

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

September 8, 2015

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Board President, Joseph Manzelli, Jr., called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 and Alan Feigenson were absent.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Student Liaison(s), Dylan DeBaun, Caleb Herbst, Tom Melvin
Malissa Stokes, Secretary
No 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. O'Neill read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

Public Comments (on agenda items only) - None

ReportsStudent Member Report

The student representatives reported on the opening of school, athletics, clubs, new laptops, and the senior class barbeque this coming Friday.

President's Report

Mr. Manzelli welcomed everyone back and stated that River Dell is gearing up, in academics and athletics, for a great year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Fletcher introduced the three new student representatives and then discussed the following topics:

- Late meeting start due to the Board's attendance at the Oradell Mayor and Council Meeting where River Dell's fee for use of the DPAC field was discussed. It was decided that no fee would be charged for the 2015-16 school year.
- Student enrollment on opening day was recorded at 585 in the middle school and 1051 at the high school. Official enrollment will be tallied on October 15th.
- Thank you to the custodians, secretaries, and support staff who work all summer to help open the school successfully each September.

In conclusion Mr. Fletcher stated that there will be some great new opportunities at River Dell this year and he hopes everyone is looking forward to it as much as he is.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee - None

Campus Facilities Committee - None

Community Relations & Information Committee - None

Curriculum/Tri-District Committee - None

Policy & Governance Committee - Mrs. Hartman

The reduced laptop fee is in effect this year and hopefully the public is receptive.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to adopt the following resolution at 8:27 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:

Resignation of school counselor; rescinding of athletic coaches; resignation of instructional aide; resignation of secretary; salary adjustment for teachers; appointment of school counselor; appointment of leave replacement teachers; appointment of athletic coach; appointment of instructional aide

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be sixty 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. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. O’Neill, to resume open session at 8:56 pm. RESUME OPEN SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Graef, 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 and Mr. Feigenson were absent.

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: WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Not to exceed
Marianthe Williams	Various meetings/workshops	9/2015 thru 6/2016	\$1,000
Marianthe Williams	Intel Education Visionary, Santa Clara, CA	10/11-15/15	\$400
Marianthe Williams	SchoolCIO Leadership Summit, Chicago, IL	10/1-3/15	-0-

B. Resignations/Retirements

- *1. rescind the appointment of Thomas Nolan as an Instructional Aide for the 2015-2016 school year. RESCIND T. NOLAN APPOINTMENT

- *2. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is in receipt of a request by employee #1732 to complete an employer certification for disability retirement; and **#1732 DISABILITY RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, the employee is no longer able to perform the duties of a teaching staff member in the River Dell Regional School District;

BE IT RESOLVED that employee 1732’s employment in the River Dell Regional School District is terminated, effective September 1, 2015.

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers - None

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

- *1. approve a salary correction for Counselor Patricia Barlow to \$116,860 (MA+48 Step 17 plus \$2,173 Longevity and \$7,026 stipend) for the 2015-2016 school year. **P. BARLOW CORRECTION**
- *2. approve a revision in the summer 2015 work salary for Senior Options Coordinator Jennifer Stuber to \$54.20 per hour for 50 hours, for a total not to exceed \$2,710. **J. STUBER ADJUSTMENT**
- *3. approve a work schedule change for Teacher of Industrial Arts Christopher Concato from 100% to 20% for the 2015-2016 school year, at a salary per the RDEA Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. **C. CONCATO SCHEDULE CHANGE**

E. Appointments

- *1. approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2015-2016 school year: **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**
 - Melissa Koontz (MA Montclair State University)
 - John Spillane (BA Ramapo College of New Jersey)
 - Anthony LiGregni (BA Montclair State University)
 - Helen Rubenstein (MA Montclair State University)
- *2. approve the appointment of Susan Keitel to the fall 2015 turnkey training team at the middle school, at the rate of \$55.62 per hour for 20 hours, for a total not to exceed \$1,112.40. **S. KEITEL TURNKEY TRAINER**
- *3. approve additional hours for the following summer 2015 turnkey trainers: **ADDT’L HOURS TURNKEY TRAINERS**
 - Dawn Rivas 3 hours at \$69.87 per hour for a total of \$209.61
 - Jeffrey Williams 3 hours at \$48.32 per hour for a total of \$144.96

VIII. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities - None

IX. Miscellaneous

- *1. approve the submission of the 2015-2016 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA). **SUBMIT NJQSAC SOA**

X. Finance/District Operation

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| *1. Recording of Fire/Security Drills - N/A | FIRE/SECURITY DRILLS |
| *2. Recording of Enrollment - N/A | ENROLLMENT |
| *3. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Report - N/A | SUSP/VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM REPORT |
| *4. Recording of HIB Report(s) - N/A | HIB REPORT |
| *5. approve the disposal of State Aid Non-Public textbooks used at Bergen Catholic High School, as per the attached list. | NON-PUBLIC
TEXTBOOK DISPOSAL |
| *6. approve a transportation jointure with Emerson (Route EM/RD) for transporting Academy students to Hackensack for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$14,769.22. | EMERSON JOINTURE
TRANSPORTATION |
| *7. approve Blood Borne Pathogen Training for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, provided by the Bergen County Department of Health Services, at a cost of \$18 per participant and \$62 per dose (\$186 for three-dose series) of the Hepatitis B vaccine. | BLOODBORNE
PATHOGEN TRAINING |
| *8. approve out-of-district placement for the following students for the 2015-2016 school year: | OUT OF DISTRICT
PLACEMENTS |

Student #	Grade	Placement	Cost
1914123	9	Alpine Learning Group – 11 months ABA Services	\$96,757.50 \$15,860.00
180762	10	Sage Day	\$54,054.00
160001	12	Sage Day	\$54,054.00
192148	9	Sage Day	\$54,054.00
4473	11	The Children’s Institute High School	\$57,906.99
191165	9	ECLC – 11 months	\$56,578.00
212245	7	ECLC – 11 months	\$56,578.00
19175	9	Valley Program – 11 months Occupational Therapy	\$71,092.00 \$ 5,760.00
181032	10	Valley Program – 11 months Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy	\$71,092.00 \$ 5,760.00 \$ 2,400.00
7011	12+	Maplebrook School – 11 months	\$55,050.00
2021	12	The Phoenix Center One-on-One Aide	\$66,190.00 \$30,000.00
170537	11	Cornerstone Day School	\$79,860.00
50	12+	Springboard Program BCSS	\$56,340.00

- *9. approve homebound services for student #7070 for the 2015-2016 school year with services provided by BCSSSD’s Educational Enterprises Division at a total cost of \$12,953.50. #7070 HOMEBOUND SERVICES
- *10. approve an agreement with the Ice House in Hackensack, NJ for the 2015-2016 season for 53.75 hours of use from November 9, 2015 to February 24, 2016 at the cost \$24,625. ICE HOUSE AGREEMENT
- *11. approve the agreement between Bergen County Special Services, Regional V and River Dell Regional School District for the 192-193 Non-Public Services for the 2015-2016 school year. 192-193 NON-PUBLIC SERVICES
- *12. approve the Non-Public School Nursing Agreement with the County of Bergen for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost not to exceed \$11,740.80. NON-PUBLIC NURSING

Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, to bring forward and approve the Executive Agenda items. EXECUTIVE AGENDA FORWARD

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 and Mr. Feigenson were absent.

B. Resignations/Retirements

- 1. approve the resignation of School Counselor Joseph Skorupa, effective July 30, 2015. J. SKORUPA RESIGNATION
- 2. rescind the appointment of the following athletic coaches for the 2015-2016 school year: RESCIND ATHLETIC COACHES

Maura Wallace Assistant Volleyball Coach
Stephanie Carnevale Assistant Indoor Track Coach

- 3. approve the resignation of Instructional Aide Gregg Braff, effective September 1, 2015. G. BRAFF RESIGNATION
- 4. approve the resignation of Secretary 3 Daphne Caplis, effective October 9, 2015. D. CAPLIS RESIGNATION

D. Salary Adjustments/Correction

- 1. approve a salary adjustment for Teacher of Chinese Ming Ho from \$58,510 (80% of \$73,137 MA Step 9) to \$60,701 (80% of \$75,876 MA+16 Step 9), effective September 1, 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year. M. HO SALARY ADJUSTMENT
- 2. approve a salary adjustment for Teacher of Music Kathryn Zintel from \$98,886 (MA+16 Step 16) to \$104,922 (MA+32 Step 17), effective September 1, 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year. K. ZINTEL SALARY ADJUSTMENT

E. Appointment(s)

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| <p>1. approve the appointment of Erin Curatola as a School Counselor (tenure track), effective November 9, 2015 (or sooner) to June 30, 2016, at a prorated salary of \$77,420 (MA Step 8 \$70,394 plus \$7,026 stipend). 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.</p> | <p>E. CURATOLA
SCHOOL COUNSELOR</p> |
| <p>2. approve the appointment of Martha Vasquez as a Teacher of Mathematics (Leave Replacement), effective September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, at a salary of \$56,878 (MA Step 3). 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.</p> | <p>M. VASQUEZ MATH
TEACHER</p> |
| <p>3. approve the appointment of Sang Lee as a Teacher of Mathematics (Leave Replacement), effective September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, at a salary of \$47,985 (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.</p> | <p>S. LEE MATH
TEACHER</p> |
| <p>4. approve the appointment of Brelyn Kirk as Assistant Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$4,735 Step 3A, for the 2015-2016 school year.</p> | <p>B. KIRK ASST.
VOLLEYBALL COACH</p> |
| <p>5. approve the appointment of John Francin as an Instructional Aide for the 2015-2016 school year, at a salary of \$15 per hour for a 7-hour day, and including five paid holidays, five non-cumulative sick days and one non-cumulative personal day.</p> | <p>J. FRANCIN AIDE</p> |

Old/New Business**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Manzelli stated that, at the Mayor and Council meeting this evening, the Borough of Oradell decided in favor of River Dell Regional, and will waive the use of facility fee for the DPAC field for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Fletcher explained that the College Board has changed the procedure for administration of the PSAT, and it will now be given during the school day; therefore, there will be a delayed opening for high school students not taking the test on October 14, 2015. Discussion then ensued regarding covering the cost of \$20 per 11th grade student taking the PSAT, since it will be taking place during the school day and can be used to satisfy a graduation requirement.

Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill, to approve subsidizing PSAT fees on October 14, 2015, for the Class of 2017.

SUBSIDIZE
PSAT FEES

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

In addition, the following topics were discussed:

- Receiving reports from the business trip.
- School districts working with consortiums for electricity.
- Preparations for the September 21st Board meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Graef, to adjourn at 9:19 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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