project in furtherance of the purposes of the public school contracts law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby rejects the bids received for the Upgrading Electrical Light and Power Distribution at River Dell Middle School Project as the bids submitted by the two low bidders, Boz Electrical Contractors, Inc. and ACI Electrical Contractor, Inc. are materially defective for failure to list properly qualified subcontractors and, in any event, the bid submitted by ACI Electrical Contractor, Inc. is excessive as to price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 (d) and (e), the bid documents must be revised to ensure that the purposes of the public school contracts law are not violated. The Engineer shall revise the bid documents to reflect the appropriate trades for which the contractor to whom this work is awarded shall be prequalified. The Board Secretary/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to re-advertise the project consistent with this resolution.

*12. approve the following tuition rates for the 2013-2014 school year: 2013-14 TUITION RATES

Grades 7-8	\$14,344
Grades 9-12	\$14,530
LLD	\$26,865
Resource Center	\$20,715

*13. enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Oradell to share its lightning detection system with the River Dell Regional School District. LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM

*14. authorize the Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary to pay May 2013 bills, after review by the Finance Committee, which bills will then be presented to the Board at the June 2013 meeting. MAY BILL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

XI. Finance/District Operation

4. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **March 2013**. APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Discussion Items

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NJSBA Delegate Assembly

1. Gun Control
2. School Board Elections
3. Quality of Education for Home Schooled Children

The Board discussed proposed language changes to these policies being put forth by Manchester Regional and West Cape May School Districts, and while in agreement with all, would like to make an additional language change to item 4 - home schooling. The proposal currently puts the responsibility for maintaining the quality of education on the District. While agreeing with the overall concept of the resolution, the Board would like it to be re-worded to have the State bear the responsibility.

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Locastro, that the River Dell Regional Board of Education support the resolutions being brought before the NJSBA Delegate Assembly, with the exception of the wording change as noted. SUPPORT DELEGATE ASSEMBLY POLICY PROPOSALS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed re-wording of the last bullet point of the Mission Statement. Mr. Fletcher explained that it will be changed to say "...achieve and/or exceed the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards."

Discussion was held regarding the high school sports article in The Record stating that River Dell has one of the finest facilities in Northern New Jersey. The Board congratulated the grounds crew and building services unit, well as the students who also helped with cleanup after the track meet.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Manzelli, to adjourn at 8:30 pm. ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary