

**RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR SESSION**

September 23, 2013

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Monday, September 23, 2013. Board President, Stephanie Hartman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

Patrick Gallagher, Lori Locastro, Patricia Almberg, Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, Anthony Barbary, Joseph Manzelli, and Stephanie Hartman. Paul Barnes was 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 Mr. Manzelli, 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 leave of absence requests; extracurricular advisor appointment*

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.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, 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

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

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
 Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
 Student Liaison, Michelle Hao  
 Malissa Stokes, Secretary  
 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.

Mr. Manzelli read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

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

**Presentation**

**Annual Testing Report** - Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools

**Reports**

REPORTS

**Student Member Report**

Club Day is being held on Wednesday, and the first Pep Rally of the year will take place on Friday.

**President's Report**

Mrs. Hartman thanked everyone involved in making the additional handicapped parking spots in the high school parking lot. She also commented on an article she from Mrs. Broomall regarding encouraging cultural activities outside the classroom, and is happy to report that River Dell already has a long history of participation in this area.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher stated that school opening went extremely smooth, and both Back to School nights were well attended and went very well.

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, 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:

Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Locastro, and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye. Mrs. O'Neill and Mr. Manzelli voted aye on all but resolution VII, on which they abstained. Mr. Barnes was absent.

**VII. Board Meeting Minutes**

\* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

July 29, 2013 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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Not to Exceed</b>
Desiree Ferrandi	SUPA English, NYC	10/7/13	\$100
Mary C. Risi	AASL National Conference, Hartford, CT	11/14-17/13	\$522
Kelli Shill	SUPA Accounting Workshop, NYC	12/18/13	\$ 50
Jennifer Ali	2013 AMTNJ Annual Conference, E.Windsor, NJ	10/24-25/13	\$327
Gale Sasson	AP Studio Art Workshop, NYC	11/5/13	\$221
Barbara Connolly	AASL National Conference, Hartford, CT	11/14-16/13	\$522
Jennifer Ali	2013 FEA/NJPSA/NJASCD Fall Conf., Long Branch, NJ	10/17-18/13	\$375
Richard Freedman	2013 FEA/NJPSA/NJASCD Fall Conf., Long Branch, NJ	10/17-18/13	\$375
William Feldman	2013 FEA/NJPSA/NJASCD Fall Conf., Long Branch, NJ	10/17-18/13	\$450

- \*2. approve the College Roundtable dinner expenses on October 17, 2013 for college representatives and counselors at a cost not to exceed \$600. DINNER-COLLEGE  
ROUNDTABLE
- \*3. approve the Interlocal Agreement with the River Edge and Oradell Boards of Education for the office of Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$73,803 for each district. TRI-DISTRICT  
INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT

- \*4. approve the placement of Soonho Steven Kwon as an intern in the high school mathematics department with John Sincak as mentor, for the 2013-2014 school year. S. KWON MATH  
INTERNS

- B. **Resignations/Retirements** - None
- C. **Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers** - None
- D. **Salary Adjustments/Corrections** - None

**E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2013-2014 school year: SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS

Adam Avitabile	(MS	Seton Hall University)
Jon Paul Croghan	(60+ credits	Ramapo College)
Victoria Hamlin	(BS	Montclair State University)
Wesley Wellington	(MBA	New York University)
Herbert Ouida	(JD	St. John's Law School)

- \*2. approve the following facilitators for the 2013-2014 Tri-District Afterschool SGO Workshops, with costs funded by Tri-District funds (account #70-320): AFTERSCHOOL SGO  
FACILITATORS

<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Lauren Spooner	\$850
Lisa Pitingolo	\$850
Abby Burns-Paterson	\$850
Jennifer Glaydura	\$850
Kaitlyn Burke	\$850
Frank Perrone	\$850
Ericka Wright	\$850
Robert Kenyon	\$850

- \*4. approve the appointment of Michael Garibell and Kevin Loram as open gym supervisors for the fall 2013 athletic season (October 1,3,8,10,15,17,24,29; November 5, 12, 14, 19, 21, 2013) at a total stipend not to exceed \$1,000. OPEN GYM  
SUPERVISORS

**IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities**

- \*1. approve the creation of the Zoology Club as an extra-curricular activity at the high school, replacing the Science Club, for the 2013-2014 school year. CREATE ZOOLOGY  
CLUB

- \*2. approve the following new/revised curriculum for the 2013-2014 school year: NEW/REVISED  
CURRICULUM

- Journalism
- Drama
- Public Speaking
- Physical Education
- Personal Finance

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| *3. approve the following course name changes for the 2013-2014 school year: | COURSE NAME<br>CHANGES |
| From: #331 Algebra I CP  | To: #331 Algebra I     |
| #332 Geometry CP   | #332 Geometry          |
| #333 Algebra II CP   | #333 Algebra II        |

**X. Miscellaneous - None**

**XI. Finance/District Operation**

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| *1. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept that, as of <b>July and August 2013</b> 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-<br>EXPENDITURES<br>BOARD SECRETARY<br>REPORT |
| *2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the months ending <b>July and August 2013</b>   | SCHOLARSHIP<br>ANALYSIS                               |
| *3. bill payments in the amount of <b>\$1,214,235.35</b> including <b>\$0</b> from Cafeteria Account Funds, and <b>\$281,583.56</b> for previously issued warrants, and <b>\$932,651.79</b> for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which <b>\$0</b> is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending <b>August 31, 2013</b> . (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<br>PAYMENTS<br>AUGUST                            |
| *4. bill payments in the amount of <b>\$530,553.08</b> including <b>\$0</b> from Cafeteria Account Funds, and <b>\$281,156.85</b> for previously issued warrants, and <b>\$299,396.23</b> for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which <b>\$0</b> is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending <b>September 23, 2013</b> . (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<br>PAYMENTS<br>SEPTEMBER                         |
| *6. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of <b>August and September 2013:</b>  | SCHOLARSHIP<br>DONATIONS                              |

Scott Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 50.00
Rick Bell Memorial Scholarship	<u>375.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$425.00</b>

- \*7. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **March 2013** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary's Report. TREAS. SCHOOL MONIES REPORT
- \*8. approve homebound services and speech therapy for student #7070 provided by BCSSSD for July 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$2,325. JULY HOMEBOUND SERVICES #7070
- \*9. approve homebound instruction and speech services for student #7070 provided by BCSSSD for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost not to exceed \$21,066. HOMEBOUND SERVICES #7070
- \*10. approve related services for student #160084 provided by Voices Now Social Skills at a cost of \$2,280 and speech services provided by Teaneck Speech and Language Center at a cost of \$3,120 for the 2013-14 school year. RELATED SERVICES #160084
- \*11. approve in-home physical therapy for student #160155 provided by Dr. Iris Goldshtrom, Pillar of Light Inc., twice a week, for the 2013-2014 school year to include July and August, at a cost of \$8,500. IN-HOME PHYSICAL THERAPY #160155
- \*12. approve physical therapy services once a week, for students #170537, 181030, 180753, 191278, 170498 provided by Christie Rutherford, PT at a cost of \$18,275 (\$85 per session) for the 2013-2014 school year. PHYSICAL THERAPY #'s170537, 181030, 180753, 191278, & 170498
- \*13. approve an agreement with the Ice House in Hackensack, NJ for the 2013-14 winter athletic season for 51.92 hours of use at a cost of \$19,529.21. ICE HOUSE HOCKEY CONTRACT
- \*14. approve the agreement/meeting with Bergen Catholic High School for nonpublic nursing services, textbooks, and technology for the 2013-2014 school year. BERGEN CATHOLIC NON-PUBLIC MEETING/ AGREEMENT
- \*15. approve out-of-district placement for the following students for the 2013-2014 school year: OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

<b>Student #</b>	<b>Placement</b>	<b>Tuition</b>
23	Transition Center at Wood Ridge	\$53,820.00
56	New Bridges Program	\$73,080.00
2021	Washington at Ridgewood	\$73,080.00
2021	One-on-One Aide	\$44,000.00
33	Springboard Program	\$53,820.00
14	Springboard Program	\$53,820.00
191175	Valley Program of NVRHS	\$65,629.09
7177	Rockland BOCESA Coop Ed. Services	\$32,414.80
7263	Greenbrier Academy (10/13/13 to 6/30/14)	\$46,165.68

- \*16. approve home instruction for out-of-district student #5841, two hours per week for the 2013-2014 school year at \$50.78 per hour. HOME INSTRUCTION #5841
- \*17. approve occupational therapy for student #181032, twice a week, at a cost of \$60 per session from July 2013 through June 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$5,760. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY #181032

**VIII. Personnel****E. Appointments**

3. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to approve the appointment of Thomas L. Bonfiglio to the position of Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract attached to the Board Secretary's copy of this agenda. T. BONFIGLIO  
BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATOR  
BOARD SECTY

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. AlMBERG, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Locastro, Mr. Manzelli, and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye. Mr. Barnes was absent.

**XI. Finance/District Operation**

5. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the months ending **July and August 2013**. APPROVE LINE ITEM  
TRANSFERS  
JULY & AUGUST

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. AlMBERG, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Locastro, Mr. Manzelli, and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye. Mr. Barnes was absent.

**Old Business**

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. AlMBERG congratulated everyone involved with starting the new Zoology Club, thanked everyone for creating additional handicapped parking spots, and requested that the website's school calendar show the year.

Mrs. Hartman discussed requirements and potential training dates for NJSBA Board Certification.

**New Business**

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Manzelli stated that students from competing sports teams are commenting on the beautiful condition of our fields.

Mrs. AlMBERG commended the district for letting varsity sports take precedence using the varsity field.

Motion was made by O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Manzelli, to adjourn at 8:52 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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