

***RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION***

**REGULAR SESSION**

September 13, 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 13, 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, Michael Gardner, Stephanie Hartman, Vito Acquafredda, Joseph P. Manzelli, Jr.

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Student Liaisons - Michelle Castroagudin  
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**

**Student Member Report**

STUDENT REPORT

The following topics were discussed:

- Student blog will start when Zach comes back to school, after recuperating from surgery.
- Class size

**Reports**

REPORTS

**President's Report**

Mr. Manzelli shared an invitation received for an exhibit on September 29, 2010 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center where three River Dell students will be displaying their work.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following:

- In the American Mathematics Competition - Grade 8 made the US Honor Role and four students made the Distinguished Honor Roll, with seven students on the second tier down.
- Genesis, the student software package, is now being used and the final kinks are being resolved.
- A thank you note was received from Bonnie White for honoring her at the Board meeting.
- Because of the holidays, today was the first day of the first full week of school, and things are progressing well. There are still some new students registering, and 80% of the laptops have been distributed.

**VII. Personnel**

**E. Appointments**

4. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Gardner, to approve the appointment of Antoinette Capodanno as Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction (tenure track), for the 2010-11 school year, effective September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at a prorated salary of \$114,000. 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.
- APPROVE  
A. CAPODANNO  
SUPV. CURRIC./INSTR.

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.

A five minute recess was taken from 8:20 to 8:25 pm to introduce/meet Ms. Capodanno.

RECESS

## **Committee Reports**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee - Mr. Tashjian - The bill box has been reviewed.

Campus Facilities Committee - Mrs. O'Neill - The committee is trying to set a meeting date.

Community Relations & Information Committee - Mrs. Ross - There will be a meeting on Monday, September 20, 2010.

Policy & Governance Committee - Mr. Chakansky - Suggestions were received regarding considerations for possible policy additions and/or revisions.

Technology Committee - Mr. Acquafredda - The committee is trying to schedule a meeting with the Tri-District/Curriculum Committee for the first week in October.

Tri-District/Curriculum Committee - Mr. Acquafredda - The last meeting was in August and candidates for the Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction position were interviewed and Ms. Capodanno was chosen.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, 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, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Acquafredda, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Durand and Mrs. Ross voted aye on all but resolution VII.E.5, on which they abstained. Mrs. Hartman voted aye on all but resolution VII.A.1, on which she abstained.

## **VI. Personnel**

### **A. Special Requests**

- \*1. approve a professional leave request from Athletic Director Denis Nelson to attend the National Athletic Directors Conference/NIAAA Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, December 15-17, 2010, at a cost not to exceed \$245, and in accordance with appropriate statute.
- \*2. approve the College Roundtable dinner expenses on October 12, 2010 for college representatives and counselors at a cost not to exceed \$600.

D. NELSON  
NIAAA ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE

COLLEGE  
ROUNDTABLE  
DINNER

**B. Resignations/Retirements - None**

**C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None**

**D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None**

**E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year: SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS
- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Carolyn Carezza       | (BM—Mason Gross School of Arts—Rutgers)  |
| Kris DeBlasio         | (BA—York College of Pennsylvania)        |
| Arthur Eves           | (BA—University of New Hampshire)         |
| Sheldon Hirschberg    | (MA—Northwestern University)             |
| Maureen Kehoe         | (60+ credits—Montclair State University) |
| Christine Krechkowski | (BA—St. Peter’s College)                 |
| Courtney Mataras      | (60+ credits—Rider University)           |
| Kaitlyn Mele          | (BS—University of Delaware)              |
| Steven Vallespir      | (MBA—New York University)                |
| Douglas Wingerath     | (BS—Union College)                       |
- \*2. approve the appointment of Tonia Trobiano as a Teacher of Special Education (Leave Replacement), for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010 to January 30, 2011 at a prorated salary of \$54,198 (MA Step 3), 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. T. TROBIANO  
TEACHER OF SPECIAL  
EDUCATION-LEAVE  
REPLACEMENT
- \*3. approve the appointment of Anthony Rock as a Teacher of Biology (Leave Replacement), for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 at a prorated salary of \$64,552 (MA Step 7), 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. A. ROCK BIOLOGY  
TEACHER- LEAVE  
REPLACEMENT
- \*5. approve the appointment of Maura Wallace as a Teacher of Mathematics (Tenure Track), for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at a salary of \$44,787 (BA Step 1), 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. M. WALLACE  
MATH TEACHER

- \*6. approve the appointment of Amanda Gutschmidt as a Teacher of Mathematics (Leave Replacement), for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010 to January 30, 2011 at a prorated salary of \$44,787 (BA Step 1), 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.

A. GUTSCHMIDT  
MATH TEACHER-  
LEAVE REPLACEMENT

### **VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities**

- \*1. approve participation in the Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSSSD) Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) for the 2010-2011 school year.

SAP PARTICIPATION

### **X. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. Recording of Fire Drills - N/A  
\*2. Recording of Enrollment N/A  
\*3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report-N/A

- \*4. approve the agreement/meeting with Bergen Catholic High school for nonpublic nursing services for the 2010-2011 school year.

NON-PUBLIC  
NURSING AGREEMENT

- \*5. approve the Agreement/meeting with Bergen Catholic High School for the expenditure of nonpublic technology funds for the 2010-2011 school year.

NON-PUBLIC  
TECHNOLOGY  
AGREEMENT

- \*8. approve incoming tuition student #IC009 (grade 10-Tenafly) for the 2010-2011 school year.

INCOMING  
STUDENT #IC009

- \*9. approve a transportation jointure with Emerson (Route EM/RD) to transport Academy students to Hackensack for the 2010-2011 school year at a cost of \$15,810.78.

EMERSON  
TRANSPORTATION  
JOINTURE

- \*10. approve non-public transportation through the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

	<u>Route</u>	<u>Cost/student</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Total</u>
Don Bosco	N1005	\$784.13	6	\$ 4,704.78
Holy Angels	N7002	\$616.95	26	\$16,040.70
Immaculate Heart	N7083	\$878.58	22	\$19,328.76
Bergen Academies- Teterboro	TT803	N/A	N/A	\$37,454.51

Discussion ensued and the resolution was revised to remove route TT803 for a separate vote.

Approve non-public transportation through the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

NON-PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION

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## VII. Personnel

### A. Special Requests

3. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve a professional leave request from Business Administrator/Board Secretary Thomas L. Bonfiglio to attend the ASBO International Annual Meeting in Lake Buena Vista, FL on September 23-27, 2010, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 and in accordance with appropriate statute, as specified in the Business Administrator's contract. APPROVE T. BONFIGLIO ASBO INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Tashjian and Mrs. Durand voted nay. Mr. Chakansky, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Acquafredda all abstained. Discussion ensued and several members of the Board expressed concern that there may be a philosophical issue for the public, but this is a contractual obligation.

## VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

2. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to approve the following curricula for the 2010-2011 school year: NO VOTE TAKEN

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

Discussion ensued and motion was made by Mrs. Durand, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to table the resolution. TABLE 2010-11 CURRICULA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

## IX. Miscellaneous

1. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies:

**3000 Series:** 3570.1 Emails and Other Electronic Communications  
**4000 Series:** 4119.2 Staff Use of Internet, Social Networks and Other Forms of Electronic Communication

The 4000 series was withdrawn by the Superintendent.

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

APPROVE 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

2. Motion was made by Mrs. Durand, seconded by Mr. Chakansky, to approve the following exhibits:

APPROVE POLICY  
5141.21 EXHIBITS

**5000 Series:** 5141.21 Administering Medication

Exhibit 1	Emergency Health Care Plan
Exhibit 2	Self-Medication Permission Form
Exhibit 3	Administration of Epinephrine
Exhibit 4	Glucagon Delegation
Exhibit 5	Asthma Treatment Plan
Exhibit 6	Allergy Action Plan

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. Finance/District Operation**

6. Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to approve the submission and acceptance of the Consortium FY2011 NCLB Grant in the following amounts:

APPROVE FY2011  
NCLB GRANT

	<b><u>Title IIA</u></b>	<b><u>Title III</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Totals</u></b>
River Dell	\$23,843.00	\$14,837.00	\$ 38,680.00
Oradell	\$10,331.00	\$ 3,005.00	\$ 13,336.00
Bergen Catholic	\$ 9,618.00	-0-	\$ 9,618.00
St. Joseph’s	\$ 2,391.00	-0-	\$ 2,391.00
River Edge	\$14,975.00	\$17,564.00	\$ 32,539.00
St. Peter’s	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 3,304.00	\$ 5,900.00
Yeshiva	<u>\$ 9,786.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,101.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,887.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>	\$73,540.00	\$39,811.00	\$113,351.00

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.

7. Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to approve the submission of the FY2011 IDEA Application in the following amounts:

APPROVE FY2011 IDEA  
APPLICATION

Public	\$341,379
Nonpublic	<u>40,360</u>
Total	\$381,739

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.

10. Motion was made by Mr. Chakansky, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, to approve transportation through the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

APPROVE TRANSP.  
BERGEN ACADEMY-  
TETERBORO

	<u>Route</u>	<u>Cost/student</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bergen Academies- Teterboro	TT803	N/A	N/A	\$37,454.51

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Discussion ensued regarding the expense and researching a less expensive route.

Mr. Bonfiglio will develop spreadsheet of the current transportation costs.

### **Old Business**

OLD BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Televising Board meetings and the possible methods involved. The Technology Committee will discuss and make a recommendation to the Board.
- Closing the gap
- Feedback on Professional Development training on teacher orientation days September 1-3, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to adjourn at 9:51 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

TLB:ms