

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

September 27, 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, September 27, 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, Darlene Ross, Stephanie Hartman, Michael Gardner, Vito Acquafredda, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Student Liaisons - Michelle Castroagudin and Zachary Meher
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
Approximately 10 members of the public

Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary was absent.

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Fletcher 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)

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topic was discussed:

- Ice House contract for hockey team rink use

Mr. Fletcher introduced the two elementary district Superintendents - Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, Oradell Interim; Dr. Tova Ben Dov, River Edge

A five minute recess was taken from 8:15 to 8:20 pm.

RECESS

Presentation

Annual Testing Report - Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools

Reports

REPORTS

Student Member Report

The student representatives reported on the following:

- Wednesday was Club Day - Students were able explore the various club options available.
- There will be a Pep Rally on Friday
- There is an AP physics class available online to interested students
- A “Superintendent for a day” contest is being developed

President’s Report

Mr. Manzelli discussed the following items:

- The upcoming NJ School Boards Association Annual Workshop on October 19 - 21, 2010.
- A letter was received from the Borough of Oradell regarding a referendum for the Oradell withdrawal from the River Dell Regional School District. The Board will discuss the request with legal counsel.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following items:

- Six students were named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- A letter was received from the NJSIAA stating that River Dell Athletics was disqualification free last year.

Mr. Fletcher revised the following resolution:

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve the following curricula for the 2010-2011 school year:

Tri-District World Language Curriculum—Grade 7-12
 Tri-District Language Arts Curriculum—Grade 7
 Tri-District Language Arts Curriculum—Grade 8
 Tri-District Language Arts Curriculum—Grade 10

Tri-District World Language Curriculum-Grade 7-12 was removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, 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. Ross, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Gardner voted aye on all but the July 12, 2010 minutes, on which he abstained because he was not on the Board at that time.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

- * approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

July 12, 2010	Executive and Regular Sessions
July 26, 2010	Executive and Regular Sessions

VIII. Personnel**B. Resignations/Retirements**

- *1. accept the resignation of Reading Specialist Cathy Gaynor, effective August 31, 2010.
- *2. accept the resignation of Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach Dan Long for the 2010-2011 school year.

C. GAYNOR
RESIGNATION

D. LONG COACHING
RESIGNATION

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

- *1. approve a reduction in work schedule for Teacher of Spanish Malissa Marinari from 100% (\$99,328 MA+48 Step 16) to 80% (\$79,462 MA+48 Step 16) for the 2010-2011 school year.

M. MARINARI
REDUCED SCHEDULE

- *2. approve a salary adjustment for the following professional staff for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010: SALARY
ADJUSTMENTS

Dana Maczuga-Teacher of English BA Step 5 (\$54,011) to
BA+16 Step 5 (\$56,646)

Lori Dunn-Teacher of Science BA+16 Step 13 (\$79,304) to
MA Step 13 (\$81,941)

- *3. approve additional work schedules for the following teachers for the 2010-11 school year: ADDITIONAL WORK
SCHEDULES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Additional 2010-11 Salary</u>
Chris Concato	10%--MS Strive for Success 7	\$7,245 (MA+16 Step 9)
Sue Keitel	10%--MS Strive for Success 7	\$7,245 (MA Step 10)
Kathryn Pomeroy	10%--MS Strive for Success 7	\$5,401 (BA+16 Step 4)
Michael O'Reilly	10%--MS World of Music & -Music Technology	\$8,299 (BA Step 15)

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of Carol Herman as a homebound tutor of mathematics for the 2010-2011 school year. C. HERMAN
HOMEBOUND TUTOR

- *2. approve the following substitute teacher for the 2010-2011 school year: SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
- Jaclyn Nolan (MEd.—The University of Mississippi)

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve the following curricula for the 2010-2011 school year: 2010-11 CURRICULA

Tri-District Language Arts Curriculum—Grade 7
Tri-District Language Arts Curriculum—Grade 8
Tri-District Language Arts Curriculum—Grade 10

- *2. approve a field trip for the River Dell High School Ski Club to Killington and Stowe, VT from January 21 to 23, 2011, at no cost to the Board. SKI CLUB TRIP
1/21- 23/11

- *3. approve a field trip for the River Dell Select Choir to perform in Madrid and Torrevieja, Spain from July 23 to 31, 2011, at no cost to the Board. SELECT CHOIR
PERFORMANCE IN
SPAIN 7/23-31/11

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept, that as of **July and August 2010** 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 OVEREXPENDITURES ACCEPT BOARD SECTY REPORT
- *2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **July and August 2010**. SCHOLARSHIP ANALYSIS REPORT
- *5. accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **July and August 2010**. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
- *6. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **August and September 2010**: SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS
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| Nicholas Lamendola | \$100.00 |
| Scott Evan Baker | 125.00 |
| Erika Steinbauer Scholarship Fund | 1,998.39 |
| General Scholarship | <u>500.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,723.39 |
- *7. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **July and August 2010** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. TREAS. SCHOOL MONIES REPORT
- *8. approve homebound instruction for student #7263, effective September 7, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION #7263
- *9. approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2010-11 school year: OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

STUDENT #	PLACEMENT	TUITION RATE
6	CSI-Cresskill	\$34,545.00
4122	CSI - Cresskill	\$34,545.00
15	Ridgefield Public School	\$66,621.00
33	Ridgefield Public School	\$31,844.00
60	Logan River Academy	\$86,162.44
7350	Holmstead School	\$42,637.00
5140	Bonnie Brae	\$61,200.00
5237	Palisades Regional Academy	\$42,791.00
2021	Washington-Ridgewood (BCSS)	\$67,600.00
56	New Bridges (BCSS)	\$67,600.00
4199	Springboard (BCSS)	\$49,800.00
130348	Transition Center at Wood Ridge	\$67,600.00
5832	Dumont Public Schools	\$13,000.00

- *10. approve an agreement with the Ice House Skating Rink in Hackensack, NJ for use from November 15, 2010 to February 15, 2011 at a cost of \$19,557.50. The Board's responsibility is limited to \$16,435. AGREEMENT WITH
ICE HOUSE
SKATING RINK
- *12. approve the Agreement with the County of Bergen for non-public nursing services for the 2010-2011 school year at a cost not to exceed \$10,322.69. NON-PUBLIC NURSING
SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH BERGEN COUNTY

VIII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

1. Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Manzelli, to approve professional leave requests for the following staff members to attend various workshops/conferences as noted, and in accordance with appropriate statute:

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost
Todd Bejot Maria Campanella Kam Lam Sarah Wyatt	Connected Math Workshop- Conquer Mathematics	10/6,11/17, 2/14/2010 1/19,3/9,4/6, 5/18/2011	\$805.00 each
Mercedes Faunde	Art Educators of NJ Conference	10/5/10	\$170.00
Desiree Ferrandi	Fall Seminar (SUPA English)	10/1/10	\$85.00
JoAnne Pawlowski	SUPA Forensics Prof. Conf.	10/13/10	\$20.00

Discussion ensued and motion was made by Mrs. Durand, seconded by Mrs. Ross to amend the Connected Math Workshop dates to 10/6/10 and 11/17/10 only.

DENY AMENDED
MATH WORKSHOP
SCHEDULE

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Gardner all voted aye.

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

Voting resumed on the initial motion.

APPROVE PROF.
LEAVES

Initial motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli. Mr. Chakansky and Mrs. Durand voted nay.

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

1. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve reassignments for the following teacher aides for the 2010-2011 school year effective September 1, 2010:

APPROVE
TEACHER AIDE
REASSIGNMENTS

Charri Gilbert	High School One-on-One Aide-7.5 hrs. per day
Beth Krupka	High School Classroom Aide-7 hrs. per day
Virginia Smith	Middle School One-on-One Aide-7.5 hrs. per day

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

X. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve the first reading of the following policy:

APPROVE 1st READING
POLICY 4119.2

4000 Series: 4119.2 Staff Use of Internet, Social Networks and Other Forms of Electronic Communication

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve the second reading of the following policy:

APPROVE 2nd READING
POLICY 3570.1

3000 Series: 3570.1 Emails and Other Electronic Communications

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

XI. Finance District Operation

3. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, to approve bill payments in the amount of **\$1,038,178.02** including **\$0** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$207,004.69** for previously issued warrants, and **\$831,173.33** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$0** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **August 2010** (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.)

APPROVE AUGUST
BILL PAYMENTS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 4. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, to bill payments in the amount of **\$566,014.61** including **\$63.00** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$200,038.60** for previously issued warrants, and **\$365,976.01** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$0** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **September 2010** (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.)

APPROVE SEPTEMBER
BILL PAYMENTS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 11. Motion was made by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to approve the following resolution to accept the Community Development Grant PV-RDBOE-03-10:

ACCEPT COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT GRANT
PV-RDBOE-03-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of River Dell Regional School District wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$8,410 in FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant funds (PV-RDBOE-03-10) for Barrier Free Bathrooms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Thomas Bonfiglio to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Thomas Bonfiglio to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes that River Dell Regional School District is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of Board members is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-7 et. seq.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Board Discussion and DecisionBOARD DISCUSSION/
DECISION

The Board discussed videotaping/televising meetings and the various options available.

Motion was made by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Tashjian to take the necessary steps to start the process of live videotaping board meetings for delayed broadcast on public access.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Tashjian, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Durand, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Manzelli stated the Board must make an effort to get meetings finished on a timely basis, in consideration of the students who will be involved in the videotaping.

The following items were also discussed:

- Potential use of podcasts for students with IEP's
- Potential use of audio books for literature courses
- An email received from a resident regarding transportation costs
- A plan identifying Board support for students who win academic competitions.
- Discussion of the Action Plan. Mr. Fletcher will put it on the agenda for the next two Board meetings.
- Goal of "closing the gap" - presentation/documentation of plans for closing the gap

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were discussed:

- Professional Development Days
- Videotaping of Board Meetings
- Connected Math
- Oradell request for referendum
- Curfew for students involved in videotaping of meetings

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to adjourn at 10:22 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Fletcher
Superintendent of Schools