

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION

(Hybrid Meeting)

January 5, 2021

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held in the River Dell Regional High School Media Center, January 5, 2021. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Bonfiglio led everyone in a salute to the flag

FLAG SALUTE

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Marc Wachter, Technology Specialist/Assistant Business Administrator
Jody Murphy, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator
Student Liaisons: Noelle Sarafian and Joshua Wiesenfeld
Approximately 50 members of the public

Mr. Graef declared the Regular Board of Education Meeting in Session for January 5, 2021 in session.

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statement

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
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. Graef read the mission statement of the River Dell Regional School District.

MISSION STATEMENT

4. **Public Comments (on agenda items only)** – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. **PRESENTATION:** None

PRESENTATION

6. **Student Member Report**

STUDENT MEMBER REPORT

Joshua Wiesenfeld gave an update on the yearbook.

Noelle Sarafian had nothing to report.

7. **Reports**

REPORTS

1. **President’s Report** – Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

2. **Superintendent’s Report:**

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Fletcher gave an update on the hybrid schedules. He indicated that Administration continues to work on resolving scheduling issues to eliminate Wednesdays as all-virtual. In addition, due to the increase in the students shifting from hybrid to virtual model, River Dell has the opportunity to offer special education students the ability to attend classes more regularly.

He congratulated and thanked the RDTV Program with regard to public service announcements concerning COVID-19, etc. They did a wonderful job.

Additionally, Mr. Fletcher mentioned the COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, there is no vaccine for staff at this point. He also thanked all who informed the district of possible exposure and positive test results, for planning purposes.

Mr. Fletcher wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. **Budget & Finance**

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Mr. Graef inquired about the COVID expenses. Mr. Bonfiglio indicated that the biggest expenses occurred between July 2020 – November 2020.

- 4. Facilities & Security – Nothing to report. FACILITIES & SECURITY
- 5. Community Relations & Information – Nothing to report. COMMUNITY RELATIONS & INFORMATION
- 6. Curriculum – Nothing to report. CURRICULUM
- 7. Policy & Governance – Nothing to report. POLICY & GOVERNANCE

8. Consent Agenda APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Feigenson that all items designated with asterisks(*) be part of a consent agenda and approved.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Kupfer, Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Graef all voted aye.

9. Personnel PERSONNEL

A. Special Requests SPECIAL REQUESTS

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

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date	Cost (not to exceed)
Samantha Altman	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	1/4/21	\$495.00
Lauren DelPiano	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	1/4/21	\$495.00
Angela Lee	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	1/4/21	\$495.00
Anthony Manderano	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	1/4/21	\$495.00
Lydia Oser	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	1/4/21	\$495.00
Katherine Riabov	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	1/4/21	\$495.00

- *2. grant Employee #1733, whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s Office, a maternity leave of absence for the period beginning March 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2021. MATERNITY
LEAVE
#1733
- *3. grant Employee #1366, whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s Office, a medical leave of absence for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021. MEDICAL
LEAVE
#1366

- B. **Resignations/Retirements** – None RESIGNATIONS/
RETIREMENTS
- C. **Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers** - None REAPPOINTMENTS/
REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS
- D. **Salary Adjustments/Corrections** - None SALARY ADJUSTMENTS/
CORRECTIONS
- E. **Appointments** - None APPOINTMENTS
- 10. **Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities** CURRICULUM/STUDENT
AFFAIRS/ACTIVITIES
- 11. **Miscellaneous** MISCELLANEOUS
 - A. Motion was made by Mrs. O’Neill, seconded by Mrs. Hartman to approve the 2nd reading of the following policies: POLICIES
2ND READING
6000/9000 SERIES

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Mrs. O’Neill, Mr. Feigenson, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Ehalt, Mr. Kupfer,
Mrs. Kuchar, Mr. Manzelli, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Graef all
voted aye.

6000 Series:

6171.2*	Gifted and Talented
6173.1*	Remote Learning

9000 Series:

9322*	Public and Executive Sessions
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- 12. **Finance/District Operation**
 - *A. Recording of Fire/Security Drills FIRE/SECURITY
DRILLS

Middle School	December 10, 11, 15 & 21, 2020
High School	December 10 & 12, 2020
 - *B. Recording of Enrollment—**December 2020** (Attached) ENROLLMENT
 - *C. Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Reports—**December 2020** (Attached) SUSPENSION/
VIOLENCE/VANDALISM
REPORTS
 - *D. Recording of HIB Reports—**December 2020** – N/A HIB REPORTS

*E. approve the appointment of staff members, on the attached list, to perform supplemental instruction, at a cost of \$50.78 per hour not to exceed 30 hours, as per the RDEA Agreement.

SUPPLEMENTAL
INSTRUCTION

*F. approve Michael Hirsch as Security for yearbook makeup photos on December 9, 2020 for 2.5 hours at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

M. HIRSCH
SECURITY

13. Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hartman recommended Mr. Fletcher give a timeline at the next Board of Education meeting regarding filling the Business Administrator position.

BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR
VACANCY

Mr. Fletcher informed the Board that the new High School Principal will be starting on January 19.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

14. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kupfer inquired about the ability to live stream winter sports. Mr. Manzelli asked about the Winter/Spring sports overlap.

WINTER/SPRING
SPORTS

Mr. Manzelli inquired about extra-curricular activities, Spring Musical.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

15. Board Discussion

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Hartman suggested reserving a day on the calendar for a possible Board meeting between the February 8 and March 15 meetings, since there is a large gap. Also, she recommended discussing short-term Board/District goals at the next executive meeting. Mr. Manzelli suggested reviewing those goals at the meeting between February 8 and March 15.

POSSIBLE ADD'L
BOARD OF ED.
MEETING

16. Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were discussed regarding equity issues/ goals, professional development and curriculum. The public also asked about the possible elimination of Wednesdays as an all-virtual day and future closures due to COVID-19.

17. **Adjournment**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Graef, seconded by Mrs. O'Neill,
to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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