

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
February 8, 2021
(Hybrid Meeting)

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held February 8, 2021. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools

Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mr. Manzelli to adopt the following resolution at 7:30 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:

*Leaves of absences, maternity leave, retirement, salary adjustments, new hire, negotiations.
Mr. Freedman announced his retirement to the Board.*

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 by was made by, Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Feigenson to resume open session at 8:00 pm.

RESUME OPEN
SESSION

Motion carried by all ayes.

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

ROLL CALL

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools

Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Marc Wachter, Technology Specialist/Assistant Business Administrator

Student Liaison(s) Noelle Sarafian and Josh Wiesenfeld. Jesse Henderson was absent.

Kerry Heiser, Secretary/Accounts Payable

Approximately 105 others were in attendance, virtually

Mr Bonfiglio led everyone in a salute to the flag

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bonfiglio read the following statement:

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, 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.

MISSION
STATEMENT

4. Public Comments (on agenda items only)

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

- 5. PRESENTATION: Board Ethics – Matthew Lee, NJSBA
Mr. Lee discussed The School Ethics Act and gave examples of wrong doings by Board Members.

MATT LEE
BOARD
ETHICS

6. Student Member Report

STUDENT
MEMBER
REPORT

Noelle Sarafian reported that the Swim Team started last week and The Theatre Program is working on a song for a “New World”

Josh Wiesenfeld reported that The Honor Society is going to do a raffle to raise money for scholarships. The Quiz Bowl Team has its first competition on Saturday. The Business Club will be competing in a Mock Stock Market Challenge.

7. Reports

- 1. President’s Report

PRESIDENT
REPORT

Mr. Graef reported that Mr. Vincent DeLucia from New Jersey School Boards will be doing a Hidden Bias training at the March 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

Mr. Graef indicated that March 1, 2021 was added as an additional Board Meeting.

Mr. Graef mentioned that Board Members should speak with Mr. Bonfiglio about the Board Member Requirements.

2. Superintendent's Report

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher mentioned that there are three National Merit Scholarship Finalists – Ori Ben Yossef, Sophie S. Ding and Paul Jeong.

Mr. Fletcher discussed the inclement weather that has occurred in February.

Mr. Fletcher discussed the Covid 19 situation.

Mr. Fletcher discussed the new school schedule that will be implemented February 22, 2021. Virtual Wednesday will be eliminated. Students will attend school five days per week on a rotating schedule.

Committee Reports

3. Budget & Finance

Mr. Manzelli reported that there was a meeting on January 21, 2021 to go over the Audit. The Audit will be presented at the next Board Meeting. There is a meeting February 9, 2021 about the upcoming Budget. There will be a vote on the Preliminary Budget on March 15, 2021 and a final vote on the Budget on April 26, 2021.

- 4. Facilities & Security – Nothing to report
- 5. Community Relations & Technology – Nothing to report
- 6. Curriculum – Nothing to report
- 7. Policy & Governance – Nothing to report

- 8. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Manzelli that all items designated with asterisks (*) to be part of a consent agenda and approved.

APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion carried by the following call vote:

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

9. 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

	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Cost (Not to exceed)
Lori Dunn	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	2/9/21	\$495.00
Andrea McNamara	Modern Classroom Project, Virtual	2/9/21	\$495.00

B. Resignations/Retirements

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

E. Appointments

10. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

11. Miscellaneous

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to approve

A. **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2021-2022, and

SEMI
PROGRAM
WAIVER
2021-2022

WHEREAS, the River Dell Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that we project having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students and participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2021-2022 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the River Dell Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried by the following call vote:

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

12. Finance/District Operation

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| <p>*A. Recording of Fire/Security Drills</p> <p>Middle School January 28 & 29, 2021
 High School January 7 & 8 & 26 & 28, 2021</p> | <p>FIRE/
 SECURITY
 DRILLS
 JAN. 2021</p> |
| <p>*B. Recording of Enrollment – Attached – January 2021</p> | <p>ENROLLMENT
 JAN. 2021</p> |
| <p>*C. Recording of Suspensions Report/Violence & Vandalism Reports
 –Attached–January 2021</p> | <p>VIOLENCE/
 VANDALISM
 REPORT
 JAN. 2021</p> |
| <p>*D. Recording of HIB Reports – January 2021 –N/A</p> | <p>HIB REPT.
 JAN. 2021</p> |
| <p>*E. recommend that the Board authorize the School Business Administrator/
 Board Secretary to pay the February bills, after review by the finance
 committee, which bills will then be presented to the Board at the March
 meeting.</p> | <p>FEB. 2021
 BILLS</p> |
| <p>*F. recommend that the Board approve bedside instruction for Student
 #243237 for 6 hours per week at the cost of \$50.78 per hour
 beginning January 20, 2021 for approximately 4 weeks, with instruction
 provided by River Dell Staff.</p> | <p>BEDSIDE
 INSTRUCT.
 STUDENT
 # 243237</p> |
| <p>Motion was made by Mr. Manzelli seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to bring
 forward an item on the Executive Agenda for decision.</p> | <p>EXECUTIVE
 AGENDA
 FORWARD</p> |

D. Appointments

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| <p>1. approve the appointment of Yilan Hsu as a Teacher of Mandarin
 (long term substitute) in the high school at a rate of \$248.18
 per diem (BA Step 1), for the period beginning January 26, 2021
 and ending June 25, 2021.</p> | <p>Y. HSU
 LONG TERM
 SUBSTITUTE</p> |
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Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

13. Old Business

14. New Business

A. Board Requirements – Mr. Bonfiglio discussed the Board requirements that need to be completed by December 2021.

BOARD
REQUIREMENTS

15. Board Discussion

16. Public Comments

Public comments ensued regarding the new school schedule that begins February 22, 2021.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

17. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to adjourn at 9:42 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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