

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

May 21, 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, May 21, 2018. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Alan Feigenson, Albert Graef, Douglas Kupfer, Barbara Kuchar Stephanie Hartman, and Joseph Manzelli. Patrick Gallagher 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. Feigenson, to adopt the following resolution at 5:30pm:

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 esy staff; appointment of school counselor; appointment of physical science teacher; appointment of music teacher; appointment of health/physical education leave replacement*

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 6:02 pm.

RESUME OPEN  
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

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

FLAG SALUTE

**Board Members Present**

ROLL CALL

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

**Others Present**

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Student Liaison(s), Kaitlyn Bridge, Olivia Tumino  
Malissa Stokes, Secretary  
Approximately 2 members of the public

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.

Mr. Kupfer read the Mission Statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

**Public Comments** (on agenda items only)

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Best Buddies Program was discussed.

**Reports**

REPORTS

**Student**

Student representatives discussed the various items leading up to the end of the school year.

**President**

Mr. Manzelli discussed the Art Expo, National Honor Society Inductions, Middle School Moving Up Ceremony, Graduation on June 21, 2018.

Superintendent

Mr. Fletcher discussed the upcoming testing schedule; the Commissioner of Education discussion regarding modifications to the testing process, recommendation of one session days for the last week of school, Bergen County School Boards meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>, tragic Paramus school district bus accident.

Mr. Fletcher then introduced Mrs. Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, the lone applicant for the vacant River Edge seat, and the Board conducted a brief interview.

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to appoint Tracey-Ellen Ehalt to the vacant River Edge Board of Education seat for the period May 21, 2018 through December 31, 2018 TRACEY-ELLEN EHALT  
BOARD MEMBER

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 was absent.

Mr. Bonfiglio administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Ehalt. OATH OF OFFICE T. EHALT

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

**VII. Board Meeting Minutes**

\* approve the following Board meeting minutes: MINUTES

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**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
Claire O'Connor	86 <sup>th</sup> Annual NJ Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics at The Grove in Cedar Grove NJ	5/11/18	\$95.00
Michael O'Toole	SUPA Sociology Spring Seminar at Lubin House in NYC	5/8/18	\$20.00
Michael O'Toole	AP Reader at College Board's in Tampa, FL	6/4-8/18	-0-

Peter Pavone	SUPA Economics Seminar at Lubin House in NYC	5/11/18	\$42.42
Matt Winchell	SUPA Sociology Seminar at Lubin House in NYC	5/8/18	\$28.00

- \*2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants Teacher of English Lindsay Silverman a maternity leave of absence with pay for the period beginning September 4, 2018 to September 24, 2018 and an unpaid maternity leave of absence for the period September 25, 2018 to December 17, 2018. L. SILVERMAN MATERNITY LEAVE
- \*3. approve a 100-hour practicum for Capella University student William McGoey, Jr., during the 2018-2019 school year, with Director of Guidance Jeff Principe as supervising administrator. 100 HOUR PRACTICUM W. McGOEY, JR.

**B. Resignations/Retirements**

- \*1. accept the resignation of High School Assistant Principal Jennifer Chatmon, effective June 15, 2018. J. CHATMON RESIGNATION

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

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

**E. Appointments - None**

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

- \*1. establish a Best Buddies club for the 2018-2019 school year, at a stipend as per the RDEA Agreement. BEST BUDDIES CLUB

**X. Miscellaneous**

- \*1. approve August 6, 2018 as the start of the Football Heat Acclimatization period as per new NJSIAA regulations. NJSIAA HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION

**XI. Finance/District Operation**

- \*1. pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify and accept that, as of **April 2018** 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. NO OVER-EXPENDITURES BOARD SECRETARY REPORT
- \*2. accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the month ending **April 2018**. SCHOLARSHIP ANALYSIS

\*3. bill payments in the amount of **\$903,169.87** including **\$771.00** from Cafeteria Account Funds, and **\$432,298.61** for previously issued warrants, and **\$470,100.26** for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which **\$-0-** is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending **May 21, 2018** (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

\*5. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **May 2018**. SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Todd Ouida Scholarship	\$2,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

\*6. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **April 2018** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary’s Report. TREAS. SCHOOL MONIES REPORT

\*7. accept the following agreement between the Borough of River Edge and the River Dell Board of Education: RIVER EDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN

This Agreement is made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2018, by and between the Borough of River Edge, Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, located at 705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey 07661, (hereafter “Borough”) and the River Dell Board of Education, (hereafter “Board of Education”).

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of River Edge and the River Dell Board of Education desire to re-establish and maintain a Community Garden at the River Dell Middle School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of River Edge wishes to enter into an agreement with the River Dell Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act” N.J.S.A. C.40A:65-1 through C.40A:65-35 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the participants has adopted an authorizing resolution pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of River Edge has issued a Certification of Liability Insurance naming the River Dell Board of Education as additional insured.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the participants agree as follows:

The Borough of River Edge and the River Dell Board of Education will enter into a Shared Service Agreement.

This Agreement will commence May 1, 2018 and end April 30, 2019.

- \*8. **RESOLVED:** that the River Dell Board of Education desires to enter into Joint Purchasing Agreement and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Regional V Council for Special Education for the 2018-2019 school year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Regional V Bylaws; designates Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers him to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interest in Region V. REG. V JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT

The Board further approves the joint bidding and transportation agreements for all River Dell students who are transported through Region V; the Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services agreement; including but not limited to student evaluations, student therapies and other student support services; the Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for non-public school services; and the Board further approves the joint bidding and/or shared services for other services as requested to be provided by Regional V component districts on as needed basis.

- \*9. the transportation route costs with First Student, Inc., for the 2018-2019 school year as follows: FIRST STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Laidlaw 3 – 1RDO (Oradell)	\$224.85 x 180 =	\$40,473.00
Laidlaw 4 – RD2 (River Edge)	\$250.54 x 180 =	<u>\$45,097.20</u>
TOTAL		\$85,570.20

- \*10. approve the disposal of the following Spanish textbooks that are out of date and no longer used at the high school: TEXTBOOK DISPOSAL

De Viaje by Glencoe, Spanish 3	ISBN #0-02-646362-8 (27 books)
AP Spanish-Preparing for the Language Exam	ISBN #0-13-166094-2 (7 books)

- \*11. approve the disposal of the following outdated and unusable middle school library books: LIBRARY BOOK DISPOSAL

My Brother Sam is Dead	ISBN #0-590-42792-X (200 books)
The Hunger Games	ISBN #0-439-02352-1 (225 books)
Worldly Wise	ISBN #978-0-8388-7608-4 (45 books)
The Witch of Blackbird Pond	ISBN #0-44-99577-9 (200 books)
Ender’s Game	ISBN #0-812-55070-6 (250 books)
A River Ran Out of Eden	ISBN #0-88741-026-X (100 books)

- \*12. approve bedside instruction for student #201815 effective May 2, 2018, at no cost to the Board. BEDSIDE INSTR. #201815

- \*13. homebound instruction for student #212156 effective May 1, 2018, by homebound instructors at \$50.78 per hour for 5 hours per week. #212156 HOME-BOUND INSTR.

- \*14. approve an extension of bedside instruction for student #180940 from March 2, 2018 for 4 to 6 weeks to June 21, 2018. Instruction is provided by Professional Education Services, Inc. at \$50.78 per hour for 10 hours per week. EXTENDED BED-SIDE INSTR. #180940

**XI. Finance/District Operation**

4. Motion was made by Mr. Feigenson, seconded by Mr. Graef, to accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the financial Report for the month ending **April 2018**. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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. Mrs. Ehalt abstained. Mr. Gallagher was absent.

- Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to bring forward and approve resolutions E. 1-5, Appointments, from the Executive Agenda. APPROVE EXECUTIVE AGENDA

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. Mrs. Ehalt abstained. Mr. Gallagher was absent.

**E. Appointments**

1. of the following River Dell staff for the Special Education Extended School Year Program, effective July 2 to July 30, 2018, at salaries as per the RDEA Agreement: ESY PROGRAM STAFF

Gracemarie Lamparillo, Coordinator	\$6,766
Casey D’Elia, Teacher	\$6,766
Maureen Kiel, Teacher	\$6,766
Sharon deMarrais, Teacher	\$6,766
Fran Puleo, Nurse	\$6,766

2. appointment of Demetra Binder as a School Counselor (tenure track), for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$105,562 (MA+48 Step 16) plus a stipend of \$7,026 for a total salary of \$112,588 pending successful completion of the certification process. 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. DEMETRA BINDER SCHOOL COUNSELOR

3. appointment of Ashley Warner as a Teacher of Physical Science (tenure track), effective September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$61,769 (MA+48 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. A. WARNER SCIENCE TEACHER

4. appointment of Jeff Wilson as a Teacher of Music (tenure track), effective September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a salary of \$62,763 (BA Step 7) pending successful completion of the certification process. 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. WILSON MUSIC TEACHER
5. appointment of Nicole Valorani as a Teacher of Health/Physical Education (leave replacement), effective May 16, 2018 to June 30, 2018 at a prorated salary of \$48,753 (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. N. VALORANI HEALTH/PHYS ED TEACHER

**Old/New Business/Discussion**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

BCSBA Meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>, NJSBA Safety Forum on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Honor Society Inductions, FORD golf outing on June 18<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent's evaluation

**Public Comment** – None

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Feigenson, to adjourn at 6:50 pm. ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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