

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

February 24, 2014

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 24, 2014. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

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

Motion was made by, Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution at 7:01 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's leave of absence request; additional work schedules for teachers; appointment of extracurricular advisor

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be sixty minutes and that action will be taken in public after the executive session.

Motion carried by all ayes.

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

RESUME OPEN
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary
Student Liaisons - Billy Grupenhof and Michelle Hao
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
Approximately 1 member of the public

Mr. Bonfiglio 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.

Mrs. Hartman read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

Presentation

Rotary Club Presentation to the Interact Club -

Mark Dance presented the Interact Club with a check in the amount of \$446
This was generated through numerous fundraisers.

Reports

REPORTS

Student Member Report

The student representatives gave a brief overview of the various activities that took place, and will be taking place at River Dell.

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli discussed the following:

- The February 3, 2014 Board of Education was held even though school was cancelled due to the snow.
- Thank you to everyone for their patience with the numerous snow days and changes to the calendar.
- The District 8 Wrestling Tournament was hosted by River Dell this past weekend. Coach Tota was named the District 8 Coach of the Year.
- Thank you to the River Edge Council for their recognition of Mr. Fletcher being named Superintendent of the Year.
- On March 18, 2014 the Select Choir will be performing at the NY Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following items:

- Thank you to the community at large for their patience in dealing with River Dell's schedule changes, etc. during this nasty winter.
- Thank you to the staff for their help during the QSAC monitoring that just occurred, particularly Mr. Bonfiglio and his staff. Mr. Fletcher feels that River Dell will continue with its Highly Performing status, but the official written notice will not be received until Spring.

Mr. Bonfiglio reported the River Dell won the Field of Excellence Award from Pioneer Athletics for the fourth year in a row - congratulations to Mr. Smith and Mr. LaBourseur.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, 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, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Kuchar, and Mr. Feigenson were absent.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

January 6, 2014	Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2014	Executive and Regular Sessions

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
Kathryn Kreger	Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, Wood Ridge, NJ	5/19/14	\$35
Desiree Ferrandi	SUPA Spring Workshop	5/20/14	\$100
Edward Houston	SUPA Physics Seminar	3/14/14	\$50
Liz Stiles	Poles & Jews during World War II, East Orange, NJ	3/13/14	\$10
Lauren Weber	Poles & Jews during World War II, East Orange, NJ	3/13/14	\$10
John Knable	NJ Building & Grounds EXPO, Atlantic City, NJ	4/15-16/14	\$485

B. Resignations/Retirements - None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute Teacher (s) for the 2013-1024 school year: SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER

Russell King (60+ credits Kean University)

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None

X. Miscellaneous

- *2. approve the revisions to the 2014-2015 school calendar. REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept that, as of **January 2014** 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

*2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **January 2014**. SCHOLARSHIP ANALYSIS

*3. bill payments in the amount of **\$860,554.60** including **\$31,829.56** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$292,443.37** for previously issued warrants, and **\$536,271.58** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **February 24, 2014**. (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 **January 2014**: SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Scott Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total:	\$500.00

*6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **January 2014** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. TREAS. SCHOOL MONIES REPORT

*8. approve services for student #7070 provided by Educational Enterprises for four hours at a cost not to exceed \$528. #7070 EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES

*9. approve bedside instruction for student #170640 at High Focus Center, effective February 4, 2014, five hours per week for approximately four to six weeks, at the rate of \$50.78 per hour. #170640 BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION

*10. approve the voiding of the following checks: VOID CHECKS

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
<u>General Account</u>			
24343	\$ 100.00	4/29/13	NJ Assn. School Administrators
24568	884.00	6/17/13	M. Tajma
24589	<u>884.00</u>	6/17/13	R. Rosen
TOTAL	\$1,868.00		

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
<u>Activity Account</u>			
1609	\$1,550.00	6/24/05	Carefree Bus Tours
1970	21.90	5/15/06	Champion Fundraising
2073	136.44	6/12/06	Sharon Milch
3076	13.00	11/14/06	Ian Johnson
3169	23.33	1/9/07	Dawn Rivas
3182	61.50	1/26/07	Richard Duque
3281	41.00	3/20/07	River Dell Middle School
3484	400.00	6/6/07	Helen Hayes Youth Theatre
3511	55.00	6/18/07	Marc Sapin
3547	209.00	6/25/07	Darlington Park
3553	50.00	6/25/07	Panera Bread
3557	100.00	6/25/07	NJ Law Enforcement
3689	41.00	12/10/07	Patria Oliver Gonzalez
3967	220.00	5/16/08	American Cancer Society
4058	10.13	6/24/08	Diane Bodean
4154	170.00	10/28/08	U.S.S.B.A.
4165	551.66	10/28/08	Steffan DelPiano
4234	231.00	12/22/08	Help Hospitalized Veterans
4312	1,175.00	3/10/09	Hunter Mountain
4364	20.00	4/17/09	Francois Fatras
4697	39.90	2/11/10	Hagopian
5819	43.75	6/13/12	Saratheresa Bartelloni
6016	<u>150.00</u>	11/27/12	Willie McBrides
TOTAL	\$5,313.61		

*11. approve the Agreement between the River Dell Regional Board of Education and River Dell Administrators Association for the period 2013-2016.

RDA
AGREEMENT

X. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Almberg, to approve the following changes to the Board meeting date schedule for 2014:

March 10, 2014 to March 17, 2014
 April 21, 2014 to April 28, 2014
 June 23, 2014 to Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Discussion ensued and the March 10, 2014 meeting date was changed to Tuesday, March 18, 2014, making the revised schedule as follows:

REVISED BOARD
MEETING DATES

March 10, 2014 to Tuesday, March 18, 2014
 April 21, 2014 to April 28, 2014
 June 23, 2014 to Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Kuchar, and Mr. Feigenson were absent.

XI. Finance/District Operation

4. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Manzelli, to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **January 2014**.

LINE ITEM
TRANSFERS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Kuchar, and Mr. Feigenson were absent.

7. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, to adopt the following resolution:

V&K CONSTRUCTION
TOILET ROOM
RENOVATION

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") advertised for bids for Handicap Renovations to the Girls' Locker Room Toilet at River Dell Regional Middle School Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2014 the Board received nine (9) bids for the Project, as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, the putative low bid was submitted by Northeastern Interior Services, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Northeastern") with a base bid in the amount of \$50,000, which bid is materially defective insofar as the bidder did not list a subcontractor for the Plumbing and HVAC trades that is classified by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction (hereinafter referred to as the "DPMC") as required by the bid documents, the bid specifications and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-18, which is a material, nonwaivable defect; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid for this project was submitted by V&K Construction Co., Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "V&K") with a base bid in the amount of \$54,300, together with Alternate No. 1, New Storage Room, in the amount of \$17,000, for a total contract sum of \$71,300; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by V&K is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board's desire to award the contract for the Project to V&K;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The bid submitted by Northeastern Interior Services, LLC is hereby rejected as the bidder did not list a DPMC classified subcontractor for the Plumbing and HVAC trades as required by the bid specifications and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-18, which is a material, nonwaivable defect.
2. The Board hereby awards the bid for the Handicap Renovations to the Girls' Locker Room Toilet at River Dell Regional Middle School Project to V&K Construction Co., Inc., in a total contract sum of \$71,300, representing a base bid in the amount of \$54,300, together with Alternate No. 1, New Storage Room, in the amount of \$17,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, 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. Gallagher, Mrs. AlMBERG, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Kuchar, and Mr. Feigenson were absent.

Board Discussion/OldBusiness/New Business

The following topics were discussed:

- High school bathrroms - do they need renovation. Mr. Bonfiglio stated that they were done during the referendum.
- March band fundraiser on February 11, 2014.
- Snow day make-up days - potential options to taking days away from April break.
- River Dell students submissions in Montclair Film Festival receiving honorable mention.
- NY Times article regarding push back on common core curriculum.
- PTO's Speaker's Bureau presented a program called Drive Safer, which offers a driver safety training for drivers of any age.
- Freshman English, which will be discussed at the next curriculum committee meeting.
- BCASBA meeting on March 4, 2014 regarding policy making and how to effectively communicate with legislators.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. AlMBERG, to adjourn at 9:08 pm. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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