

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

## **REGULAR SESSION**

October 23, 2017

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Board of Education was held in the River Dell High School Media Center Monday, October 23, 2017. Board President, Joseph Manzelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **Board Members Present**

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

ROLL CALL

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to adopt the following resolution at 7:30 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 teacher; appointment of extra-curricular advisor*

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.

Executive Session ended at 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to resume open session at 8:00 p.m.

RESUME  
OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

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

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Lisa Finn, Secretary  
Kaitlyn Bridge, Student Representative  
Greg Sarafian, Student Representative  
Olivia Tumino, Student Representative  
1 members of the public

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statements:

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, and 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 \$100.00.

Mr. Gallagher read the mission statement.

MISSION  
STATEMENT

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

**Presentation:**

Violence and Vandalism Reporting – Patrick J. Fletcher

PRESENTATION

**V. Student Member Report**

The student liaisons gave brief updates on academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities and achievements.

STUDENT MEMBER  
REPORT

**VI. Reports**

REPORTS

**1. President's Report**

Mr. Manzelli reported on the following:

- Thanked the F.O.R.D. for the Distinguished Graduate Dinner
- Middle School Chorus 11/19/17
- Juniors attended 9/11 Museum in NY
- Mr. Fletcher 2017 Rutherford High School Distinguished Graduate.

**2. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Fletcher reported on the following:

- Interact Clubs - Spaghetti Dinner on 10/25/17
- Student Achievements
- Distinguished Graduate Dinner
- Why Hunger a non-profit organization
- Center for Food Action
- Mr. Traina filmed the Distinguished Graduate Dinner
- Middle School Lock Down was a Precautionary measure

**Committee Reports****3. Budget & Finance**

Mr. Gallagher stated that there was nothing to report.

**4. Campus Facilities**

Mr. Bonfiglio reported on the various projects:

- Middle School and High School Roof
- Lighting in the High School and Middle School
- Painting in the High School
- Fire Alarms in the High School
- Asbestos Abatement in Tunnels
- Piping in the Middle School Pump Room
- Re-Paving of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Floor Tiles in the High School
- CO2 detectors
- Bottle Fill Water Fountains
- Guard Rails

Mr. Bonfiglio discussed future projects for River Dell

- Tennis Courts
- Track
- Boilers at the Middle School

5. Community Relations & Information

Mr. Feigenson stated that the next meeting is scheduled for 11/13/17

6. Curriculum

Mr. Graef stated that the committee haven't met.

7. Policy & Governance

Mrs. Hartman stated that the committee met tonight and that after NJSBA they will have additional information to report.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson to move that all items designated with asterisks (\*) be a part of an consent agenda and approved.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, Anthony Barbary, Stephanie Hartman, Patrick Gallagher and Joseph Manzelli were present.

Albert Graef voted to abstain on the 9/25/17 Minutes and voted aye on the rest. Douglas Kupfer and Barbara Kuchar were absent.

**VII. Board Meeting Minutes**

\* approve the following Board meeting minutes:

MINUTES

September 5, 2017	Regular Meeting
September 25, 2017	Regular Meeting

**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:

PROF. DAY  
REQUESTS FOR  
STAFF

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Amount (Not to Exceed)
Suzanne DiRenno	Montclair State U Institute for the Humanities-Classics Day, Montclair NJ	10/27/17	\$43.00
Amy Heusinkveld (in place of Tiffany Correa)	Tech & Learning Live, Princeton NJ	10/20/17	\$40.00
Maria Meo	Special Ed Convention & Exp, Tampa FL	2/7-10/18	\$515.00
Jennifer Morris	Montclair State U Institute for the Humanities-Classics Day, Montclair NJ	10/27/17	\$43.00
Dawn Rivas	9/11 Memorial Conference, NYC	11/7/17	\$25.00
Smith, Fredrick	Green Expo, Atlantic City NJ	12/5-7/17	\$850.00

\*2. approve an unpaid intermittent FMLA for Teacher of English Desiree Ferrandi, effective October 2, 2017 to January 1, 2018.

D. FERRANDI  
FMLA

**B. Resignations/Retirements-None**

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

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

**E. Appointments**

\*1. approve the appointment of the following volunteer assistant athletic coaches for the 2017-2018 winter athletic season:

VOLUNTEER ASST.  
ATHLETIC COACHES

Indoor Track Timothy White  
Indoor Track Jamie Woods

\*2. approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Mary Weixel-Martin (BA William Paterson University)  
Jonathan Cariddi (60 credits Ramapo College of NJ)  
Joanna Warren (BA Bard College)

**IX. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities**

\*1. approve the establishment of the following extra-curricular activities at the middle school for the 2017-2018 school year, at a stipend as per the RDEA Agreement, to be adjusted upon completion of successful negotiations:

EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES M/S

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
M/S Projects and Performances Club	\$1,050.00
M/S 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Robotics Club	\$1,050.00
M/S Art Enrichment Club	\$1,050.00
M/S Yoga Club	\$1,050.00

**X. Miscellaneous-None**

**XI. Finance/District Operation**

\*1. accept, that as of **September 2017** after review of the appropriate sections of the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, and upon consultation with the School Business Administrator and other appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation 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.

ACKNOWLEDGE NO  
OVER-EXPENDITURES  
ACCEPT BOARD  
SECRETARY’S REPORT

\*2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **September 2017**.

SCHOLARSHIP ANALYSIS REPORT

\*3. recommend bill payments in the amount of **\$1,077,540.96** including **\$44,317.41** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$381,504.82** for previously issued warrants, and **\$696,036.14** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **October 23, 2017**. (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 OCTOBER 23, 2017

\*5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **September 2017**:

DONATIONS INTO SCHOLARSHIP ACCTS.

RD Secretarial Scholarship: \$183.54

\*6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **September 2017** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary’s Report.

TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES RPT.

\*7. approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Dumont (route DBOE-5) in the amount of \$3,724.14 for the 2017-2018 school year.

DUMONT JOINT TRANSPORTATION

\*8. approve an out-of-district placement for student #162976 at New Wings Academy provided by New Milford Board of Education at a prorated tuition of \$33,668.46, with an additional prorated cost of \$21,163.01 for a one-on-one aide, effective September 18, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.

NEW WINGS ACADEMY STUDENT #162976

4. Motion was made by Mr. Barbary, seconded by Mr. Graef to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **September 2017**.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson to move the following resolutions forward from the **Executive Session**.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

1. approve the appointment of Vivian Chester as a Teacher of Special Education/Mathematics (tenure track) effective October 18, 2017 to June 30, 2018 at a salary of \$60,127 (MA Step 4), 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.

V. CHESTER  
SPECIAL ED/MATH.

2. approve the appointment of the following extra-curricular advisor for the 2017-2018 school year:

L. DUNN  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
ADVISOR

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lori Dunn	Future Engineers Club	1	\$1,050.00

**XII./ XIII. Old Business/New Business**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- Delegate Assembly Representative
- RDTV – Media Center in the Middle School
- Clothing Drive for warm clothes
- Holiday Dinners
- Evaluation on New Lap-tops
- Freshman Parent Night
- Distinguished Graduate Dinner

**XIV. Board Discussion-None**

**XV. Public Comments-None**

**XVI. Adjournment**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Graef to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary