

***RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION***

**REGULAR SESSION**

October 15, 2013

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Board President, Stephanie Hartman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

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

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Assistant Superintendent/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:

1. Updates on negotiations.

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. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, 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, Alan Feigenson, Patricia Almberg, Anthony Barbary, Lori Locastro, Joseph Manzelli, and Stephanie Hartman. Paul Barnes was 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 25 members 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.

Billy Grupenhof read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

**Presentations**

- American Red Cross Certificate of Merit - awarded to David Lo
- Student Field Trips Abroad

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

**Reports**

REPORTS

**Student Member Report**

Both student liaisons gave brief updates on academic, athletic, and extra-curricular activities and achievements that occurred during the month.

## **President's Report**

Mrs. Hartman reported the following:

- She is pleased to announce that Mr. Fletcher was named NJASA's Northern New Jersey Superintendent of the Year. There will be a formal presentation at the October 28, 2013 meeting.
- The River Dell Distinguished Graduate dinner was held on 17<sup>th</sup> at Seasons Restaurant.
- Thank you to the field crew for the pink ribbons on the fields for Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- HBO aired a documentary "I Can't Do This, But I Can Do That" on students with learning disabilities. The basic concept was that these students may excel in areas other than traditional learning, and perhaps those other areas should be given more focus.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Fletcher thanked everyone for the recognition, and stated that his accomplishments are reflective of the whole staff. It is a group effort. He then stated the following:

- River Dell has 11 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- There were reunions for the Classes of 1973 and 1978 this past weekend, and the Class of 1963 will hold their reunion this coming weekend.

## **Committee Reports**

### Budget & Finance Committee - Mr. Manzelli

The committee has not met since the last meeting, but the budget process has begun.

### Campus Facilities Committee - Mr. Bonfiglio

The committee met a few weeks ago and discussed projects in various stages - finished, in progress, to be done.

### Community Relations & Information Committee - Mr. Gallagher

The committee met this evening and discussed strategies that might be utilized to enhance communication with the public.

### Curriculum/Tri-District Committee - Mrs. O'Neill

At the last meeting, the committee discussed changed curriculum. There was a Tri-District meeting in River Edge and the new Oradell Interim Superintendent was introduced. Discussion was held regarding the challenges with the new changes to SGO and PARCC assessments, and common core standards, as well as ensuring that parents understand all these changes. Mr. Feldman reviewed the curriculum in all districts. The committee also discussed language arts and decided that there should be more emphasis on grammar. The next meeting will be on January 28, 2014.

### Policy & Governance Committee - Mrs. Almberg

The committee met at the end of September, and there are a few policies on tonight's agenda.

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Locastro, 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, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Almberg, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Locastro, Mr. Manzelli, and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye. 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

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to exceed
Saratheresa Bartelloni	Tech Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/18/13	\$20.00
Lisa Brown	Best Practices/Implementation/ABR, Hamilton, NJ	11/14/13	\$55.30
Chin Chu	Tech Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/18/13	\$20.00
Alison Donoghue	Transition Matters Overview, Morris Plains, NJ	10/17/13	\$15.00
Kathryn Kreger	School Nurses Role/Evaluation & Screening Vision & Hearing Problems, Hackensack, NJ	10/24/13	\$35.00
Anthony Manderano	Tech Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/18/13	\$18.00
Melissa Miller	The Museum of Modern Art, NYC	10/23/13	\$43.50
Joanne Pawlowski	SUPA Forensic Annual Conf., Uniondale, NY	10/23/13	\$40.00
Brian Reich	SUPA English, NYC	10/7/13	\$70.00
Lisa Torres	Tech Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/18/13	\$34.00
Jeffrey Williams	Tech Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/18/13	\$31.60
Marianthe Williams	Various meetings/workshops	9/13 to 6/14	\$500.00
Board Members	NJSBA Workshops, Atlantic City, NJ	10/21-24/13	\$500.00 ea.

- \*2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Spanish Diana Rieder a federal family and medical leave of absence (FLMA) with pay for the period beginning November 22, 2013 and ending January 19, 2014, an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning January 20, 2014 to April 23, 2014, and an unpaid childrearing leave of absence for the period beginning April 24, 2014 to May 23, 2014.

D. RIEDER  
MATERNITY  
LEAVE

\*3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Mathematics April Clark a federal family and medical leave of absence (FLMA) with pay for the period beginning January 27, 2014 and ending March 9, 2014, an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning March 10, 2014 to May 23, 2014.

A. CLARK  
MATERNITY  
LEAVE

\*4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Mathematics Kerri Afromsky a revised federal family and medical leave of absence (FLMA) with pay for the period beginning September 30, 2013 and ending November 5, 2013, an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning November 6, 2013 to February 10, 2014.

K. AFROMSKY  
MATERNITY  
LEAVE

**B. Resignations/Retirements - None**

**C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers**

\*1. approve the transfer for the following staff member for the 2013-2014 school year:

A. CICCOTELLI  
TRANSFER

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Anthony Ciccotelli	100% M/S-80%	H/S-20% M/S

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

**E. Appointments**

\*1. approve the appointment of the following extracurricular advisor(s) for the 2013-2014 school year at stipends to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations:

EXTRA-  
CURRICULAR  
ADVISORS

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Literary Magazine (MS)	Lauren Del Piano	1	\$1,050
Math Club (MS)	Kaitlin Carroll	1	\$1,050
English Honor Society	Sue Carney	1	\$1,050
Zoology Club (HS)	Ellen DeRosa-Hill-Co-Adv.	1	\$ 525
	Michele DeVincenzo-Co-Adv.	1	\$ 525

\*2. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2013-2014 school year:

SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS

Tonia Andrews	(BFA—Fashion Institute of Technology)
Theodore Arfsten	(BA—William Paterson University)
Joseph Infante	(BS—Pace University)
Kelsey Principe	(60+ credits—William Paterson University)
Sammy Halabi	(60+ credits—Ramapo College)

- \*3. approve the appointment of Michael Garibell, Ron Van Saders and Kevin Loram as open wrestling room supervisors for fall 2013 (October 17, 21, 24, 28, 31; November 4, 11, 14, 18, 21) from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a total stipend not to exceed \$1,000. WRESTLING ROOM SUPERVISORS

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

**IX. Miscellaneous**

- \*2. approve the Nursing Service Plan for the 2013-2014 school year. NURSING SERVICE PLAN

**X. Finance/District Operation**

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

Middle School	September 19 & 20, 2013
High School	September 20 & 27, 2013
- \*2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT
- \*3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/VANDALISM
- \*4. Recording of HIB Report HIB REPORT
- \*5. approve speech therapy for student #5865, provided by the Somerset County Educational Services Commission once a week at a cost not to exceed \$1,827.50, for the 2013-2014 school year. SPEECH THERAPY #5865
- \*6. approve homebound instruction for student #170537 effective September 18, 2013 for four to six weeks at ten hours per week, provided by Jan Vossler-York and Pam LoPilato, at the cost of \$50.78 per hour. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION #170537
- \*7. approve Jason A. Stambaugh as an extended school day consultant for student #191423 for four hours per day, for 40 weeks at a cost of \$6,400. J. STAMBAUGH CONSULTANT
- \*8. approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2013-2014 school year: OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

Student #	Placement	Tuition
5582	Dumont HS Special Ed. Program	\$19,334.00
5922	Pascack Valley HS Sp. Ed. Program	\$23,414.00
7082	Rockland BOCES Program	\$64,375.30

- \*9. approve the submission of the FY2014 IDEA Grant application in the following amounts: FY2014 IDEA GRANT

Public	\$347,697.00
Non-Public	<u>45,713.00</u>
Total	\$393,410.00

\*10. **Whereas**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

**Whereas**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the River Dell Regional School District are consistent with these requirements, and

**Whereas**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the River Dell Regional School District hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 Form for River Dell Regional in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

\*11. approve the Non-Public School Nursing Agreement with the County of Bergen for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost not to exceed \$10,240.01.

NON-PUBLIC NURSING  
AGREEMENT

**IX. Miscellaneous**

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

FIRST READING  
OF POLICIES

**1000 Series:** 1220\* AD Hoc Advisory Committees

**6000 Series:** 6140\* Curriculum Adoption

**9000 Series:** 9140 Board Representatives

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. 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. Items for Board Discussion**

1. Board Planning Agenda

The Board discussed the agenda that Mr. Fletcher developed, and all agreed that they like the detail and discussed further “fine tuning” of the format.

**Old Business**

OLD BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- The Middle School hosted an event with author Wendy Mass
- Various visiting school bus parking issues during athletic events
- Freshman English
- NJSBA training is scheduled for both November meetings and the December meeting.

**New Business**

NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Delegate Assembly meeting on November 16, 2013.
- Mr. Fletcher and Mrs. Hartman were asked to be part of a panel on Superintendent/Board Relationships at the NJSBA Workshop on Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Barbary, to adjourn at 9:36 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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