

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 18, 2019

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, November 18, 2019 Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Albert Graef, Joseph Manzelli, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Alan Feigenson, and Douglas Kupfer. John Samuel arrived at 8:17 p.m.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion was made by Claudia O'Neill, seconded by, Tracy-Ellen Ehalt to adopt the following resolution at 7:30 pm:

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:

The Special Requests, Revised Contracts, and Appointments, Grievance by the RDEA, Student Disciplinary Matter

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.

Motion carried by all ayes. Mr. Samuel was absent for this motion.

Motion was made by Stephanie Hartman, seconded by Claudia O'Neill, to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes. Mr. Samuel was absent for this motion.

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Board Members Present

Claudia O'Neill, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Barbara Kuchar, Joseph Manzelli, Albert Graef, Stephanie Hartman, Alan Feigenson and Douglas Kupfer. John Samuel arrived at 8:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Liaison(s) Greyson Ebnetter and Allyson Tariga

Mr. Bonfiglio led everyone in a salute to the flag

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statement:

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, 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. Graef read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School Distr

MISSION
STATEMENT

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

Presentation:

Mr. Lee from School Boards discussed the completed Board Self Evaluation.

MATT LEE
BOARD SELF
EVALUATION

V. **Student Member Report**

Student liaison Greyson Ebnetter spoke about the Literary Magazine Trip to Columbia University on November 4, 2019, The Drama Club Musical "Spelling Bee", Tri-M Honor Society fruit sale and the Peer Leadership Program with the Freshmen.

STUDENT MEMBER
REPORTS

Student Liaison Allyson Tariga spoke about the Club Holiday Drives and The National Honor Society Spring Color Run Project.

VI. **Reports**

REPORTS

1. **President's Report**

Mr. Graef reported on the following topics:

- Mr. Graef congratulated Alan Feigenson, Stephanie Hartman and Barbara Kuchar on their re-election to the River Dell Board of Education for a three year term.
- Mr. Graef thanked Mr. Manzelli for representing The River Dell Regional School District as a delegate to the Assembly in Trenton on November 23, 2019.
- Mr Graef mentioned the Clothing Drive for Project Graduation on November 23, 2019.

2. **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following topics:

- Mr. Fletcher talked about the students raising money and collecting items for others. Mr. Fletcher is thankful for such a caring environment.
- Mr. Fletcher mentioned The Fall Musical this year has two casts which allows for more students to get involved.
- Mr. Fletcher mentioned that the Roosevelt School in River Edge is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and there is an exhibit at The River Edge Cultural Center which runs through November 23, 2019.

3. **Committee Reports**

Mr. Manzelli discussed the meeting with the Auditors from Smolin Lupin and Co. on November 13, 2019. The Audit Report will be presented at the Board Meeting on December 16, 2019. Mr. Manzelli also mentioned that the Budget Process for 2020/2021 is beginning.

4. **Campus Facilities** - None

5. **Community Relations & Technology**

Mrs. O'Neill reported that Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Graef and Mr. Fletcher met and discussed better ways to reach the community and possibly having public service announcements on RDTV about vaping, alcohol, stress and drinking and driving.

6. **Curriculum** – Mrs. Hartmann discussed new course proposals that are coming forward in December 2019 and January 2020 and Math

Department Initiatives.

7. Policy & Governance – None

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Feigenson to move that 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:

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

Mr. Feigenson voted aye on all but resolution VII on which he abstained on the October 21, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Samuel voted aye on all but resolution VII on which he abstained on the October 21, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

VII. **Board Meeting Minutes**

*approve the following Board meeting minutes:

October 7, 2019 Executive and Regular Session
October 21, 2019 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 | Date | Cost (not to exceed) |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Samantha Altman | Embracing the Whole Child Workshop in Mahwah, NJ | 3/16/20 | \$125.00 |
| William Feldman | NJSBA Conference in Atlantic City, NJ | 10/22-24/19 | \$140.00 |
| Richard Freedman | Special Education Litigation Certificate Program in Monroe Township, NJ | 2/1, 2/19 & 3/4/20 | \$450.00 |
| Jennifer Jarusiewicz | Practical Co-teaching Strategies in West Orange, NJ | 12/18/19 | \$297.55 |
| John Mauthe | AMTNJ Special Education Math Conference in Monroe Township, NJ | 12/4/19 | 208.48 |
| Maria Meo | A Person Centered Approach to Transition Planning in Livingston, NJ | 11/15/19 | \$17.64 |
| Linda Mikulka | Practical Co-teaching Strategies in West Orange, NJ | 12/18/19 | \$297.55 |
| Mary Risi | NJ Assoc. of School Librarians Fall Conference 2019 in East Brunswick, NJ | 12/9-10/19 | \$311.30 |

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| Dawn Rivas | Microsoft Education Summit in New York, NY | 11/13/19 | \$90.00 |
| Alison Saffos | Conference on English Leadership in Baltimore, MD | 11/24-26/19 | \$908.00 |
| Lauren Weber | Project Advance Fall Seminar in New York, NY | 12/17/19 | \$27.00 |
| Matthew Winchell | Bi-annual SUPA Sociology Seminar in NYC, NY | 11/21/19 | \$32.00 |

- *2. approve 10 hours of summer 2019 work for Teacher of Science John Herbeck at the rate of \$53.38 per hour, not to exceed \$533.80. J. HERBECK 2019 SUMMER SCIENCE TEACHER
- 3 approve the appointment of Joseph Acuna to the position of IndoorTrack Coach for the 2019-2020 season, at a salary of \$6,800 (Group V) as per the RDEA Agreement. J. ACUNA INDOOR TRACK COACH
- *4. approve the appointment of Patrick Crann to the position of Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach for the 2020 season, at a salary of \$6,800 (Group V) as per the RDEA Agreement. P. CRANN ASST. BOYS LACROSSE COACH
- *5. approve the appointment of Charibelkis Checo de Baez to the position of Part-Time Custodian at the rate of \$15.50 per hour, effective October 31, 2019. C. CHECO DE BAEZ PART TIME CUSTODIAN
- *6 approve the following correction to the professional day request, approved on June 18, 2019, for the following staff members: PROF. DAY REQUEST CORRECTIONS

| Name | Workshop/Conference | Date | Cost Correction (not to exceed) |
|----------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Tiffany Correa | ISTE19 Creative Construction Lab at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts in New Orleans, LA | 10/29-20/19 | From \$745.00 To \$1,166,60 |
| Sarah Kang | ISTE19 Creative Construction Lab at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts in New Orleans, LA | 10/29-20/19 | From \$745.00 To \$1,166,60 |

B. Resignations/Retirements

- *1. rescind the appointment of Sean Duffy as Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach for the 2020 season. RESCIND S. DUFFY LACROSSE COACH

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

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- *1. approve the salary adjustment for Teacher of Spanish Kathryn Anecchino from \$80,826.00 (MA Step 11) to \$83,600.00 (MA+16 Step 11) effective September 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

K. ANNECCHINO
SALARY ADJ.

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2019-2020 school year:

K. SHILL
EXTRA CURRICULAR
ADVISOR

| Name | Activity | Stipend |
|-------------|------------------|------------|
| Kelli Shill | Model UN Advisor | \$2,500.00 |

- *2. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2019-2020 school year:

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS

George Arezzo (MPh Carnegie Mellon University)
 Michael Sconza (BS Otterbein University)
 David Tirelli (60 credits Johnson & Wales)

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve the establishment of the following extra-curricular activity in the high school for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, at a prorated salary as per the RDEA Agreement:

ESTABLISH
CHINESE
NATIONAL
HONOR
SOCIETY

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Chinese National Honor Society | \$2,000.00 |

- *2. approve the establishment of the following extra-curricular activity in the middle school for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, at a prorated salary as per the RDEA Agreement:

ESTABLISH
STIGMA FREE
CLUB

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|------------------|---------------|
| Stigma Free Club | \$1,200.00 |

- *3. approve private vehicle transportation of students by Quiz Bowl advisor John Mauthe to Quiz Bowl Tournaments on November 23, 2019 in Darien, Ct and February 22, 2020 in Chatham, NJ.

J. MAUTHE
QUIZ BOWL
TRANSPORTATION

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X. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the submission of the 2019-2020 NJQSAC District Performance Review (DPR). 2019-2020 NJQSAC DPR

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
Middle School October 25 & 30, 2019
High School October 15 & 29, 2019
- *2. Recording of Enrollment—(Attached)—October 2019 ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Reports SUSP./VIOLENCE
—(Attached)—October 2019 VANDALISM RPTS.
- *4. Recording of HIB Reports—October 2019—N/A HIB REPORTS
- *5. accept, that as of **October 2019** 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 SECRETARY'S RPT.
- *6. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **October 2019**. SCHOLARSHIP ANALYSIS RPT.
- *7. recommend bill payments in the amount of **\$1,110,802.36** including **\$39,080.09** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$432,851.74** for previously issued warrants, and **\$638,870.53** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **November 18, 2019**. (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 NOVEMBER 2019

- *9. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **November 2019**: 11/18/19
SCHOLARSHIP
ACCOUNTS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Lindsey Manzelli Memorial Scholarship | \$25.00 |
| Total | \$25.00 |

- *10. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **October 2019** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. TREASURY OF
SCHOOL MONIES
REPORT

- *11. approve the following consultants, at an on-needed basis, for the 2019-2020 school year: CONSULTANTS

| Service | Consultant | Rate |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Neurologist | Dr. Poorvi Patel Dr. Green St. Joseph Hospital | \$850 per neurological evaluation |
| Psychiatrist | Dr. Leslie Nagy Dr. Morton Fridman Dr. Esther Fridman | \$700 per psychiatric evaluation \$350 for no-show for appointment made |
| Psychologist | Dr. Erica Bases Dr. Hugh Bases | \$2,100 per neuropsychological evaluation \$650 per neurodevelopmental |
| Region V Consultants | Occupational Therapist Speech Therapist Physical Therapist Behaviorist Evaluations: Psyh & Ed Assistive Technology Neuropsychological Eval | \$70- \$80 per session for each discipline \$320 per report \$620 per report \$1200 per report |
| Care Plus, New Jersey | Mental Health Clinician | 3 days per week - \$62,400 (contract) |

- *12. approve bedside instruction for Student #201533 for 6 weeks by Professional Education Services, Inc. at the rate of \$50.78 per hour for 10 hours per week effective October 21, 2019. BEDSIDE
INSTRUCTION
STUDENT # 201533

- *13. approve bedside instruction for Student #212020 for 2 weeks by LearnWell at the rate of \$48.00 per hour for 10 hours per week effective October 31, 2019. BEDSIDE
INSTRUCTION
STUDENT # 212020

- *14. rescind the approval of Michael Hirsh as Security for the PSA testing on October 19, 2019 at a rate of \$185.00 and appoint Debra Hooch as Security for the PSAT testing on October 19, 2019 at a rate of \$185.00. M. HIRSCH
D. HOOCK
PSAT SECURITY

- *15 approve a transportation jointure with Englewood (Route EA23 for transporting a Choice student attending Dwight Morrow High School for the 2019-2020 school year, at a cost of \$1,000.00.

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ENGLEWOOD
JOINTURE

XI. Finance/District Operation

8. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Report for the month ending **October 2019**.

LINE ITEM
TRANSFERS &
ADJUSTMENTS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- XII. Old Business** – Mr. Manzelli discussed the Delegate Assembly in Trenton, NJ and how Hillsboro Township wants to raise the Tax Levy by more than two percent.

OLD/NEW
BUSINESS
DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY

XIII. New Business - None

XIV. Board Discussion – Mrs. Hartman discussed having a District Wide Mental Health Day.

XV. Public Comments - None

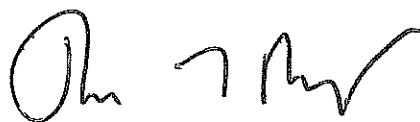
XVI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Claudia O'Neill, seconded by Douglas Kupfer to adjourn at 9:06 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary