

RIVER DELL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
April 26, 2021
(Hybrid Meeting)

A Regular Session Meeting of the River Dell Regional Board of Education was held April 26, 2021. Board President, Albert Graef, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

ROLL CALL

Claudia O'Neill, Tracey-Ellen Ehalt, Joseph Manzelli, Albert Graef,
Alan Feigenson, Douglas Kupfer, John Samuel and Stephanie Hartman.
Barbara Kuchar was not present.

Others Present

Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools
Thomas L. Bonfiglio, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jeffrey Principe, High School Assistant Principal/Supervisor of Guidance
Brian Pepe, High School Principal
James Cooney, Director of Special Services
Lisa Torres, Supervisor of English and Social Studies
Richard Freedman, Middle School Principal

Motion was made by Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mrs. O'Neill to adopt the following resolution at 7:00 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:

Non-tenured personnel and the status of the certified staff's negotiations

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 60 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 Mr. Feigenson seconded by Mr. Manzelli 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 33 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:

Mr. Bonfiglio gave a presentation on the final 2021-2022 Budget.

FY 2021-2022
 BUDGET

6. Student Member Report

Noelle Sarafian and Josh Wiesenfeld discussed the various activities taking place for the senior class and thanked Principal Brian Pepe for organizing them. Students attending in person instruction has increased.

7. Reports1. President's ReportPRESIDENT
REPORT

Mr. Graef discussed the year end events taking place for the senior class. Mr. Graef thanked Mr. Pepe and the Administration for organizing the events.

2. Superintendent's ReportSUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Mr. Fletcher discussed the following items:

- On April 26, 2021 the senior class returned to school for five days per week in person instruction.
- The number of seniors attending school has increased.
- Struggling learners returned to the Middle School on April 26, 2021.
- The school district is planning for full person instruction in September 2021. There is a concern about how lunch will be provided.
- A correction to the March 1, 2021 Regular Session Minutes for changing the month from February to January.

Committee Reports3. Budget & Finance – Nothing to reportCOMMITTEE
REPORTS4. Facilities & Security

Mr. Kupfer discussed the upcoming summer capital projects and mentioned that the overall security report was reviewed.

5. Community Relations & Technology – Nothing to report6. Curriculum

Mrs. O'Neill stated that there is a meeting on May 3, 2021.

7. Policy & Governance

Mrs. Hartman stated that there is a meeting on May 3, 2021 and on tonight's agenda there is a second reading of new policies and a redo of an existing policy.

8. Motion was made by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Kupfer 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. Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVE
BOARD
MEETING
MINUTES

- A. *The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the following Board meeting minutes:

March 1, 2021 Executive and Regular Sessions
March 15, 2021 Regular Session
March 29, 2021 Executive and Regular Sessions

10. Personnel

A. Special Requests

- *1. approve the appointments of the following River Dell staff members to work additional schedules as noted for the 2020-2021 school year, at salaries as per the RDEA Agreement:

PROF. DAY
REQUEST
FOR STAFF

Staff	Class	Schedule	Salary	Effective
Barbara Connolly	Mandarin	20%	\$22,126 (MA+48 St 17 \$110,629)	1/4/21-2/26/21
Victoria Kantanas	Alg 2 Res	20%	\$22,126 (MA+48 St 17 \$110,629)	5/27/21-6/25/21
Maureen Kiel	Alg 2 Res	20%	\$21,399 (MA OFFA \$106,996)	5/27/21-6/25/21
Thomas Nolan	Alg 3 ICS	20%	\$14,490 (MA+32 St 6 \$72,451)	5/27/21-6/25/21
En-Tseh Wang	Alg 3 Res	20%	\$16,723 (MA+48 St 9 \$83,617)	5/27/21-6/25/21
Marissa VanTol	Alg 3 ICS	20%	\$20,009 (MA+48 St 14 \$100,043)	5/27/21-6/25/21

- *2. grant Employee #1733, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, a revised family medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning March 1, 2021 to April 28, 2021 and an unpaid leave of absence for the period beginning April 29, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021. EMP. # 1733
FMLA
- *3. grant Employee #5066, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, a revised family medical leave of absence (FMLA) with pay for the period beginning March 15, 2021 to April 16, 2021 and an unpaid leave of absence for the period beginning April 17, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021. EMP. # 5066
FMLA
- *4. grants Employee #5028, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, a maternity leave of absence for the period beginning May 27, 2021 and ending November 24, 2021. EMP. # 5028
MATERNITY
LEAVE

- *5. grants Employee #5069, whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s Office, a maternity leave of absence for the period beginning September 1, 2021 and ending November 26, 2021. EMP. # 5069
MATERNITY
LEAVE

B. Resignations/Retirements

Motion by Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mrs. Hartman to

- 1. accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Job Coach Dorothea Welch, effective June 30, 2021. RETIREMENT
D. WELCH

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.

- *2. rescind the appointment of the following coaches for the 2021 season. RESCIND
P. CRANN
D. NIMPHIUS
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| Patrick Crann | Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach |
| D.J. Nimphius | Spring Strength and Conditioning Coach |

C. Reappointments/Reassignments/Transfers

D. Salary Adjustments/Corrections

E. Appointments

Motion by Mr. Feigenson seconded by Mr. Manzelli

<p>WHEREAS, the River Dell Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) desires to appoint Gertrude Engle as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the River Dell School District;</p> <p>WHEREAS, this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Gertrude Engle as the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the River Dell School District for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022 in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference: and</p>	<p>APPOINT G. ENGLE BUSINESS ADMIN./ BOARD SECRETARY</p>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to execute the Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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.

- *2. approve the appointment of the following volunteer coaches for the 2021 season:

Chris Armen	Baseball
Bridget Cahill	Softball

C. ARMEN
 B. CAHILL
 2021
 VOLUNTEER
 COACHES

11. Curriculum/Student Affairs and Activities

12. Miscellaneous

Motion by Mrs. Hartman seconded by Mrs. O’Neill to

2ND READING
 3000/5000
 SERIES

- A. approve the 2nd reading of the following policies:

3000 Series:

3514.1 School Furnished Electronic Device: Distribution and Use

5000 Series:

5132 Dress and Grooming

5141.5* Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

5141.7* Social and Emotional Learning and Character Education

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.

Motion by Mrs. O’Neill seconded by Mr. Kupfer to

- B. approve the selection of the following professional staff members as River Dell’s 2021 Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program recipients:

Linda Mikulka	Middle School
Olga Sagalchik	High School

L. MIKULKA
 O. SAGALCHIK
 2021 BERG. CTY
 TEACHER
 RECOGNITION

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.

13. Finance/District Operation

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| | | FIRE/
SECURITY
MARCH 2021 |
| *A. | Recording of Fire/Security Drills | |
| | Middle School March 11 & 29 & 30 & 30, 2021 | |
| | High School March 11 & 12 & 25, 2021 | |
| *B. | Recording of Enrollment—(Attached)— March 2021 | ENROLLMENT
2021 |
| *C. | Recording of Suspension Report/Violence & Vandalism Reports
(Attached)— March 2021 | SUSPENSION/
VIOLENCE/
VANDALISM
REPORTS
MARCH 2021 |
| *D. | Recording of HIB Reports— March 2021 – N/A | HIB REPORTS
MARCH 2021 |
| *E. | accept, that as of March 2021 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 SECY
REPORT
MARCH 2021 |
| *F. | accept the Scholarship Analysis Report for the months ending March 2021 . | SCHOLARSHIP
ANALYSIS RPT.
MARCH 2021 |
| *G. | recommend bill payments in the amount of \$751,318.64 including \$1,977.88 from Cafeteria Account Funds, and \$381,892.73 for previously issued warrants, and \$367,448.03 for River Dell warrants to be issued, of which \$-0- is to be issued for capital projects, for the period ending April 26, 2021 . (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
ENDING
4/26/2021 |

Motion by Mr. Feigenson seconded by Mr. Manzelli to

- H. accept line item transfers and the adjustments as listed in the Financial Report for the month ending **March 2021**.

LINE ITEM
TRANSFERS
MARCH 2021

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.

- *I. accept the following donations into the Scholarship Accounts for the month of **April 2021**:

SCHOLARSHIP
ACCOUNTS
APRIL 2021

Derrick Otto Chaput Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Brad Hoey Scholarship	<u>\$5,100.00</u>
Total	\$7,100.00

- *J. accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of **March 2021** and is in agreement with the Board Secretary’s Report.

TREASURER
OF SCHOOL
MONIES RPT.

Motion by Mr. Manzelli seconded by Mr. Feigenson to

- K. approve a school district Final Budget for the FY2021-2022 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent’s Office as follows:

FY 2021-2022
FINAL
BUDGET

Tax Levy	\$32,061,783
Current Expenses	\$34,833,369
Capital Outlay	410,287
Special Revenue	451,000
Debt Service	<u>1,371,400</u>
 TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	 \$37,066,056

Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects – Statement of Purpose

Included in budget line 620, *Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects* is \$350,000 for other capital project which includes a Middle School Security Vestibule (\$175,000) and a High School Security Vestibule (\$175,000). The total cost of each of these projects is \$350,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

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.

REGION V
JOINT PURCH.
AGREEMENT
2021-2022

*L. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the River Dell Regional Board of Education desires to enter into Joint Purchasing Agreement and will participate as a full member of the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2021-2022 school year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Patrick J. Fletcher, 2021 - 2022 Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers him to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the joint Bidding and transportation agreements for all River Dell Regional School District 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 Region V component districts on as needed basis.

*M. approve the following tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year:

2021-2022
TUITION
RATES

Grades 7-8	\$19,032
Grades 9-12	\$18,375
LLD	\$28,557
Resource Center	\$29,445

*N. approve an additional 100 hours for Bergen Catholic Nurse Maria Celeste Tumino totaling \$3,000. The rate is \$30 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year.

M. TUMINO
BERGEN
CATHOLIC
NURSE

14. **Old Business**

15. **New Business**

Mrs. Hartman discussed the Superintendent's Newsletter.

16. **Board Discussion**

17. **Public Comments**

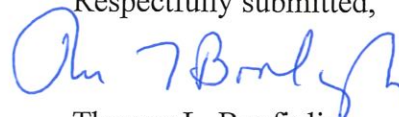
There were two public comments regarding student attendance at the Middle School and in person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year

ADJOURNMENT

18. **Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Feigenson to adjourn at 8:44 pm.
Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Bonfiglio

Business Administrator/Board Secretary