

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

March 27, 2018

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, February 12, 2018. Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

ROLL CALL

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to adopt the following resolution at 7:00 p.m.

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:

Co-Curricular/athletic stipend negotiations; annual appointments

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 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.

Executive Session ended at 7:29 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to resume open session at 7:30 p.m.

RESUME
OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Lisa Finn, Secretary
Kaitlyn Bridge, Student Representative
Greg Sarafian, Student Representative
Olivia Tumino, Student Representative
0 members of the public

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statements:

OPEN PUBLIC
MEETING STMT.

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, and 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 \$100.00.

Mr. Manzelli read the mission statement.

MISSION
STATEMENT

IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only)-None

V. Student Member Report

The student liaison gave brief updates on academic, athletic and

STUDENT MEMBER

**PRESENTATION: Preliminary Budget for FY2018-2019:
Thomas L. Bonfiglio**

PRESENTATION
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
FY2018-2019

VI. Reports

President’s Report

PRESIDENT’S
REPORT

Mr. Manzelli reported on the following topics:

- The Addams Family Musical
- Drama Club
- Spring Sports
- Darryl Strawberry
- 3/14 Walk-out
- Chris Herren (Hoop Dreams) speaker on Heroin Addiction
3/14/18
- 3/29 County Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Italy Exchange students
- Vito Aquafredda’s passing

Superintendent’s Report

SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- 3/14 Walk-out
- Chris Herren’s Presentation
- The Adams Family Musical
- Senior Citizens Prom
- Denis Nelson-Athletic Director of the Year

Mr. Bonfiglio commended Fred Smith and Bruce Labouseur on the Field of Excellence award that they won again this year.

MR. BONFIGLIO’S
REPORT

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Graef to move that all items designated with asterisks (*) be a part of an consent agenda and approved.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MINUTES

- * approve the following Board meeting minutes:

February 12, 2018 Executive and 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:

PROF. DAY REQUESTS
FOR STAFF

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
Jen Jarusiewicz	2018 NJ TESOL Spring Conference at Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick NJ	5/31-6/1/18	\$587.61
Maureen Kiel	Oppositional, Defiant & Disruptive Children & Adolescents at Hilton Garden Inn in Nanuet NY	4/18/18	\$168.98
Marissa Van Tol	Oppositional, Defiant & Disruptive Children & Adolescents at Hilton Garden Inn in Nanuet, NY	4/18/18	\$99.00
Heather Walker	NJ TESOL Spring Conference at Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick NJ	5/31/18	\$309.68
Kathryn Zintel	NJ Music Educators Association All-State Chorus Auditions at Parsippany Hills HS in Morris Plains/West Deptford HS in West Deptford NJ	4/14/18 & 4/21/18	\$132.00

- *2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants Teacher of English Lauren DelPiano a maternity leave of absence with pay for the period beginning June 21 to 22, 2018 and an unpaid leave of absence for the period beginning September 4, 2018 to January 1, 2019.

MATERNITY LEAVE
L. DELPIANO

- *3. approve the participation of Senior Options Coordinator Jennifer Luberto Stuber in the Bergen LEADS program for the 2018-2019 school year, at a cost to the Board of \$2,000.00.

J. STUBER BERGEN
LEADS PROGRAM

B. Resignations/Retirements- None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers- None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections- None

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute for the 2017-2018 school year:

L. RITTER
SUBSTITUTE

Lewis Ritter (BA – Rutgers University)

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve a field trip for middle school French students to travel to Guadeloupe on June 23-29, 2019, with Teacher of French Carole Guerriero as chaperone, at no cost to the Board.

M/S FRENCH
STUDENTS TO
GUADELOUPE

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. certify and accept, that as of **February 2018** 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
OVER-EXPENDITURES
ACCEPT BOARD
SECRETARY'S REPORT

- *2. Board accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the months ending **February 2018**.

SCHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS RPT.

- *3. recommend bill payments in the amount of **\$1,450,757.72** including **\$33,873.60** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$424,435.24** for previously issued warrants, and **\$1,026,322.48** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **March 27, 2018**. (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 **March 2018: N/A**

- *6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months of **February 2018** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES RPT.
- *7. approve bedside instruction for student #180940 provided by Professional Education Services at High Focus effective February 27, 2018. The cost of instruction is \$50.78 per hour for 10 hours per week for approximately 4 to 6 weeks. BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENT #180940
- *8. approve modified homebound instruction for student #232882 for approximately 6 weeks effective March 12, 2018. The cost of instruction is \$50.78 per hour for 5 hours per week. HOMEBOUND INSTUCTION FOR STUDENT #232882
- *9. **WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and ACES PROGRAM FOR GAS SUPPLY
- WHEREAS**, the River Dell Regional School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and
- WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May 2023, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the

future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

- *10. **WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**ACES PROGRAM
ELECTRIC USAGE**

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May 2023 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or supplier awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

X. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to approve the selection of the following professional staff members as River Dell's 2018 Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program recipients:

Marnie Ross	Middle School
Dawn Rivas	High School

TEACHER/EDUC. SVC.
PROF. RECOGNITION
M. ROSS & D. RIVAS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Finance/District Operation

4. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Kupfer to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **February 2018**. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
& ADJUSTMENTS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve a school district preliminary budget for the FY2018-2019 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent's office as follows: PRELIMINARY
BUDGET
FY 2018-2019

Tax Levy	\$30,391,456
Current Expenses	\$32,370,779
Capital Outlay	60,287
Special Revenue	451,000
Debt Service	<u>1,529,400</u>

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES \$34,411,466

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply for a Commissioner's Adjustment of \$250,744 to the base tax levy for the 2018-2019 school budget for adjustments for health care costs.

In addition, the Board of Education will use \$63,979 in banked Cap (2015-2016) for the purpose of a new teaching position which will be completed by the end of 2018-2019 budget year and cannot be deferred in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b).

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 12. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson to approve the following resolution:

D’ONOFRIO & SONS
 LANDSCAPING SVC.
 2018-2019 & 2019-2020

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional Board of Education (“Board”) advertised for bids for Landscaping Services (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2018, the Board received one bid for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the D’Onofrio & Sons, Inc. Landscaping submitted a bid in the amount of \$35,250 per year for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by D’Onofrio & Sons is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board’s desire to award the contract for the Services to D’Onofrio & Sons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Services to D’Onofrio & Sons for a total contract sum of \$70,500 for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.
- 2. This award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and bonds as required in the project specifications, together with an executed contract, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

XII. Items for Board Discussion and Decision-None

XIII.XIV. Old Business/New Business

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- School Programs
- Stigma Free event
- Vacant River Edge Board seat
- Friends of RD (F.O.R.D.) Golf Outing 6/18/18

A discussion ensued amongst the Board in regard to Mr. Vito Acquafredda. He was a Board Member for many years, he was a big part of the High School Referendum, the Italian Exchange Club, and the Italian SUPA classes. The Board members all said he will be missed.

XV. Public Comments—General-None

XVI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary