

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

October 14, 2014

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 14, 2014. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Albert Graef, Patricia Almberg, Anthony Barbary, Stephanie Hartman, Alan Feigenson, and Joseph Manzelli. Patrick Gallagher and Barbara Kuchar 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 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:

*Teacher leave of absence request; administrator's resignation;
appointment of teacher leave replacement; appointment of facilitator;
appointment of long-term substitute teacher; appointment of athletic
coach; appointment of self-defense instructor*

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. Barbary, to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O’Neill, Albert Graef, Patricia Almberg, Anthony Barbary, Stephanie Hartman, Alan Feigenson, and Joseph Manzelli. Patrick Gallagher, and Barbara Kuchar were absent.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Liaisons, Matthew Guido, Robert Klopff, Kerri O’Connell
Al Anunziato, NJSBA Representative
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
Approximately 1 member(s) 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. Barbary read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

**Presentations: Strategic Planning Process—Al Annunziata, NJSBA
Annual Testing Report—Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent**

Reports

REPORTS

Student Member Report

The student representatives reported on the following:

Varsity Sports, Halloween Dance, National Honor Society talent show, forensic class field trips, PSAT’s

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli discussed the NJSBA Workshop taking place in Atlantic City October 28th through 30th, and the Friends of River Dell (FORD) Hall of Fame Induction Dinner which honored athletes from the years 1977 through 2002.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance Committee - None

Campus Facilities Committee - Anthony Barbary

The following topics were discussed:

Comprehensive Maintenance Plan report, 10 year expenditure listing, M-1 worksheet, projects that are ongoing and/or completed in 2014, and setting up new projects for the upcoming school year. There will be an executive session meeting tomorrow night with the elementary districts to discuss security.

Community Relations & Information Committee - None

Curriculum/Tri-District Committee - Claudia O'Neill - minutes will be distributed.

Policy & Governance Committee - Patricia Almborg

There is a first reading of policies on tonight's agenda. Minor changes have been made, due to the wellness check. Policies will continue to be reviewed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher congratulated students for the following achievements:

- Bergen County Middle School Band appointee
- Bergen County Middle School Chorus appointee
- National Merit Scholarship Program Outstanding Student, Commended Students, and Semi-Finalists
- "On the Shoulders of Giants" Program rising scientist award

Motion was made by Mr. Barbary, seconded by Mrs. Almborg, 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. Graef, Mrs. Almborg, Mr. Barbary, Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mrs. Hartman voted aye on all but resolution VII.E.1, on which she abstained. Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Kuchar were absent.

VII. Personnel

A. Special Requests

- *1. approve professional day requests for the following staff members to attend WORKSHOPS/
CONFERENCES
workshops/conferences as noted and in accordance with appropriate statute:

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to exceed
Michael Aliano	AHA-BLS/Healthcare Provider, Teaneck, NJ	10/29/14	\$335
S. Bartelloni	Edscape, New Milford, NJ	10/18/14	\$37
S. Bartelloni	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
Bernadette Bini	NJCSS Annual Conf., Piscataway, NJ	10/22/14	\$75
Dr. Chin Chu	Child Mind Institute/Rising Scientist Award, NYC	10/9/14	\$63
Dr. Chin Chu	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$29
Lauren DelPiano	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
Christina Doolittle	AMTNJ Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	10/23/14	\$250
William Feldman	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
William Feldman	Stronge Teacher Evaluation Training, Piscataway, NJ	10/15 & 29/14	\$45
Kathryn Franzino	Geraldine Dodge Poetry Festival Teacher's Day, Newark, NJ	10/23/14	\$15
Richard Freedman	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
Stephanie Griffin	Explore Arch & Design @NJIT, Newark, NJ	10/10/14	\$30
Maria Kleva	AMTNJ Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	10/24/14	\$250
Kathryn Kreger	SGO's for School Nurses, Wood Ridge, NJ	10/20/14	\$35
Grace Lamparillo	Landmark College Visit, Putney, VT	10/1-4/14	\$95
Grace Lamparillo	Highlighting NJ's Expertise in Supporting Youth, Iselin, NJ	10/28/14	\$67
Andrea Lauterback	AHA-BLS/Healthcare Provider, Teaneck, NJ	10/29/14	\$330
Maria Meo	Special Education Law in NJ, Parsippany, NJ	11/13/14	\$200
JoAnne Pawlowski	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$40
JoAnne Pawlowski	SUPA Forensics Annual Conference,	11/21/14	\$40
Diana Rieder	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
Mary C. Risi	Author Event for NYC Educators, NYC	10/13/14	\$19
Mary C. Risi	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
Mary C. Risi	NJASL Annual Conference, Long Branch, NJ	10/26-27/14	\$242
Lisa Torres	Strong Teacher Evaluation Training, Piscataway, NJ	10/15 & 29/14	\$45
Lisa Torres	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
Jeffrey Williams	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20
Matt Winchell	Tech & Learning Forum, Tarrytown, NY	10/24/14	\$20

- *2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Physical Education and Health Katie Lord a federal family and medical leave of absence (FLMA) with pay for the period beginning September 25, 2014 and ending November 3, 2014, an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning November 4, 2014 to January 31, 2015; an unpaid child rearing leave from February 1 to February 13, 2015. K. LORD MATERNITY LEAVE

- *3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Science Amy Heusinkveld a revised federal family and medical leave of absence (FLMA) with pay for the period beginning September 15, 2014 and ending October 16, 2014; an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning October 17, 2014 to January 25, 2015. A. HEUSINKVELD-BAER MATERNITY LEAVE

- *4. approve a two-day workshop for new administrators: TEPES Training on October 15 & 29, 2014, at a cost of \$596. TEPES TRAINING

B. Resignations/Retirements

- *1. rescind the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2014-2015 school year: RESCIND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISORS

John Zaccone	MS Environmental Action Club	Step 4	\$1,154.00
Virginia Smith	MS Asst. Drama Club	Step 1	\$1,050.00
Kathryn Ciccaglione	HS Spanish NHS (co-adv.)	Step 3	\$ 908.00

- *3. approve the revised resignation date of November 14, 2014, or sooner, for Teacher of English Lauren Colletti. L. COLLETTI REVISED RESIGNATION

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of Thomas Casper as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2014-2015 school year, at a salary of \$4,159, step 2c, as per the RDEA Agreement to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations. T. CASPER ASST. WRESTLING COACH

- *2. approve the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2014-2015 school year, at stipends as per the RDEA Agreement to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISORS

Kathryn Ciccaglione	HS Spanish NHS (sole adv.)	Step 3	\$1,816.00
Brian DiUbaldo	Peer Leadership-Advisor	Step 1	\$1,616.00
Casey D’Elia	HS Art Club	Step 1	\$1,050.00
Claire O’Connor	MS Environmental Co-Advisor	Step 1	\$ 525.50
Sharon DeMarrais	MS Environmental Co-Advisor	Step 1	\$ 525.50
Donald Seok	HS Academic Decathlon	Step 1	\$1,870.00

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve a field trip for the River Dell High School Ski Club to travel to Vermont, February 13 to 16, 2015, at no cost to the Board. SKI CLUB TRIP
- *2. approve the establishment of the National Junior Art Society at the middle school as an extracurricular activity for the 2014-2015 school year and paid for by local district funds. ESTABLISH NAT'L JUNIOR ART SOCIETY

IX. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the 2014-2015 Nursing Services Plan. NURSING SERVICES PLAN
- *2. accept, with gratitude, the donation of \$5,000 toward the purchase of cheerleading mats by The LeRoy Schecter Foundation. DONATION FOR CHEER-LEADING MATS

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
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| Middle School | September 18 & 19, 2014 |
| High School | September 10 & 29, 2014 |
- *2. Recording of Enrollment - September 2014 ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report September 2014. SUSP/VIOLENCE/VANDALISM REPORT
- *4. Recording of HIB Report(s) - September 2014 HIB REPORT
- *5. approve related services for student #160084 provided by Voices Now Social Skills, once a week at half-hour sessions, effective September 4, 2014 through April 9, 2015, at a cost of \$870. #160084 RELATED SERVICES
- *6. approve a change in resident district for incoming student #180871-I from Carlstadt, NJ to Rutherford, NJ for the 2014-15 school year. #180871-I CHANGE IN RESIDENT DISTRICT
- *7. approve out-of-district placements for the following students: OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

Student #	Placement	Tuition
160218	Paramus High School	\$15,258.00
7177	Rockland BOCES Program	\$22,565.76
7365	RISE Program	\$22,730.00
170537	Concordia Learning Center (eff. 9/29/14)	\$75,600.00
33	Springboard Program	\$54,900.00
50	Springboard Program	\$54,900.00
23	Transition Center at Woodridge	\$54,900.00

*8. approve physical therapy services for the 2014-2015 school year for student #7070 for 86 sessions at the cost of \$7,310, and student #191278 for 43 sessions at the cost of \$3,655 provided by Christie R. Rutherford, PT. #7070 & #191278 PHYSICAL THERAPY

*9. approve the disposal of a treadmill-Life Fitness Model 9100HR Tag #0202247. TREADMILL DISPOSAL

*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 COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN AND M-1 FORM

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. accept the 2014 Bergen County Utilities Authority Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the high school. ACCEPT BCUA GRANT

VII. Personnel

B. Resignations/Retirements

2. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to accept the resignation with regret, for reason of retirement, of Teacher of the Handicapped Mark Connolly effective June 30, 2015. M. CONNOLLY RESIGNATION

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

IX. Miscellaneous

3. Motion was made by Mrs. Almberg, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

FIRST READING
OF POLICIES

<u>2000 Series:</u>	2130 2131*	Administrative Staff Superintendent
<u>4000 Series:</u>	4116 4131/4131.1*	Evaluation—Certified Staff Staff Development: Inservice Education/Visitations/Conferences— Certified Staff
<u>5000 Series:</u>	5131.6	Substance Abuse
<u>6000 Series:</u>	6145.1/6145.2*	Intramural Competition; Interscholastic Competition

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to approve the 2014-2015 District Goals as follows:

DENY DISTRICT
GOALS

- GOAL I: As measured by district assessments, 85% of students in grades 8 and 10 will improve 10% in ELA on the selected rubric from the first to the fifth assessment.
- GOAL II: Increase the number of students in grades 9 eligible for geometry by 10% as measured from 2013 to 2014.
- GOAL III: Evaluate and report on the impact of freshman double period English on their student achievement as determined by a 15% differential in performance between the eighth and ninth grade benchmark assessments.

Motion denied by the following roll call vote:

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

Old/New Business

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- The Board would like some feedback on the Technology & Learning Forum
- Friends of River Dell (FORD) dinner
- Providing a tour of the facilities, particularly for new Board members
- Sustainable Schools - opportunity for grants for “green schools”
- Driver’s Ed program doing a wearing seatbelts campaign among River Dell students
- Ithaca College runs a program called “Buy, Sell, Win” - It is an investment competition for high school business classes throughout the Northeast. The winning team wins \$2,500 for themselves, and \$2,500 for their school.

Public Comments - None

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adjourn at 9:38 pm. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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