

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

March 9, 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, March 9, 2015. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

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. Barbary, seconded by Mr. Manzelli, 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, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Anthony Barbary, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, and Joseph Manzelli. Alan Feigenson was absent.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
 Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Student Liaisons, Matthew Guido, Robert Klopf, Kerri O'Connell
 Malissa Stokes, Secretary
 Approximately 35 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. Kupfer read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Presentations

Girls Volleyball Team - State Group Champions

Athletic Director, Denis Nelson, also stated that the Boys Indoor Track team also won the State Group Championship and Coach Michael Urso was named State Coach of the Year for Boys Indoor Track.

FY2015-2016 Budget - Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator, presented the preliminary budget.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

VII. Items for Board Discussion**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

1. FY2015-2016 Budget

The Board discussed the preliminary 2015-16 budget, the potential projects, the athletic budget, and art department changes.

VIII. Board Decision

1. Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Graef, to adopt the following resolution:

2015-2016
PRELIMINARY
BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a school district preliminary budget for the FY2015- 2016 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent's office as follows:

Tax Levy	\$28,341,977
Current Expenses	\$29,662,873
Capital Outlay	590,287
Special Revenue Projects	451,000
Debt Service	<u>1,493,600</u>
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$32,197,760

The Board of Education will bank \$150,446 in health care adjustments for possible future use.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Reports**REPORTS****Student Member Report**

Student representatives mentioned the following items:

- Spring Musical - Fiddler on the Roof - will take place on March 26th, 27th, 28th
- The Senior Social will be held this Thursday
- PARCC testing is completed at the high school
- Spring sports have begun and the All County Sports listing will be released this week

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli discussed the following items:

- Interact Club hosting the Senior (citizen) Prom
- Spring sports season has started
- Various dances and socials will be taking place

Mr. Manzelli also urged members of the communities to make suggestions to the school principals for consideration of any classes, or programs they feel might be of interest to the students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following topics:

- Track team - performance and the meet, and article in the paper regarding athletes assistance to disadvantaged students.
- Matthew Guido is the 2015 Valedictorian
- PARCC testing concluded at the high school, and began today at the middle school.
- The final inclement weather day was used last week. If there should be any more needed, days will be taken from spring break going backwards from Friday, April 10, 2015. If something occurs after spring break, the end of the school year will have to be modified.

Mrs. Hartman added that a member of the wrestling team placed 8th in the State tournament.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee - Mr. Barbary

The committee met on March 2, 2015 and discussed additional adjustments to the preliminary budget, as well as the remaining budget timetable, with final 2015-16 budget approval taking place on April 27, 2015.

Campus Facilities Committee - None

Community Relations & Information Committee - Mr. Gallagher

The first committee meeting will take place next Monday, March 16, 2015.

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

The committee reviewed curriculum updates - STEM 7 & 8, computer programming, health and wellness, law and international business; changes to art department courses, math course name changes to meet NCAA eligibility requirements; graduation requirements; professional development; future QSAC requirements; cyber security course suggested by a parent.

Policy & Governance Committee - Mrs. Hartman

The committee discussed changes in several policies - staff use of the internet, social media in relation to students, administering medication, concussion management, emergency and disaster home instruction, Long Range Facility Plan regulations regarding changes in reporting procedure, Board committee reports.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, 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:

Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mr. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mr. Feigenson 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
Nicole Gore	Eden Autism Services Lecture Series, Princeton, NJ	3/20/15	\$ 90.00
Lauren Weber	Eastern Psychological Assn. Annual Mtg., Philadelphia, PA	3/6/15	\$126.35
Alison Donoghue	Autism NJ Transition Conference, Iselin, NJ	4/20/15	\$ 88.00

- *2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants Teacher of Mathematics Maria Kleva a revised federal family and medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning April 14, 2015 and ending May 14, 2015, and an unpaid FMLA/state family leave of absence (SFLA) for the period beginning May 15, 2015 to October 9, 2015. M. KLEVA
MATERNITY
LEAVE

- *3. approve the placement of Mallory Coyman as a student teacher in the science department at the high school, effective September 8 to December 4, 2015, with Carrie Jacobus as cooperating teacher. M. COYMAN
STUDENT
TEACHER

B. Resignations/Retirements - None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2014-2015 school year: SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS

Christopher Meo (BA Montclair State University)
 Fariba Rabban (BS Hebrew University/Jerusalem)

- *2. approve the appointment of Thomas Nolan as a long-term substitute teacher of Special Education at the high school, effective March 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015, at a prorated salary of \$47,590 (BA Step 1), to be adjusted upon successful completion of 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.
- T. NOLAN LONG-
TERM SUBSTITUTE

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve a Cooperative Sports Program with the Westwood Board of Education to offer ice hockey and swimming for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. (Westwood will compensate River Dell \$10,000 per year for each year of the agreement.)
- COOPERATIVE
SPORTS WITH
WESTWOOD
- *2. approve the following curricula for the 2015-16 school year:
- 2015-16 CURRICULA
- Accounting
Marketing
- *3. approve the name changes of the mathematics courses for the 2015-16 school year, as per the attached.
- MATH COURSE
NAME CHANGES
- *4. approve changes to the Program of Studies for the Art & TV course for the 2015-2016 school year, as per the attached.
- PROGRAM OF
STUDIES CHANGES

IX. Miscellaneous - None

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills
- FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
- Middle School February 23 and 24, 2015
High School February 26 and 27, 2015
- *2. Recording of Enrollment
- ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report
- SUSP/VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM REPORT
- *4. Recording of HIB Report(s)
- HIB REPORT
- *5. approve bedside instruction for student #001, provided by Education, Inc. for four hours, effective January 21, 2015, at the rate of \$48 per hour for a total of \$255.36.
- #001 BEDSIDE
INSTRUCTION

*6. approve Education Level of Service 1 for student #170537 from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, at the cost of \$1,206, for the 2014-15 school year.

EDUCATION LEVEL
SERVICE #170537

*7. BE IT RESOLVED that the River Dell regional Board of Education approve an agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, PL 1997, for the 2014-15 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of public, nonpublic and special education.

TRANSPORTATION
JOINTURE WITH
MORRIS COUNTY
CTSA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the River Dell Regional Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Educational Services Commission of Morris County.

*8. enter into an Agreement with the Borough of River Edge to Use, Improve and Maintain a Community Garden at the River Dell Middle School for one year, commencing May 1, 2015 and end April 30, 2016.

COMMUNITY GARDEN
AT RD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Old/New Business - Discussion Items

DISCUSSION

The following topics were discussed:

- PARCC testing
- Senior class schedule during PARCC testing
- Strategic/Community Planning - Mr. Fletcher will get more information from both presenters.
- Possibility of scheduling a Board retreat

Public Comments - None

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all eyes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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