

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

March 5, 2018

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 5, 2018. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

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. Feigenson, 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:

*Rescinding of athletic coaches; appointment of athletic coaches;
appointment of leave replacement*

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 Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to resume open session at 7:30 pm.

RESUME OPEN
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Liaison(s), Greg Sarafian, Olivia Tumino
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
Approximately 5 members of the public

Mr. Manzelli 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 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.

Mrs. Hartman read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

Presentation

Eagle Scout Project to Benefit Athletic Facility: Jared Wagreich
Girls Volleyball Team State Championship: Denis Nelson

Reports

REPORTS

Student Member Report

The student representatives reported on the academic and extra-curricular activities at River Dell, as well as safety/security measures and the general climate in the wake of the most recent school shooting.

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli discussed Progress report posting on Genesis; NJSBA meeting on March 29, 2018; NJ.com listed River Dell in the top 50 schools; Niche.com listed the District #34 for best teachers in the State; letter to the Borough of Oradell from the Board in support of their application for the Sustainable Jersey Grant which creates a natural resources inventory; National School Walkout on March 14th.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher reported on the academic and artistic awards received by River Dell Students; named the Valedictorian and Salutatorian; College Planning Guide which has been revised by the guidance department; the National School Walkout on March 14, 2018 and how River Dell is planning to participate, while keeping safety and security a top priority.

He then stated that in the 2014-15 school year, the Bergen County Prosecutors Office did an assessment of the security at River Dell schools, and the district is continuing to work on, and make improvements to, it.

COMMITTEE REPORTSBudget & Finance Committee - Mr. Manzelli

The committee met tonight to begin the budget process. This year's budget planning calendar will begin with figures being announced by the Governor on March 13th. Mr. Bonfiglio will receive them on the 15th, the preliminary budget is due to the County on March 27th, with the final budget submission due on May 7th. Under new business, he would like the Board to discuss options regarding the next March meeting.

Campus Facilities Committee - None

Community Relations & Information Committee - None

Curriculum Committee - Mrs. Hartman

The next meeting will be March 9, 2018.

Policy & Governance Committee - Mr. Kupfer

The committee is working on a revised scheduled.

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. Feigenson, Mr. Graef, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Manzelli, all voted aye. Mrs. Hartman voted aye on all but resolution VIIA.1 on which she voted nay.

VII. Personnel**A. Special Requests**

- *1. approve professional leave requests for the following staff members to attend **WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES** workshops/conferences as noted and in accordance with appropriate statute:

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to exceed
Alison Donoghue	School Social Workers Spring Institute--Utilizing Collaborative Strategies, Iselin NJ	3/26/18	\$148.00
Michael Dunphy	2018 Mandatory District Tech. Coordinator Training for PARCC, Whippany NJ	2/28/18	\$21.08
Lauren Garcia	Rhode Island Association of Admission Officers Counselor Tour, Rhode Island	4/23-26/18	\$300.00
Keri Koch	Oppositional, Defiant and Disruptive Children and Adolescents, Nanuet NY	4/18/18	\$108.79
Tricia Metts	Women in Cyber Security, Chicago IL	3/22-26/18	\$2,000.19
Jaclyn Nolan	Lehigh Valley Counselor Tour, Bethlehem PA	4/22-25/18	\$331.36
Katherine Riabov	Oppositional, Defiant and Disruptive Children and Adolescents, Nanuet NY	4/18/18	\$108.79
Danielle Russo	SUPA English Spring Workshop, New York NY	3/9/18	\$75.00
Kelli Shill	SUPA Accounting Conference, New York NY	3/2/18	\$60.00
Angela Sterzer	Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider Training, Wayne NJ	4/18/18	\$60.00
Marc Wachter	2018 Mandatory District Tech. Coordinator Training for PARCC, Whippany NJ (Cost Correction: previously approved 2/12/18 BOE meeting)	2/28/18	\$21.08

B. Resignations/Retirements - None

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

- *1. approve a temporary change in hours for Instructional Aide Terrence Ciccolella from 7 hours to 7.5 hours effective February 9, 2018, pending a student's out of district placement. T. CICCOLELLA
ADDT'L .5 HOUR

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2017-2018 school year: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Elizabeth McCorry	BS (Kean University)
Sandra Krajc	BS (Montclair State University)
- *2. approve the appointment of volunteer assistant coaches for the 2018 spring athletic season as per the attached. ATHLETIC COACHES

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

- *1. approve a field trip for the Middle School Academic Competition Club to compete in the 2018 Middle School National Championship Tournament in Chicago, Illinois on May 11-13, 2018 with Advisor Susan Keitel as chaperone, at a cost to the Board not to exceed \$2,025.00. MS ACADEMIC
CLUB FIELD TRIP

IX. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the correction to the following River Dell Regional Job Descriptions: CORRECTED JOB
DESCRIPTIONS

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Secretary II	Administrative Assistant II
Secretary III	Administrative Assistant III

X. Finance/District Operation

- *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS

Middle School	February 12 & 28, 2018
High School	February 22 & 27, 2018
- *2. Recording of enrollment ENROLLMENT
- *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report SUSP/VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM REPORT
- *4. Recording of HIB Reports - N/A HIB REPORTS

- *5. approve payment to the following personnel through the IDEIA Grant: PAYMENT THROUGH
IDEIA GRANT

<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Francin, J.	\$22,767 (eff 9/1/17 to 11/9/17)
Kasen, D.	\$20,000 (eff 1/25/18 to 6/30/18)
Kleinberg, M.	\$23,552
Koble, C.	\$24,141
Meo, C.	\$22,767
Paspalas, A.	\$20,684
Welch, D.	\$43,835

- *6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the River Dell Regional Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time-period 2018-2019 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs. TRANSPORTATION
JOINTURE WITH
SOUTH BERGEN
JOINTURE
COMMISSION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the River Dell Regional Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.

- *7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 6A:23A-7.3, in each pre-budget year the River Dell Regional Board of Education is required to establish a Maximum Travel Expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and MAXIMUM
TRAVEL
EXPENDITURE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby establishes that the Maximum Travel Expenditure Amount for the 2018-2019 school year is \$46,000.

IX. Miscellaneous

2. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Kupfer, to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the River Dell Board of Education and the River Dell Education Association dated July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021. RDEA 2017-2021
CONTRACT

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

X. Finance/District Operation

8. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to approve the Master Lease with Hewlett-Packard for the One-to-One Laptop Program. The aggregate lease cost is \$2,134,175 for the period March 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2021. The annual payment is \$645,965.35. ONE-TO-ONE
LAPTOP LEASE

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- Motion was made by Mr. Kupfer, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to bring the Executive Agenda forward and make it part of the consent agenda, BRING FORWARD
EXECUTIVE AGENDA

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Items for Board Discussion and Decision**A. Resignations/Retirements**

1. rescind the appointment of Katie Lord as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2018 spring season. RESCIND K. LORD
ASST. SOFTBALL COACH
2. rescind the appointment of Joe Abbadessa as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2018 spring season. RESCIND J. ABADESSA
ASST. SOFTBALL COACH

E. Appointments

1. approve the appointment of Mike Viramontez as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2018 spring season, at a salary of \$6,577 (Step 4). M. VIRAMONTEZ ASST.
SOFTBALL COACH
2. approve the appointment of Richard Aponte as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2018 spring season, at a salary of \$6,577 (Step 4). R. APONTE ASST.
SOFTBALL COACH
3. approve the appointment of James Janakat as a Teacher of Mathematics (leave replacement) effective March 14, 2018 to May 31, 2018 at a salary of \$68,421 (MA+32 Step 5). 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. J. JANAKAT
MATH LEAVE
REPLACE MENT
4. approve the appointment of Brandon Martinez as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach. B. MARTINEZ VOL.
ASST. COACH

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the budget timeline and the options available in order to be able to have the Preliminary Budget vote on March 27, 2018. The two options are to keep the scheduled meeting on March 19th and add an additional meeting on March 27th, or cancel the March 19th meeting and move everything to a March 27, 2018 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, to move the March 19, 2018 Board of Education meeting to Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

MOVE 3/19/18 BOARD MEETING TO 3/27/18

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Old Business/Discussion

OLD BUSINESS/
DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the following topics:

- The empty River Edge Board seat
- Basketball team participation in a stigma free initiative
- Reports that teachers are giving opinions as fact rather than having discussions on current events. The student liaisons reported that they are not aware of any teachers doing this and that their experience has been that teachers are having open discussion of all opinions in class.

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was a brief discussion of the music program.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to adjourn at 9:02 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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