

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

January 5, 2015

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Monday, January 5, 2015 immediately following the Re-Organization session.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

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

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Malissa Stokes, Secretary  
Student Representatives - Matthew Guido, Robert Klopf, Kerri O'Connell - arrived at 8:12 pm.  
Approximately 50 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.

Mr. Kupfer read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

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

**Reports**

**REPORTS**

Mr. Fletcher welcomed everyone back from the holiday recess and wished everyone a happy, healthy 2015.

Mr. Manzelli requested that the Board let him know which committees they would like to be on.

Mrs. Hartman suggested that, since there is a policy that written committee reports will be submitted, and the current method does not seem to be working, the policy be amended, or a new procedure be developed.

Mrs. O’Neill mentioned that the next Tri-District meeting will be held on January 26, 2015.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to remove resolution VII.A.2 from the consent agenda for a separate vote: **RESOLUTION VII.A.2 SEPARATE VOTE**

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to remove resolutions VII.B.1 through VII.B.4 from the consent agenda for a separate vote: **RESOLUTIONS VII.B.1-VII.B.4 SEPARATE VOTE**

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, that all items designated with asterisks (\*) be part of a consent agenda and approved. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye.

**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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Not to Exceed</b>
Lisa Brown	More Than Sad: Preventing Teen Suicide, Oceanport, NJ	2/13/15	\$ 44.00
Kelli Shill	International Training Tour, Paris, France	2/12-16/15	\$155.00

- \*3. approve Donald Seok as a Korean Language Translator for the 2014-2015 school year at the rate of \$35.85 (to be adjusted upon successful completion of negotiations), not to exceed \$1,800. **D. SEOK TRANSLATOR**

- \*4. approve a professional day request for the following staff member(s) to attend workshops/conferences as noted and in accordance with appropriate statute: **WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Not to exceed</b>
Richard Freedman	NASSP 2015 National Conference, San Diego, CA	2/19-1/2015	\$2,000

- \*5. approve the request of Counselor Joseph Skorupa to extend an unpaid FMLA through January 31, 2015. **J. SKORUPA EXTEND FMLA**
- \*6. approve the placement of athletic training students Thomas Corbo and Nicole Buttell for the winter and spring athletic seasons in 2015, with Angela Sterzer as cooperating athletic trainer. **STUDENTS ATHELETIC TRAINERS**

**B. Resignations/Retirements**

- \*5. rescind the appointment of Jazimar Bailey as Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach for the 2014-15 school year. **RESCIND J. BAILEY ASST. BOYS LACROSSE COACH**

**C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None**

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

**E. Appointments**

- \*1. approve the appointment of the following athletic coaches for the 2014-2015 school year: **ATHLETIC COACHES**

Head Boys Lacrosse	Jazimar Bailey	Step 4	\$6,758
Assistant Boys Lacrosse	Matthew Winchell	Step 4	\$5,660
Assistant Softball	Joe Abbadessa	Step 2a	\$4,159

- \*2. approve the appointment of Lauren Garcia as a long-term substitute School Counselor for the 2014-2015 school year, effective January 5, 2015 to June 30, 2015 at a prorated salary of \$64,811 (\$57,785 MA Step 4, plus \$7,026 stipend) 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. **L. GARCIA LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**
- \*3. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2014-2015 school year: **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Rosaria Caporrino (PhD CUNY)  
 Michael Montemarano (60+credits Rutgers University)

- \*4. approve the appointment of James Amendola as volunteer Assistant Ice Hockey coach for the 2014-15 winter athletic season.

J. AMENDOLA  
VOLUNTEER ICE  
HOCKEY COACH

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

- \*1. approve a field trip for the River Dell Indoor Track Team to travel to Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH on January 9 & 10, 2015 to participate in the Dartmouth Indoor Track Invitational.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
INDOOR TRACK  
INVITATIONAL

**IX. Miscellaneous**

- \*2. approve the following regulations:

6000 SERIES  
REGULATIONS

**Series 6000:**      6146              Graduation Requirements  
                                 6171.4              Special Education

- \*3. approve the HIB/ABR Self-Assessment Grading for the middle and high schools for the 2013-2014 school year.

HIB/ABR SELF-  
ASSESSMENT

**X. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills

FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS

    Middle School              December 11 & 15, 2014  
    High School                December 16 & 23, 2014

- \*2. Recording of Enrollment - December 2014

ENROLLMENT

- \*3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report December 2014.

SUSP/VIOLENCE/  
VANDALISM REPORT

- \*4. Recording of HIB Report(s) - December 2014

HIB REPORT

- \*5. approve the extension of homebound instruction for student #170566, effective January 5 to February 1, 2015, for five hours per week at the rate of \$50.78 per hour.

#170566 HOMEBOUND  
INSTRUCTION

- \*6. approve supplemental instruction for student #118011 for one hour per day, effective January 5, 2015, at the rate of \$50.78 per hour to be provided by the following River Dell staff: Allison Fontan, Jessica Rickershauser, Sara Ferris, and Maureen Kiel.

#118011  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
INSTRUCTION

**VII. Personnel**

**A. Special Requests**

- 2. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to approve the creation of the position of Head Girls Golf Coach for the spring 2015 athletic season.

HEAD GIRLS  
GOLF COACH  
POSITION

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**B. Resignations/Retirements**

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to approve the following retirements:

**RETIREMENTS**

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| 1. accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Teacher of French Barbara Broomall effective July 1, 2015.   | B. BROOMALL  |
| 2. accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Teacher of English Kathryn Franzino effective June 30, 2015. | K. FRANZINO  |
| 3. accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of BSU Head Custodian Victor Schonfeld effective June 30, 2015. | V. SCHONFELD |
| 4. accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Teacher of English Kathleen Voorhis effective June 30, 2015. | K. VOORHIS   |

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**IX. Miscellaneous**

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Barbary, to separate resolution IX.1 into two resolutions.

**SEPARATE IX.1  
RESOLUTION**

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 1A. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to approve the second reading of the following policies:

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING 6000  
SERIES POLICIES**

<b><u>Series 6000:</u></b>	6142.4*	Physical Education and Health
	6146*	Graduation Requirements
	6171.4*	Special Education

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Graef, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Feigenson, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mr. Kupfer abstained.

1B. Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to approve the second reading of the following policies:

2<sup>ND</sup> READING  
POLICY 7250

**Series 7000:**        7250            Naming Rights

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. Manzelli all voted aye. Mr. Graef, Mr. Barbary, and Mr. Feigenson voted nay.

**BOARD DISCUSSION/OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

DISCUSSION

The following topics were discussed:

- An article in the paper regarding two proposals before the River Edge Council to build a 230 unit apartment complex and a 75 unit townhouse complex. It was suggested that the Board may want to be represented at the meeting in order to be aware of any impacts on the District.
- The presentation on strategic planning will be put on the agenda now that the Board has re-organized and there is a new meeting schedule.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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The public discussed the un-settled RDEA contract.

**STUDENT REPORT**

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Student representatives reported on the Junior Prom, NEHS book drive, band and choir accomplishments, the Snow Ball, RDTV Winter Special, and a ski trip to Hunter Mountain.

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to adjourn at 8:38 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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