

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

February 13, 2017

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Monday, February 13, 2017. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

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

FLAG SALUTE

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Anthony Barbary, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Patrick Gallagher, and Joseph Manzelli.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Liaison(s), Emily DiMauro-Milk, Jordan Auriemma, Garrett DeMarrais
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
Approximately 10 member of the public

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 or use of any tobacco product 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.

Mr. Gallagher read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

Presentation: Problem Based Learning 9th grade English students and teachers Susan Carney, Lisa Schiff and Desiree Ferrandi

A brief recess was taken from 8:51 to 9:00 pm.

RECESS

Reports

Student

Student representatives discussed the various academic, athletic, and extra-curricular achievements that took place this past month.

President - None

Superintendent

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following topics:

- Students accepted into the 2017 North Jersey School Music Association Region I Junior High School Chorus
- High School Tri-M Choir performance
- Robotics tournament hosted by River Dell
- Update on becoming a Certified Board

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee - Mr. Gallagher

The committee reviewed the preliminary budget and they plan to meet again in early March after the notification of State Aid is received.

Campus Facilities Committee - None

Community Relations & Information Committee - Next meeting will be March 6, 2017

Curriculum/Tri-District Committee - Mr. Graef

The committee met on February 6, 2017 and discussed the Middle School schedule as well as changes to course names, both of which are on tonight's agenda, and the presentation made earlier.

Policy & Governance Committee - Mrs. Hartman

The committee discussed a new policy regarding placement for students in foster care; updates to current policies (emergency & disaster preparedness, surveys to address emancipated students); a revamp of list of job descriptions, which will come before the Board to be approved in 2017. In addition, the Department of Education has requested a statement of assurance that we have all of the required special education policies in place, and the Board will be voting on it at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Graef, that all items designated with asterisks (*) be part of a consent agenda and approved.

Mr. Graef made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kupfer, to exclude resolution IX.2 from the consent agenda for further discussion.

RESOLUTION IX.2
NON-CONSENT
ITEM

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye.

Voting resumed on the consent agenda, and was approved by the following roll call vote:

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Feigenson abstained on the January 23, 2017 minutes and Mrs. Hartman abstained on the January 4, 2017 minutes, but both voted aye on all other consent items.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

January 4, 2017 Reorganization & Executive Sessions
January 23, 2017 Regular Session

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
Mara Campbell	DSM-V Class/Implication/Psychopharmacology, Paramus, NJ	3/9/17	\$40
Dr. Chin Chu	2017 AP/Computer Science A, Riverdale, NY	7/31-8/4/17	\$1,100
Alison Donoghue	Autism NJ Transition Conference, Woodbridge, NJ	5/1/17	\$114
Michael Dunphy	PARCC Regional Training Workshop, Whippany, NJ	2/9/17	\$16.74
William Feldman	Creating a Mindful Classroom, Mahwah, NJ	3/23/17	\$79
Carrie Jacobus	College Board Reading: AP Chemistry, Salt Lake City, UT	6/2-10/17	-0-
Ross Pohling	TEC—AP Physics C, Watertown, CT	7/10-14/17	\$1,150
Kelli Shill	SUPA Accounting Seminar, NYC	5/12/17	\$100
Marc Wachter	PARCC Regional Training Workshop, Whippany, NJ	2/9/17	\$21.08
Marianthe Williams	SchoolCIO Leadership Summit, Redwood City, CA	3/2-5/17	\$500
Marianthe Williams	ISTE/Intel Visionary Conference, San Antonio, TX	6/23-29/17	\$2500

*2. approve the placement of Michael McGlynn for a practicum placement in the high school social studies department, effective January 30 to May 5, 2017, with Dawn Rivas as cooperating teacher.

M. McGLYNN
PRACTICUM

- *3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants Teacher of the Handicapped Keri Koch a revised federal family and medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning January 20, 2017 and ending January 31, 2017; unpaid from February 1 to March 8, 2017; an unpaid NJ state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period March 9, 2017 and ending, May 17, 2017; and an unpaid child rearing leave of absence for the period beginning May 18, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

K. KOCH
REVISED
FMLA

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

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of Erin Smith as a Teacher of Student with Disabilities/Elementary K-6 (leave replacement), effective February 3, 2017 to June 30, 2017, for a 120% schedule at a prorated salary of \$58,423 (BA Step 1). 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.

E. SMITH LEAVE
REPLACEMENT

- *2. approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year:

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS

Colleen Finneran (BA Rutgers University)
Robert Charles (BS Montclair State)

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve the modified middle school schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.

MODIFIED MS
SCHEDULE

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills

FIRE DRILLS

Middle School: January 4 & 27, 2017
High School: January 24 & 26, 2017

- *2. Recording of Enrollment

ENROLLMENT

- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report

SUSPENSION/VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM REPORT

- *4. Recording of HIB Reports—None Reported

HIB REPORTS

*5. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept that, as of **January 2017** 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

*6. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **January 2017**.

SCHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS

*7. bill payments in the amount of **\$866,261.62** including **\$36,982.31** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$398,248.76** for previously issued warrants, and **\$468,012.86** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **February 13, 2017**. (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

*9. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **February 2017**:

SCHOLARSHIP
DONATIONS

Lindsey Manzelli Memorial Scholarship	\$50.00
Total:	\$50.00

*10. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **January 2017** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report.

TREAS. SCHOOL
MONIES REPORT

*11. approve the placement of the following incoming student, effective February 1, 2017 for the 2016-2017 school year:

INCOMING
STUDENT

<u>Student #</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Placement</u>
222948	Teaneck	7	LLD Program

*12. approve voiding the checks on the attached list.

VOID CHECKS

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

2. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to approve the following course name changes for the 2017-2018 school year:

COURSE NAME
CHANGES

<u>Middle School:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
	PreAlgebra 7	Math 7
	Advanced PreAlgebra 7	Advanced Math 7
	Algebra 8	Math 8
	Advanced Algebra 8	Advanced Math 8

<u>High School:</u>	Honors Advanced Algebra 2 w/Trig	Honors Algebra 2 w/Trig
	Advanced Algebra 2 w/Trig (#338)	Algebra 2 w/Trig
	Honors Analytical Writing through Studying Film	Film Analysis

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mr. Graef abstained.

X. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Kupfer, to approve the following resolution: SEMI WAIVER

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2017-2018, and

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that we project having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students and participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district’s available SEMI reimbursement for the 2017-2018 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye.

XI. Finance/District Operation

8. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the financial Report for the month ending **January 2017**. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye.

13. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Kupfer, to approve the following resolution: CAPITAL RESERVE APPROPRIATION

APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the River Dell regional Board of Education, County of Bergen desires to advance the following capital project, high school roof replacement, and

WHEREAS, capital reserve funds may be appropriated by board resolution to support eligible or otherwise eligible capital projects, and

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional Board of Education acknowledges that State support for capital projects is not currently available, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Facilities must approve all capital projects and will only move forward with approval of a properly submitted capital project if a local board of education declares an eligible capital project as “otherwise” eligible, and

WHEREAS, by declaring a capital project as “otherwise” eligible, the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby declares that the above-mentioned project will be supported in full with local capital reserve funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby declares the above referenced project as “otherwise” eligible and directs the School Business Administrator to request Department of Facilities Approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby appropriates \$997,000 from its capital reserve fund to support the full cost of this project.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mrs. Hartman abstained.

Old/New Business/Discussion

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Moving the September 11, 2017 Board Meeting
- News article regarding more children with disabilities attending colleges
- Article regarding schools teaching students the difference between factual and fictitious news
- Tri-M Classical performance
- Criteria for Honor Societies

Public Comment – None

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adjourn at 9:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

TLB:ms