

**RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR SESSION**

January 6, 2014

7:35 PM

A Regular Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education immediately followed the Re-Organization session in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center.

**Board Members Present**

Claudia O’Neill, Patrick Gallagher, Patricia Almberg, Anthony Barbary, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Alan Feigenson, and Joseph Manzelli. Paul Barnes was absent.

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary  
Malissa Stokes, Secretary  
Approximately 10 members of the public

Mrs. Kuchar read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

**Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None**

**Reports - None**

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, 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, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mrs. Kuchar abstained. Mr. Barnes was absent.

**VII. 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: **WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Not to exceed</b>
Michael Garibell	<i>Be the Best You Are Softball Coaches</i> , Cherry Hill, NJ	1/24/14	\$125
William Feldman	<i>Leadership Institute for Legislative Advocacy</i> , Washington, D.C	1/26-28/14	\$1,326
Marianthe Williams	<i>NJASA TechSpo 2014</i> , Atlantic City, NJ	1/30-31/14	\$260

- \*2. approve the placement of Russell King as a student teacher in the social studies department at the high school, effective January 21 through May 16, 2014, with Lisa Torres as cooperating teacher. R. KING STUDENT  
TEACHER
- \*3. approve an administrative internship for Teacher of English Jeffrey Williams, effective January 21 through May 14, 2014, with Lorraine Brooks, Jeffrey Principe and Brian Long as cooperating administrators. J. WILLIAMS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
INTERNSHIP
- \*4. approve Paul Garofano as the facilitator for the Tri-District Afterschool Workshop, *Google Apps: Easy and Effective Classroom Integration*, at a rate not to exceed \$1,360, with costs funded by Tri-District funds (account #70-320). P. GAROFANO  
TRI-DIST. AFTER  
SCHOOL WORKSHOP
- \*5. approve the Junior College Planning Night dinner expenses on January 9, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$300. JR. COLLEGE  
PLANNING NIGHT

**B. Resignations/Retirements - None**

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

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

**E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisor for the 2013-2014 school year: SPRING MUSICAL  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Spring Musical-Musical Director	Kathryn Zintel	2*	\$2,181*
*to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations			

**VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None**

**X. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE DRILLS

Middle School	December 4 & 13, 2013
High School	December 19 & 20, 2013
- \*2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT
- \*3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/VANDALISM
- \*4. Recording of HIB Report(s) - None for December 2013 HIB REPORT
- \*5. approve homebound instruction for student #7365, effective December 12, 2013, for 10 hours per week at the rate of \$50.78 per hour. #7365 HOMEBOUND  
INSTRUCTION

**IX. Miscellaneous**

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mr. Barbary, to approve the second reading of the following policies: 1000, 5000, & 9000  
SERIES POLICY  
SECOND READING

- 1000 Series:** 1410\* Local Units
- 5000 Series:** 5113\* Absences and Excuses  
5141.6 Crisis Intervention  
5145.5\* Photographs of Students  
5145.11\* Questioning and Apprehension
- 9000 Series:** 9321\* Time; Place; Notification of Meetings

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mrs. Kuchar abstained. Mr. Barnes was absent.

2. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mr. Barbary, to approve the following regulations: 1000 & 5000 SERIES  
REGULATIONS

- 1000 Series:** 1410 Local Units
- 5000 Series:** 5113 Absences and Excuses  
5141.4\* Child Abuse and Neglect  
5141.6 Crisis Intervention

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mrs. Kuchar abstained. Mr. Barnes was absent.

3. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to approve the following resolution: STATE MANDATE  
STATE PAY

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has issued unfunded mandates requiring greatly expanded teacher observations, curriculum revisions and standardized testing,

**WHEREAS**, that based on the highly performing history of our school district, these new mandates are unnecessary for our district to provide a thorough and efficient educational system, a fact which makes these unfunded mandates particularly onerous to our district,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the River Dell Regional Board of Education asks the Commissioner of Education and the New Jersey Legislature to reimburse the River Dell Regional Board of Education costs incurred to date to comply with these mandates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Legislature provide additional state aid to all New Jersey Districts in an amount sufficient to fully fund these mandates.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we direct our Board secretary to send letters to the State Commissioner of Education, our State Senator, our Governor, our State Senate President and Assembly Speaker making this request, along with a copy of this resolution.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. AlMBERG, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mrs. Kuchar abstained. Mr. Barnes was absent.

**Old Business**

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The Board discussed buses idling during athletic events.

**New Business**

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The following items were discussed:

- Committee assignments - keeping committees with existing members
- Board re-certification training is complete. Analysis will be done and the certification issued in March

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution at 7:53 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:

*Teacher leave of absence request; teachers increased work schedules; appointment of athletic coach; appointment of weight room supervisors; appointment of teacher (leave replacement)*

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. No action will be taken.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to resume open session and adjourn at 8:12 pm.

RESUME OPEN SESSION/  
ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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