

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

February 3, 2020

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, February 3, 2020. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jody Murphy, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to adopt the following resolution at 7:31 p.m.

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 building service employee; appointment of athletic coaches, discussion on disciplinary hearing.

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 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. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jody Murphy, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator

Mr. Bonfiglio led everyone in a salute to the flag.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statement:

OPEN PUBLIC
MEETING STMT.

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 or use of any tobacco product 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. Feigenson read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

MISSION
STATEMENT

IV. Public Comments (on agenda items only) – None

V. Student Member Report – Students were not present.

VI. Reports

1. President’s Report

Mr. Graef reported that in the N.J. School Boards Newsletter, there was an item that pertains to security training for substitute teachers. Mr. Graef mentioned that a bill was signed and it becomes law for next school year.

Mr. Graef mentioned that he received an email from the P.T.O. officers. They will be discussing ways that schools can alleviate anxiety experienced by high school-aged students. A speaker from Montclair State University (MSU), Samantha Coyle, and River Dell’s William Feldman will be present.

Mr. Graef reported that committees were formed and meeting dates were scheduled. A Facilities & Security meeting took place prior to this evening’s Board meeting.

COMMITTEE
FORMATION

- 2. Superintendent’s Report
Mr. Fletcher mentioned the security conference.

Mr. Fletcher also mentioned the P.T.O. and the program River Dell started with MSU regarding student anxiety. River Dell spoke with MSU over the summer regarding an extended program to deal with student anxiety and we have been working with Ms. Coyle and her team to get grant funding from MSU.

P.T.O/MSU
PROGRAM

Mr. Fletcher thanked Board Members who attended the joint training on the mental health report that came from N.J. School Boards Association.

Mr. Fletcher mentioned the work that River Dell started two years ago transforming ED. One of the elements was to drive social, emotional learning (SEL) into the classroom. Mr. Fletcher indicated that as more details become available, he will share them with the Board.

Mr. Fletcher requested that at least one Board Member attend the next SEL session in order to keep our certification as a Master Board.

Mr. Fletcher updated the Board on the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) visit on January 30, 2020. The initial feedback was:

- 1) Testing Report - They requested a more robust description of River Dell’s student performance at the sub group level.
- 2) Access to ELL’s (English Language Learners) – They requested information be reported.
- 3) Curriculum – They requested a few adjustments to the curriculum.

Mr. Fletcher anticipates River Dell coming out as a high-performing District.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

- 3. Budget & Finance – Mr. Bonfiglio will schedule meetings as needed.
- 4. Campus Facilities & Security – Mr. Kupfer mentioned that a meeting was held this evening regarding upcoming projects and security initiatives that will be happening over the summer.
- 5. Community Relations & Technology – Meeting Scheduled
- 6. Curriculum – Meeting Scheduled
- 7. Policy & Governance – Meeting Scheduled

Mr. Graef mentioned the addendum items X.10 and X.11 being added to the Regular Agenda and part of the consent agenda.

ADDENDUM
ADDED

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson 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: Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef 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:

PROFESSIONAL
DAY REQUESTS
FOR STAFF

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Cost (not to exceed)
Alison Donoghue	NJASSW Annual Spring institute School Social Workers: Addressing Critical Social Stressors in Schools at Delta Hotels by Marriott Woodbridge in Iselin, NJ	3/23/20	\$125.00
John Knable	NJSBGA Expo 2020 at Harrah’s Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ	3/22-25/20	\$853.00
Jennifer Stuber	Panel of Experts for 2020 SLE Training at Morris Cnty School of Technology in Denville, NJ; Monmouth Cnty Vocational SD in Freehold, NJ; and Rutgers School of Public Health in Somerset, NJ	2/26/20 3/13/20 4/22/20	\$48.30
Marc Wachter	2020 Statewide Assessment District Test Coordinator and District Technology Coordinator Training in Whippany, NJ	2/27/20	\$25.00
Marianthe Williams	ISTE2020 (international Society for Technology Education) at Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA	6/26-7/1/20	\$2,500.00

- 2. Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the River Dell Board of Education and the River Dell Administrators Association dated July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

RIVER DELL
ADMINISTRATORS
ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENT
2020 - 2023

Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye. Mr. Samuel abstained.

- *3. approve Montclair State University Student Melissa Torres for an athletic trainer internship during the winter and spring seasons from January 21, 2020 into May 2020, with Athletic Trainer Angela Sterzer as cooperating athletic trainer. MONTCLAIR STATE INTERNSHIP M. TORRES
- *4. approve Special Education Teacher Angela Lee for an administrative internship encompassing a minimum of 300 hours from January 6, 2020 to May 8, 2020, with Director of special Services James Cooney as the mentor. A. LEE ADMIN. INTERNSHIP

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year: SUB TEACHER E. SHULER
Eric Shuler (BA – Rutgers State University of NJ)

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None

IX. Miscellaneous - None

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS
Middle School January 15 & 29, 2020
High School January 23 & 27, 2020
- *2. Recording of Enrollment—(Attached)—**January 2020** ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Reports (Attached)—**January 2020** SUSPENSION/VIOLENCE VANDALISM REPORT
- *4. Recording of HIB Reports—**January 2020**—N/A HIB REPORT
- *5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship accounts for the month of **February 2020**: SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS
Secretarial Scholarship \$163.00
TOTAL \$163.00
- *6. authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay February bills, after review by the Finance Committee, which bills will then be presented to the Board at the March Meeting. BILL PAYMENTS FEBRUARY

- *7. approve bedside instruction for Student #222348 for 5 hours per week at the cost of \$50.78 per hour by Professional Education Services, Inc. beginning January 21, 2020 until March 6, 2020. BEDSIDE
INSTRUCTION
STUDENT #222348
- *8. approve bedside instruction for Student #214136 for 10 hours per week at the cost of \$68.00 per hour provided by Union County Educational Services Commission, beginning January 11, 2020 for approximately 2 weeks. BEDSIDE
INSTRUCTION
STUDENT #214136
- *9. approve bedside instruction for Student #223302 for 10 hours per week at the cost of \$50.78 per hour by Professional Education Services, Inc., beginning January 28, 2020 for approximately 6 weeks. BEDSIDE
INSTRUCTION
STUDENT #223302
- *10. approve one-on-one multisensory reading instruction for Student #253566 for one hour per week after school with Grace Lamparillo, at the rate of \$86.82 per hour beginning February 7, 2020 until the end of the school year. ONE-ON-ONE
READING
INSTRUCTION
STUDENT #253566
- *11. extend homebound instruction for Student #253620 until February 14, 2020. Student receives 10 hours of instruction per week at the rate of \$50.78 per hour, provided by River Dell teachers. HOMEBOUND
INSTRUCTION
STUDENT #253620

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to bring forward the items on the Executive Agenda for decision.

EXEC. AGENDA
FORWARD

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.

III. Items for Board Discussion and Decision

D. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of John Darmochwal as Building Service Employee (maintenance) at a prorated salary of \$58,350 (includes \$1,350 for Black Seal License) for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year, effective February 24, 2020. D. DARMOCHWAL
BLDG. SERVICE
(MAINTENANCE)
- *2. approve the appointment of Michael Urso to the position of Head Boys Spring Track Coach for the 2020 season at a salary of \$8,550 (Group II), as per the RDEA Agreement. M. URSO
HEAD BOYS
SPRING TRACK COACH

- *3. approve Steven Iafrate to the position of Assistant Spring Track Coach for the 2020 season at a salary of \$6,800 (Group V), as per the RDEA Agreement.

S. IAFRATE
ASST. SPRING
TRACK COACH

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business - None

XIII. Board Discussion and Decision

Discussion was held regarding changing the April Board Meeting date.

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Kupfer, to change the Board of Education date from April 22, 2020 to April 27, 2020.

CHANGE BOE
MEETING DATE
FROM APRIL 22, 2020
TO APRIL 27, 2020

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Claudia O’Neill, Alan Feigenson, John Samuel, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar, Stephanie Hartman, Joseph Manzelli and Albert Graef all voted aye.

XIV. Public Comments – None

XV. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to adjourn at 8:32 pm.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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