

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 15, 2010

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 15, 2010. Board President, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Roger Tashjian, Claudia O'Neill, Michael Chakansky, Dorothea Durand, Michael Gardner, Stephanie Hartman, Vito Acquafredda, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr. Darlene Ross was absent.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Liaisons - Michelle Castroagudin and Zachary Meher
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
Approximately 5 members of the public

Mr. Manzelli 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.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

REPORTS

Student Member Report

The following topics were discussed:

- Establishing a Science Tutoring Lab - students will take the first step in the process and meet with Mr. Freedman tomorrow to discuss the possibility.
- There is student interest in an organic chemistry class.
- The Senior Road Rally took place on Sunday as a Prom fundraiser.
- The Dell's Kitchen Club will be holding, and filming, a cooking competition.
- The Freedom Corps is holding a winter clothes drive.
- Homecoming will be this Thursday, at 7:00 pm.
- The students would like to have AP prep classes.

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli stated that the NJSBA Delegate Assembly will be held this Saturday, and that BCSBA is holding a meeting on December 7th at Cherry Hill School in River Edge.

Superintendent's Report

The RDEA is sponsoring the first Community Education Program tomorrow at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center. The topic of discussion will be new school budget laws.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance - There will be a meeting with the auditor, Tom McKinley, tomorrow to review the audit, which will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Community Relations & Information - There will be a meeting on Monday.

Policy & Governance - suggested changes will be reviewed, then discussed with the Superintendent.

Technology - The committee met on October 14, 2010 and will meet again on Thursday. Some of the topics discussed were:

- Genesis
- Schoolwires
- Community Pass
- Expiration of laptop lease in June of 2012.

Tri-District/Curriculum Committee - There were meetings on October 14th (River Dell only) and October 28th (all three districts). There will be another meeting, in conjunction with the Technology Committee, on Thursday. The following topics were discussed:

October 14, 2010

- Update by Curriculum Coordinator
- Status of the Five-year Plan
- Eighth Grade Math
- Board expectations
- Getting input from teachers
- Understanding analysis of test scores
- Need for basic skills opportunities
- consistent grading of writing at the High School

October 28, 2010

- Fall writing assessment
- November 2, 2010 Professional Day
- Oradell Borough request for referendum
- Committee recommendation that the best way to follow the progress of a student is to track them from K-12, rather than comparing grade to grade.

Mr. Manzelli added that both elementary Board Presidents are happy with the new Tri-District Curriculum Coordinator.

Motion was made by Mr. Acquafredda, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, 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:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Gardner voted aye on all but item X.4, on which he abstained. Mrs. Ross was absent.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

- *1. approve professional leave requests for the following staff members to attend various workshops/conferences as noted, and in accordance with appropriate statute:

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES

Staff Member	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Amount
John Knable, Super/Bldg. Fac.	EPA Lead RRP Training, Ocean Twp, NJ	12/17/10	\$270.00
Mary Moran, Counselor	Conf. K-12 School Counselors, Montclair, NJ	11/19/10	\$ 67.00
Angela Sterzer, Ath. Trainer	Sports Injuries, Parsippany, NJ	11/11/10	\$187.00
Marianthe Williams, Dir/Tech	Centricity 2 Orientation Workshop, Wanaque, NJ	11/19/10	\$230.00
Marc Wachter, Technician	Centricity 2 Orientation Workshop, Wanaque, NJ	11/19/10	\$200.00
Mike Dunphy, Technician	Centricity 2 Orientation Workshop, Wanaque, NJ	11/19/10	\$200.00

- *2. approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Building Service Unit Employee Ralph Bondesen, effective November 1, 2010. UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE R. BONDESEN
- *3. approve a field placement for Derek Giorgio at the high school English department from January 10 to 14, 2011, with Jeffrey Williams as mentor. D. GIORGIO FIELD PLACEMENT
- *4. approve Everyday Math Workshops attendance for the following Tri-District staff at a cost of \$95 per person, per day for a total of \$1,710 to be paid by Tri-District funds: EVERYDAY MATH WORKSHOPS
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| Casey Burdette, Sunny Kim, Rosanne Graye | 12/21/10 & 3/28/11 |
| Kaitlin Holmes | 12/16/10 & 3/23/11 |
| Kristen Karam, Stacy Colucci, Patrice Pintarelli, Michael Henzel | 12/10/10 & 3/16/11 |
| Hera Yang | 12/7/10 & 3/15/11 |
- *5. approve a revised maternity leave request for Teacher of Science Michele Carcich DeVincenzo as follows: paid leave from November 30, 2010 to January 7, 2011; unpaid leave from January 8 to March 15, 2011. M. DeVINCENZO MATERNITY LEAVE

B. Resignations/Retirements

- *2. rescind the appointment of Michael Urso as Head Boys Indoor Track Coach for the 2010-2011 school year. RESCIND J. URSO COACH

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

- *1. approve a salary adjustment for Teacher of English Lauren Colletti from MA Step 7 (\$64,552) to MA+32 Step 7 (\$69,821) effective September 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year. L. COLLETTI SALARY ADJUSTMENT

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) and nurse(s) for the 2010-2011 school year: SUBSTITUTES

Substitute Teachers

Christina Cohen (60 credits+ Kean University)
 John Geniton (BA University of Scranton)
 Christopher Koble (MBA Fairfield University)

Substitute School Nurse

Doreen Morrison (AA/RN BCC/Englewood Hospital)

- *2. approve Kathryn Ciccaglione as extracurricular advisor for the Spanish National Honor Society at the step 1 stipend of \$1,780 for the 2010-2011 school year. K. CICCAGLIONE
SPANISH NAT'L HONOR
SOCIETY ADVISOR
- *3. approve the appointment of Kevin Sabella as Assistant Softball coach at the step 4 stipend of \$6,058 for the 2010-2011 school year. K. SABELLA ASST.
SOFTBALL COACH
- *4. approve the following volunteer assistant coaches for the 2010-11 school year: VOLUNTEER ASST.
COACHES

Boys Basketball: Keith Hammer, Joe DelBuono
 Girls Basketball: Bob Capetola, Steve Grenz
 Ice Hockey: Paul Flaherty
 Indoor Track: Bill Keith, DJ Nimphius
 Swimming: Andrea Egg
 Wrestling: Alex Gomez

- *5. approve the following athletic coaches for the 2010-2011 school year: ATHLETIC COACHES

Coach	Sport	Step	Years	Longevity	Salary
Michael Urso	Head Girls Indoor Track	4	15	0.005	\$6,908
Adam Herman	Head Boys Indoor track	4	1		\$6,625
Mitchell Grayson	Asst. Boys Lacrosse	3a	1		\$4,416

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None**X. Finance/District Operation**

- *1. Recording of Fire Drills FIRE DRILLS
- Middle School October 13 and 26, 2010
 High School October 8 and 22, 2010
- *2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT

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| *3. | Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report | SUSP./VIOLENCE/VANDALISM REPORT |
| *4. | approve related services (cognitive skills, health and behavior intervention) for student #160084 at Voices Now Social Skills, Harrington Park, NJ, one time per week at \$60 per session for a total of \$2,280 for the 2010-2011 school year. | RELATED SERVICES #160084 |
| *5. | approve homebound instruction for student #150321, effective November 1, 2010, five hours per week, for nine weeks, at the rate of \$49.78 per hour. | HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION #150321 |
| *6. | approve homebound instruction for student #4386, effective October 22, 2010, for a minimum of four weeks at the rate of \$49.78 per hour. | HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION #4386 |
| *7. | approve the acceptance of the FY2011 AIE Grant in the amount of \$12,145. | ACCEPT FY2011 AIE GRANT |
| *8. | approve the acceptance of the FY2011 IDEA Application in the following amounts: | ACCEPT FY2011 IDEA APPLICATION |
| | Public \$341,379 | |
| | Nonpublic <u>40,360</u> | |
| | Total \$381,739 | |
| *10. | approve a transportation jointure with New Milford to transport River Dell students to Paramus Vocational Technical School at a cost of \$5,502.16 for the 2010-2011 school year. | NEW MILFORD TRANSPORTATION JOINTURE |
| *11. | approve the disposal of numerous out-of-date books in the high school library. | BOOK DISPOSAL |

VII. Personnel

B. Resignations/Retirements

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| 1. Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to accept, with regret, the resignation, for reason of retirement, of Teacher of Spanish Rita O'Hare, effective January 31, 2011. | R. O'HARE RETIREMENT |
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Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Ross was absent.

IX. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mr. Gardner, to approve the second reading of the following policy:

SECOND READING
POLICY 4219.27

4000 Series: 4219.27 STAFF USE OF INTERNET, SOCIAL NETWORKS AND OTHER FORMS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION—NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Ross was absent.

2. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Gardner, to approve the following exhibit:

EXHIBIT 2121

2000 Series: 2121 LINE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Ross was absent.

X. Finance/District Operation

9. Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to approve the following resolution as stated:

SUBMIT BATHROOM
RENOVATION PLANS
TO NJDOE

WHEREAS, it is required by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), that this Board approve the submission of Plans and Specifications to the NJDOE, and

WHEREAS, the Architect has prepared plans and specifications that accurately address the program requirements for the project,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves Peter Raymond Wells Architects to make a submission of the Plans and Specifications to the NJDOE for final plan review,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this project is considered an "Other Capital Project" and that the Board is not seeking state funding to carry out the project.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Durand abstained. Mrs. Ross was absent.

Items for Board Discussion and Decision

1. Oradell Mayor and Council request for referendum

The Board discussed the letter requesting a referendum on the school funding formula.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Manzelli that the River Dell Board of Education approve a referendum at a cost to the Board not to exceed \$1.00.

Discussion ensued and Mr. Tashjian withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Gardner, that River Dell Regional School District will hold a referendum on the school funding formula.

Further discussion ensued and no vote was taken.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to hold a referendum with a 100% per pupil funding formula. DENY 100% PER PUPIL REFERENDUM

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye.

Mr. Tashjian, Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, and Mr. Gardner voted nay. Mrs. Ross was absent.

Letters will be sent to both Mayors and Councils explaining that the Board is reading their responses and will take action at the December 13, 2010 meeting.

Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- 7:00 pm starting time for playoff games/competitions occurring on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to have Friday and Saturday playoff games/competitions start at 7:00 pm. APPROVE 7:00 PM FRIDAY/SATURDAY GAME STARTING TIME

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Hartman abstained. Mrs. Ross was absent.

- Update on the transportation to Teterboro Academy
- Update on which classes have printed textbooks
- Update on videotaping Board meetings
- Possible televising of RDEA Community Meeting
- Putting the District and Board goals on the agenda

Public Comments-General

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public discussed the referendum.

Motion was made by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to adopt the following resolution at 10:35 pm:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, "The Open Public Meetings Law," PL1975-231 allows a public body to hold a Closed Session in order to discuss personnel and/or legal matters, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the River Dell Regional School District go into Executive Session.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Information that was discussed during Executive Session will be released when it is no longer a matter of confidentiality.

Motion was made by Mr. Acquafredda, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to resume open session at 11:30 pm.

RESUME OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mr. Acquafredda, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to adjourn at 11:31 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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