

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

September 9, 2013

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, September 9, 2013. Board President, Stephanie Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Claudia O'Neill, Patrick Gallagher, Anthony Barbary, Lori Locastro, Joseph Manzelli and Stephanie Hartman were present.

Patricia Almberg (arrived at 7:25 p.m.).

Alan Feigenson and Paul Barnes were absent.

ROLL CALL

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools

Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill 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:

Teachers additional work schedule; teachers salary adjustment;

appointment of athletic coach; appointment of leave replacement teacher;

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.

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 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Almberg to resume open session at 8:00 p.m.

RESUME
OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O’Neill, Patrick Gallagher, Patricia Almberg, Anthony Barbary, Lori Locastro, Joseph Manzelli and Stephanie Hartman were present. Alan Feigenson and Paul Barnes were absent

Others Present

Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator /Board Secretary
Lisa Finn, Secretary
Billy Grupenhof, Student Representative
Michelle Hao, Student Representative
Two 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 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, and Board Office.

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 \$100.00.

Michelle Hao read the Mission Statement.

MISSION
STATEMENT

VI. Reports

1. President's Report

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Mrs. Hartman discussed the following:

- School Opening, welcoming back teachers
- Freshman class-Point System
- School Hours – Schools around the country
- College application process

2. Superintendent's Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following:

- First day of school for students
- Opening day of Sports Programs
- Summer Program

Mr. Bonfiglio discussed the following:

- Summer projects
- Cleanliness of the interior of the school
- Commended Mr. Knable and Mr. Smith for a job well done
- Electrical upgrade
- Roof work
- Playground at the Middle School
- HVAC Units at the Middle School
- High School Auditorium seats

A. Committee Reports

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

1. Budget & Finance

Mr. Manzelli reported that the bills are still coming, and that the Committee is working on the Budget.

2. Campus Facilities-None

3. Community Relations & Information-None

4. Curriculum/Tri-District

Mrs. O'Neill discussed that the next meeting is scheduled on September 18th. and she also mentioned that Mr. Bonfiglio worked at the River Edge Board of Education as an Interim Business Administrator.

5. Policy & Governance-None

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

CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Almberg, Mr. Barbary,
Mrs. Locastro, Mr. Manzelli and Mrs. Hartman voted aye.
Mr. Feigenson and Mr. Barnes were absent.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

- * 1. approve a professional day request for the following staff member(s) to attend workshops/conferences as noted and in accordance with appropriate statute:

PROFESSIONAL DAY
REQUESTS

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
Claire O’Connor	ServSafe Food Safety Class	7/29/13	\$200.00
Carrie Jacobus	NJ Science Convention	10/16/13	\$184.00

- *2. approve the placement of Sarah Meneghin Killian and Mike Taggart as Clinic 1 Student Athletic Trainers in the Athletic Department from mid-September to December 2013, with Angela Sterzer as cooperating athletic trainer.

CLINIC 1
STUDENT ATHLETIC
TRAINERS

- *3. approve a junior cheerleading clinic at the high school to be conducted by the River Dell cheerleading and coaching staffs on September 12 and 13, 2013.

CHEERLEADING
CLINIC

B. Resignations/Retirements-None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

- *1. approve the following revisions to the Tri-District summer 2013 curriculum work schedule:

TRI-DISTRICT
SUMMER WORK

Lindsay Silverman	18 hours @ \$52.79	\$ 950.22
Jennifer Morris	18 hours @ \$62.39	\$1,123.02
Desiree Ferrandi	18 hours @ \$63.54	\$1,143.72
Sarah Wyatt	33 hours @ \$47.04	\$1,552.32

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections-None

E. Appointments

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| *1. | approve the appointment of Jaime Ellison as a Teacher of Math (Leave Replacement), effective September 1 to November 15, 2013 at a salary of \$302 per diem (MA Step 5) to be adjusted upon successful completion of negotiations. 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. | J. ELLISON
MATH |
| *2. | approve the following substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year:
Jeffrey Lucas (BS St. Thomas Aquinas College) | J. LUCAS
SUBSTITUTE |
| *3. | appoint the following registered nurses to work at Bergen Catholic High School at a pay rate of \$29 per hour for the 2013-2014 school year:
Kathleen LaBarbiera (full time)—not to exceed \$26,100
Marie Pilz (part time)—not to exceed \$6,090 | BERGEN CATHOLIC
NURSES |

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

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| *1. | approve a field trip for the River Dell High School Ski Club to travel to Vermont, February 13-17, 2014, at no cost to the Board. | SKI CLUB TO
VERMONT |
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IX. Miscellaneous

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| *2. | approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement for 2013-2014. | UNIFORM STATE
MEMO AGREEMENT |
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X. Finance/District Operation

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| *1. | Recording of Fire/Security Drills—N/A | FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS |
| *2. | Recording of Enrollment—N/A | ENROLLMENT |
| *3. | Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report—N/A | SUSP./VIOLENCE/
& VANDALISM |
| *4. | Recording of HIB Report(s)—N/A | HIB REPORTS |

- *5. approve out-of-district placement for the following students for the 2013-2014 school year:

OUT-OF-DISTRICT
PLACEMENT

Student #	Grade	Placement	Cost
7263	11	Greenbrier Academy	\$64,561.20
4546	12	ECLC—11 months	\$51,490.00
32	12	ECLC—11 months	\$51,490.00
191165	7	ECLC—11 months	\$51,490.00
3030	12	ECLC—10 months	\$46,341.00
191423	7	Alpine Learning Grp.—11 months	\$93,300.90
191165	7	Community Middle School	\$36,373.00

- *6. approve in-home physical therapy services for student #7070 provided by Christie R. Rutherford, twice a week for a total of 86 sessions from July 2013 through June 2014 at the rate of \$85 per session, for a total cost of \$7,310.

PHYSICAL THERAPY
FOR STUDENT 7070

- *7. approve a transportation jointure with Emerson (Route EM/RD) for transporting Academy students to Hackensack for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$17,367.97.

EMERSON JOINTURE

- *8. approve transportation through the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

SO. BERGEN JOINTURE
2013-2014

	<u>Route</u>	<u>Cost of student</u>	<u># of students</u>	<u>Total</u>
Don Bosco	N1586	\$622.20	4	\$ 2,488.80
Holy Angels	N1412	\$782.14	23	\$17,989.22
Immaculate Heart	N1472	\$840.73	20	\$16,814.60
St. Joseph Regional	N1525	\$869.29	6	\$ 5,215.74

- *9. **WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from 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
ELECTRIC SERVICE

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, 2018 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 suppliers 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, 2018 (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.

*10. **WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services 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 there under; and

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, 2018, 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, 2018 (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.

- *11. approve the submission and acceptance of the Consortium FY2014 NCLB Grant in the following amounts:

	<u>Title IIA</u>	<u>Title III</u>	<u>Grant Totals</u>
River Dell	\$13,971	5,148	\$19,119
Oradell	16,691	4,637	21,328
Bergen Catholic	5,846	0	5,846
St. Joseph's	2,828	515	3,343
River Edge	11,525	19,830	31,355
St. Peter's	1,678	771	2,449
Yeshiva	9,649	516	10,165
Sinai	360	0	360
Totals	\$62,548	\$31,417	\$93,965

- *12. approve the disposal of the follow equipment:

EQUIPMENT
DISPOSAL

- 16 sewing machines
- 4 tables
- 1 accessory table
- 26 text books (geophysics)

- *13. approve participation in the Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSSSD) Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) SAP PROGRAM for the 2013-2014 school year at a membership fee of \$500.

BCSSSD
(SAP)

- *14. approve the following extended school day consultants for student #191423 for the 2013-2014 school year:

EXTENDED
SCHOOL FOR
STUDENT #191423

- Elizabeth Shick @ \$40 per hour for 160 hours for a total of \$6,400
- Melissa Angelesa @\$40 per hour for 160 hours for a total of \$6,400
- Melissa Angelesa (monitor) @\$40 per hour for 20 hours for a total of \$800

IX. Miscellaneous

1. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Almberg to approve the second reading of the following policy:

SECOND READING
POLICY 2131*

2000 Series: 2131* Superintendent

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Locastro to bring forward the items from the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
BROUGHT FORWARD

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Locastro, Mr. Manzelli and Mrs. Hartman voted aye.
Mr. Feigenson and Mr. Barnes were absent.

Executive Session

A. Special Request

1. approve an additional ten percent work schedule for Teacher of Technology Chris Concato for the 2013-2014 school year, effective September 1, 2013 at a salary of \$8,842 (10% of MA+48 Step 12), to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations.
2. approve a 100 percent work schedule for Speech Therapist Barbara Balkin, effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 for the 2013-2014 school year, at a salary of \$112,961 (including \$3,125 longevity stipend), to be adjusted upon successful completion of negotiations.

C. CONCATO ADD'L
10% WORK SCHEDULE

B.BALKIN 100 %
WORK SCHEDULE

B. Resignations/Retirements-None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers-None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

1. approve a salary adjustment for Teacher of Social Studies Matthew Winchell from BA+16 Step 1(\$48,103) to MA Step 1 (\$50,516), effective September 1 to December 31, 2013 (leave replacement) for the 2013-2014 school year, to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations.
2. approve a salary adjustment for Teacher of Mathematics Kear Halstater from MA+16 Step 15 (\$92,724) to MA+32 Step 15 (\$95,412), effective September 1, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year, to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations.

M. WINCHELL
SALARY ADJUSTMENT

D. HALSTATER
SALARY ADJUSTMENT

E. Appointments

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| 1. approve the appointment of Joseph Infante as the Head Boys Lacrosse Coach for the 2013-2014 season at a salary of \$5,429, Step 3, for the 2013-2014 school year. | J. INFANTE HEAD
LACROSSE COACH |
| 2. approve the appointment of Jaclyn Moriarty as a 90% Teacher of English (leave replacement), for the 2013-2014 school year, effective September 1, 2013 at a prorated salary of \$52,007 (90% of BA+16 Step 5, \$57,785), as per the RDEA Agreement, to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations. 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. | J. MORIARTY
ENGLISH |

XI. Items for Board Discussion

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| 1. Board Goal Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • having 3 – 2 ½ hour sessions • Negotiations | BOARD GOAL
ACTION PLAN |
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XII. Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Professional Development for Coaching Staff
- Freshman Double English

XIII. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Non-Teacher Coaching Staff website
- E-mailing capability for Coaching Staff
- Pequannock High School Honor Students
- Handicap Parking Signs
- Activity Fee
- Lunch time sanitizing
- Opting out of Standardized Testing
- Back to School Night
- “Food for thought”
- Mobile Apt for our website

XIV. Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following topic was discussed:

- Busing of students

XV. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary