

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 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, May 18, 2015. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Patrick Gallagher, Albert Graef, Anthony Barbary, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, and Joseph Manzelli. Douglas Kupfer arrived at 7:40. 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 Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution at 7:31 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:

Professional staff resignation; appointment of school counselor; appointment of long-term substitute teacher; appointment of 2015-16 substitute teacher, substitute school nurses, substitute custodian, homebound instructors, substitute arranger, webmaster, mini-bus drivers, athletic coaches, weight room supervisors

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be thirty 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 Mrs. Hartman, to resume open session at 8:01 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 Klopff, Kerri O'Connell
 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.

Mrs. Hartman read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

Presentation: Boys Indoor Track Team - Group II State Champions
 Denis Nelson, Mike Urso

Reports

REPORTS

Student Member Report

Student representatives gave an update on athletics, academics, and social events that took place during the month, as well as upcoming events.

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli reported on the following:

The 2014-15 school year is coming to an end; Spring athletic season is over; student artwork is on display and is quite impressive. He also reported that he attended the NJSBA Delegate Assembly and there were some interesting topics discussed. One of them was whether to allow Boards that have elections in November reorganize in November, which was voted down. Stemposium will be held tomorrow at 6:30 in the cafeteria.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following topics:

The Chemistry Olympic Team took First Place in the State competition for the fifth year in a row; Mrs. Jacobus was awarded the Edward J. Merrill Award for excellence in teaching high school chemistry; a River Dell student was accepted in the NJ Association of Jazz Educators-Jazz Ensemble; a River Dell Middle School student won the Eighth Grade writing challenge for NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages NJ Bi-Lingual Teachers; several students were selected to NJ Music Educators All State Chorus; River Dell had its first winner, third place, at the Intel contest for sciences; River Dell placed first in the Chemagination competition in two categories; four awards were earned in the Orlando Saa Foreign Language Poetry Contest.

Mr. Fletcher stated that he is bringing forward the appointment of MaryEllen Kleinberg from the Executive Agenda, as well as announcing half day sessions for the May 26 & 27, 2015 Biology test at the High School, and for June 12 through 18, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee - None

Campus Facilities Committee - None

Community Relations & Information Committee - Mr. Gallagher

The committee is recommending that the newsletter be sent out four times during the year, and that more current events (both academic and athletic) be posted on the website.

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

The committee discussed the following:

Curriculum for grades 7 and 8, which will be reviewed tonight; integrating disciplinary standards into all content areas except the sciences because their standards are being changed; an exit survey for the juniors and seniors, and one on double period English. The next meeting will be June 1, 2015.

Policy & Governance Committee - Mrs. Hartman

There are still a few policies left to be reviewed; the committee is continuing on with the wellness check that was received from NJ School Boards. The next meeting will be held June 8, 2015.

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, 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. Barbary, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mr. Kupfer voted aye on all but the Minutes of April 13, 2015, on which he abstained. Mr. Feigenson was absent.

VII. Board Meeting Minutes

* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

April 13, 2015 Executive and Regular Meetings
April 27, 2015 Executive and Regular Meetings

VIII. 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: PROFESSIONAL DAYS

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to Exceed
Dorothea Welch	Skills 1 st /NJ Chamber of Commerce, Edison, NJ	6/8/15	\$85
Marianthe Williams	ISTE 2015	6/28-7/1/15	\$1,600

*2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grants LDTC Maria Meo a federal family and medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning May 11, 2015 and ending June 30, 2015. M. MEO
FMLA

B. Resignations/Retirements - None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections - None

E. Appointments

*1. approve additional 20 percent teaching schedules for the following staff members at the high school, effective May 20, 2015 to June 30, 2015, at prorated salaries per the RDEA Agreement: ADDITIONAL 20%
TEACHING
SCHEDULE

Teacher of English	Additional Salaries
Lindsay Silverman	\$16,193 (20% of MA+48 Step 9)
Steffan Del Piano	\$17,400 (20% of MA+48 Step 11)
Desiree Ferrandi	\$18,825 (20% of MA+32 Step 14)
Jeffrey Williams	\$12,903 (20% of BA+16 Step 7)
Danielle Russo	\$18,387 (20% of MA Step 15)

- *2. MaryEllen Kleinberg as a long-term substitute teacher of Special Education at the high school, effective May 11, 2015 to June 30, 2015, at a prorated salary of \$47,590 (BA Step 1). 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.
- M. KLEINBERG
LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE

IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve the following curricula for the 2015-2016 school year: 2015-16 CURRICULA
- STEM 7
 - STEM 8
 - Law
 - Honors International Business
 - Nutritional Living and Wellness

X. Miscellaneous - None

XI. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
- Middle School April 27 & 28, 2015
High School April 24 & 28, 2015
- *2. Recording of Enrollment ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM REPORT
- *4. Recording of HIB Report(s) - None reported HIB REPORT
- *5. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept that, as of **April 2015** NO OVER-
after review of the appropriate sections of the monthly financial reports of EXPENDITURES
the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and upon consultation with BOARD
the School Business Administrator and other appropriate District officials, to the SECRETARY
best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation REPORT
of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the
District's financial obligations anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year and is
in agreement with the Treasurer's Report.
- *6. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **April 2015**. SCHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS

*7. bill payments in the amount of **\$878,281.64** including **\$24,096.48** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$322,901.78** for previously issued warrants, and **\$555,379.86** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **May 18, 2015**. (Members who had voucher reimbursements due them for Board connected expenditures listed on the bill list will indicate that their vote of approval will not include approval of any bill payment to them individually for those expenditures, or for any payee listed for whom they have performed services.) BILL PAYMENTS

*9. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **May 2015**: SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Scott Baker Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Nicholas Lamendola Scholarship	275.00
Todd Ouida Scholarship	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$2,300.00

*10. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **April 2015** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary’s Report. TREAS. SCHOOL MONIES REPORT

*11. approve the transportation route costs with First Student, Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year as follows: FIRST STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Laidlaw 3 – 1RDO (Oradell)	\$219.60 x 180 =	\$39,528.00
Laidlaw 4 – RD2 (River Edge)	\$244.70 x 180 =	<u>\$44,046.00</u>
Total:		\$83,574.00

*12. approve out-of-district placement for student #7365 at River View High School in Nyack, NY, effective April 27 to June 25, 2015 at a cost of \$15,116.47. #7365 OUT OF DISTRICT

*13. approve the following paid holidays for the Building Service employees for the 2015-2016 school year: BUILDING SERVICES HOLIDAYS

July 3, 2015	Independence Day	Regular Holiday
September 7, 2015	Labor Day	Regular Holiday
November 6, 2015	NJEA Convention	Selected Holiday
November 26, 2015	Thanksgiving Day	Regular Holiday
November 27, 2015	Day after Thanksgiving	Regular Holiday
December 24, 2015	Christmas Eve	Selected Holiday
December 25, 2015	Christmas Day	Regular Holiday
December 31, 2015	New Year’s Eve	Selected Holiday
January 1, 2016	New Year’s Day	Regular Holiday
February 15, 2016	Winter Recess	Selected Holiday
March 25, 2016	Good Friday	Regular Holiday
April 11, 2016	Spring Recess	Selected Holiday
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day	Regular Holiday

- *14. approve the disposal of the following item:

DISPOSAL OF
AUDIOMETER

Eastern Acoustics Audiometer – Asset Tag #0202055

- *15. approve homebound instruction for student #170566, effective April 23, 2015 for the remainder of the school year, for five hours per week, at the rate of \$50.78 per hour. #170566 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

- *16. **WHEREAS**, the River Dell Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) advertised for bids for the River Dell Middle School Media Center Upgrades Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and REJECT BIDS MS MEDIA CENTER UPGRADE

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2015, the Board received two (2) bids for the Project, as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, the bid is excessive as to price, as it substantially exceeds the cost estimates prepared by the Architect for this Project and, as such, are unreasonable as to price; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rejects the bids received for the River Dell Middle School Media Center Upgrades Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(a), as the bids substantially exceed the cost estimates and, as such, are unreasonable as to price on the basis of the cost estimates prepared on behalf of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to re-advertise the Project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), in the best interests of the School District.

- *17. approve the use of facilities for the following summer 2015 athletic camps run by River Dell coaching staff, except as noted: ATHLETIC CAMPS

Dates	Summer Camp	Times
June 24-26, 2015	Football	8 a.m. to noon
June 29-July 2, 2015	Track	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
June 29-July 2, 2015	Softball	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
June 29-July 2, 2015	Baseball	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
July 6-10, 2015	Basketball	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
July 6-10, 2015	Basketball	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
July 13-17, 2015	Wrestling/Dual Meet	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
July 13-17, 2015	Volleyball	9 a.m. to noon
July 20-24, 2015	Wrestling	9 a.m. to noon
July 20-24, 2015	World Class Soccer/Outside Org.	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 27-31, 2015	Track	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
July 27-31-2015	Basketball	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
August 3-8, 2015	NY Yankees Baseball/Outside Org	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

XI. Finance/District Operation

- 8. Motion was made by Mr. Barbary, seconded by Mr. Graef, to accept LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report
for the month ending **May 18, 2015.**

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.

Items for Board Discussion

DISCUSSION

- 1. Strategic Planning - The Board discussed the various options available, including a Board Work Session meeting. Mr. Fletcher will schedule a meeting for September and will present and discuss his objectives, and the Board will then decide on strategic planning.

Old/New Business

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- The status of Mr. Fletcher’s evaluation.
- New computer lease - the type of computer being leased, as well as the fee for middle school students, was questioned. There will be a discussion at the next Board meeting.
- Middle School Media Center bid.
- Use of facility fees for outside camps.
- Practice locations for music students during lunch.

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Kuchar, to adjourn at 9:12 pm. ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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