

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

November 12, 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, November 12, 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, Paul Barnes, and Stephanie Hartman. Joseph Manzelli 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. Feigenson, 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:

Appointment of leave replacement teacher; appointment of Lead Teachers

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 Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Barnes, 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, Paul Barnes, and Stephanie Hartman. Joseph Manzelli 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

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. Locastro read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Presentations

1. Violence and Vandalism Report - Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent
2. Characteristics of Highly Effective Boards - Alfred Annunziata, NJSBA

Reports

REPORTS

Student Member Report

Student representatives gave an update on the accomplishments of the various sports teams.

President's Report

Mrs. Hartman stated that, while she appreciates what the NJSIAA does for us, it would be better for athletes and support from the community and student body, if tournaments took place later in the day.

She then discussed Mrs. Jacobus' nomination for the President's Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, and that the PTO meeting on November 19, 2013 will be discussing the college process.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following topics:

- Two students were accepted into the All-State Operafest which will take place at Paramus High School on November 16, 2013.
- Distinguished Graduate, Cosmo Buono, sent a letter acknowledging the wonderful accomplishments of River Dell's music program.
- The exchange students from Italy gifted River Dell with some books pertaining to their area of Italy.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance Committee

The 2014 budget process has begun.

Community Relations & Information Committee - Mr. Gallagher

The committee met this evening and discussed various ways to share information with the community, such as watching Board of Education meetings on RDTV.

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

There will be a Tri-District meeting sometime in late January.

Policy & Governance Committee - Mrs. Almberg

There will be a meeting in two weeks, and acceptable use policies will be reviewed.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Barnes, 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. Barnes, and Mrs. Hartman all voted aye. Mr. Manzelli 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
Kathryn Franzino	AP English Lit & Comp-Exp. Teachers, Norwood, MA	3/6-7/14	\$365.00
Kathryn Kreger	Current Pediatric ENT Issues, Wood Ridge, NJ	11/18/13	\$35.00
Michael O'Toole	SUPA Sociology, NYC	11/6/13	\$18.00
Lisa Torres	SUPA Sociology, NYC	11/6/13	\$18.00

- *2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Students with Disabilities Christina Doolittle a federal family and medical leave of absence (FLMA) with pay for the period beginning March 13, 2014 and ending April 12, 2014, an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning April 13, 2014 to June 30, 2014. **C. DOOLITTLE MATERNITY LEAVE**

- *3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Mathematics Maria Kleva an extended unpaid child rearing leave of absence for the period beginning November 18, 2013 to June 30, 2014. **M. KLEVA EXTENDED MATERNITY LEAVE**

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None

E. Appointments

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

Cora Delfini (BA Montclair State University)
 Megan Maida (MA Long Island University)

- *2. approve the appointment of David Farrell as Assistant Wrestling Coach at a stipend of \$5,256 (Step 3a) for the 2013-2014 school year. **D. FARRELL ASSISTANT WRESTLING COACH**

- *3. approve the shift change (Tuesday to Saturday from November 1 to April 1) for Building Service Unit Employees Doug Habenstreit and Lionel Dixon for the 2013-2014 school year. **D. HABENSTREIT & L. DIXON BUILDING SERVICES SHIFT CHANGE**

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None

IX. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the submission of the 2013-2014 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA) and the 2013-2014 NJQSAC District Performance Review (DPR). QSAC SOA & DPR
SUBMISSION

X. Finance/District Operation

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

Middle School	October 17 & 18, 2013
High School	October 24 & 31, 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 a Joint Transportation Agreement with the Englewood Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year as follows: ENGLEWOOD
TRANSPORTATION
JOINTURE

<u>Route</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EA147	\$884.00
- *6. approve homebound instruction for student #170537 effective October 25, 2013 for six weeks provided by Jan Vossler-York and Pam LoPilato at the cost of \$50.78 per hour. HOMEBOUND
INSTR. #170537

VII. Personnel

B. Resignations/Retirements

- 1. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Almberg, to accept, with regret the resignation, for reason of retirement, of Teacher of Physical Education and Health William Keith, effective July 1, 2014. W. KEITH
RESIGNATION
(RETIREMENT)

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

IX. Miscellaneous

- 2. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to accept, with gratitude, the donation of a Baldwin seven foot piano (Model SF-10) valued at \$25,000 by Cosmo Buono. C. BUONO
PIANO DONATION

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Mrs. Hartman called for a ten minute recess at 8:30 pm.

RECESS

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to reconvene at 8:40 pm.

RECONVENE
OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

New Jersey School Boards Training

Mr. Alfred Annunziata, NJSBA, conducted a Board training session regarding “Characteristics of Highly Effective Boards.”

In an effort to become a Certified Board, River Dell Regional Board of Education needs an additional six hours of training. Tonight’s session will constitute two of the six. The remaining four hours will be completed over the next two Board meetings.

Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Locastro, to adjourn at 10:31 pm. ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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