

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 19, 2009

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Peter Noble called the May 19, 2009 Board Meeting of the Red Bank Board of Education to order at 7:35 pm.

2. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted April 28 2009. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Asbury Park Press*, *The Hub*, and the *Two River Times* newspapers per code and sent to the Municipal Clerk, Red Bank Borough, within 7 days per code.

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3. ROLL CALL

Present: Grace Costa, Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Rosemarie Kopka, Carrie Ludwikowski, Ann Roseman, Peter Noble

Absent: Marjorie Lowe, Rickey Tharrington

Also Present: Laura C. Morana, Superintendent; Peter Sokol, Esq.

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Noble led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consolidation of Districts--Update

Mrs. Morana advised the Board that consolidation of districts will be a standard item on the Superintendent's Report. At this point we have not heard anything about the feasibility study; however, the directors of Special Education departments from the Peninsula districts met yesterday to discuss options for sharing services, programming, professional development, and other areas. Although nothing concrete was decided, they learned what surrounding districts are doing and the challenges that are faced in educating special needs students. Karen Furman from the County Office was also present at the meeting.

B. Monmouth County Superintendents' Teacher Recognition Program

Mrs. Morana introduced the Monmouth County Superintendent's Teacher Recognition Program and recognized Dr. Damian Medina and Mrs. Karen Gerber as the district's recipients. Kathy Horgan, Red Bank Town Council, advised Mrs. Morana that the teachers would be honored at a future town council meeting. Mr. Noble congratulated Mrs. Gerber for her work with her students; and Dr. Medina as a warm, heartfelt teacher to his students. Mr. Noble indicated that the selections were difficult since all nominees were great teachers. He then presented certificates to the nominees who were not selected. The nominees were Dr. Kathleen Doherty, Mrs. Carol Boehm, Mr. Julius Clark, Ms. Andrea Fontenez, Mr. Holcombe Hurd, and Mrs. Kathleen Maurer. Mrs. Morana stated that Mrs. Gerber and Dr. Medina will be honored at a luncheon on Friday.

C. Video Presentation

Mrs. Morana requested a deviation from the agenda to introduce an amazing video made by our Middle School students—"2048: A Rock Opera"—which won a spot as one of the top three of 1,400 entries in Sony's "Technology in Motion 2: Community of the Future" competition. She indicated the deadline to vote is May 20 and encouraged everyone to vote.

Mr. Hurd advised the Board that the lyrics were written by the students, and they were involved in all aspects of video production. He is very proud of their work and they produced a professional product. Mr. Hurd also let the Board know that we are lucky to have Mr. Ippolito, who is a tremendous asset to the district and comes with a wealth of musical background experience. The Board then viewed the video and it was well received.

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D. AVID Program Presentation

Mrs. Morana introduced the AVID Program and the expansion to fourth grade. Ms. Osmun introduced the students as her co-presenters, and they demonstrated binder organization, Cornell note taking, tutorial sheets, and discussed guest speakers. One of the students highlighted Hispanics Inspiring Students' Performance & Achievement as an organization that follows much of the motivational strategies that AVID uses. The AVID students also created a public service announcement for Lunch Break. There was a comment that the AVID students are a great role model for their peers and other children. Students present: Sandra Chicas, Scott Reeves, Jessica Santamaria.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Committee Meeting Schedule

A final schedule will be shared with the Board in their Friday packets.

B. Recognition of Board Service—Ms. Toni Brown

Mr. Noble presented Ms. Brown with a token of the Board's appreciation for her service on the Board. Mrs. Morana also thanked Ms. Brown for her work on the Board.

8. HEARING OF PUBLIC

Mr. David Prown, 44 Hillside Place, Red Bank

- Update on the uniform survey
- Mr. Prown thanked Mrs. Morana for having an escort walk students to the Count Basie Field.
- Commented that the district and the Borough should continue to use the practice field at the Middle School.

9. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate committee. The members of the board committee work with Administration and the Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied with the matter, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion before any final action is taken. Only then is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting.

10. ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to accept the following:

BUSINESS – 3000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following FINANCE resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

3014. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Annie Darrow	05/27/09 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Monroe, NJ	\$40.00	Garden State Coalition of Schools Annual Meeting	11-000-230-585-000
Marjorie	05/27/09	Monroe, NJ	\$40.00	Garden State Coalition of	11-000-230-

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Lowe	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			Schools Annual Meeting	585-000
Peter Noble	05/27/09 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Monroe, NJ	\$40.00	Garden State Coalition of Schools Annual Meeting	11-000-230-585-000
Annie Darrow	06/02/09 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Eatontown, NJ	\$0.00	Systems 3000 Year End Training	NA
Carrie Ludwikowski	06/06/09 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Plainsboro, NJ	\$0.00	NJSBA New Board Member Training	NA
Rickey Tharrington	06/06/09 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Plainsboro, NJ	\$0.00	NJSBA New Board Member Training	NA
Danielle Yamello	06/11/09 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Monroe, NJ	\$0.00	ECERS-R Workshop	NA
Maria Iozzi	07/22/09 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Mercerville, NJ	\$0.00	21 st Century 4 th Quarter Meeting	NA
Samantha Maurer	07/22/09 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Mercerville, NJ	\$0.00	21 st Century 4 th Quarter Meeting	NA

3015. **BILLS PAYMENT**

To approve payment of final bills for March and April 2009 and for bills as of March and April 2009 per attached bills list.

3016. **APPROVE MINUTES**

To approve minutes of the Board meeting of April 7 and 28, 2009 as previously distributed to the Board.

3017. **BUDGET TRANSFERS**

To ratify the May 2009 budget transfers approved by the Superintendent as previously distributed to the Board.

3018. **APPROVAL OF SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT**

Pursuant to 18A:6-59

Approve the March 2009 Report of the Treasurer and the March 2009 Report of the Secretary as being in balance for the month.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above reports be accepted as submitted and that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3019. **LEASE APPROVAL**

Approve a 60 month lease, including amortization schedule, with Municipal Capital Corporation of a Savin 8060SP for the replacement of the copier at the Administration building for a cost of \$294.88 per month.

3020. **LEASE APPROVAL**

Approve a 60 month lease, including amortization schedule, with Municipal Capital Corporation of a Savin 8060SP for the replacement of the copier at the Primary School for a cost of \$294.88 per month.

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3021. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BID REJECTION

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2009 the Red Bank Board of Education conducted a public bid opening for the award of Primary School Site Improvements which yielded the following for consideration:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate #A	Alternate #B	Total Bid
Dumor Contracting	\$239,881	\$97,330	\$56,900	\$393,301
Precise Construction, Inc	\$174,230	\$66,230	\$60,908	\$301,368
Authentic Construction	\$398,953	\$141,500	\$110,235	\$650,688
F&P Contractors	\$134,957	\$59,535	\$46,590	\$241,082
Monmouth Construction	\$280,321	\$99,920	\$68,644	\$448,885
Berto Construction	\$266,055	\$118,092.50	\$95,311	\$479,459
Rich Picerno Builders	\$407,415	\$113,837.50	\$133,566	\$654,818.50
Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc,	\$431,767	\$140,582.50	\$114,839	\$687,188.50
Diamond Construction	\$682,330	\$155,705	\$148,444	\$986,479

and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22, the Red Bank Borough Board of Education has determined that the bids received do not conform to the specifications for the one or more of the following reasons:

- Ø the lowest bid was not qualified due to a lack of Notice of Classification as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-26.
- Ø the lowest qualified bid, and all others, substantially exceeds the board of education's appropriation

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education rejects all bids for the Primary School Site Improvement.

COMMENT: Ms. Darrow advised the Board that the lowest bid for the Primary School project was rejected due to non compliance for a lack of a Notice of Classification. The next lowest qualified bid would require the district to cut out one third of the project due to the amount of the bid existing the budget allocation. After discussing options with the engineer, it was determined that the district should re-bid the project while remaining in the timelines needed to complete the project this summer.

PERSONNEL – 4000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following PERSONNEL resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

4026. That the Board approves the following professional development tuition reimbursements as per contract.
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| Marina Brzostoski | Georgian Court University | \$700.00 |
| | Education ESL (3 credits) | |
| | Instructional Assistants \$700.00 per year | |
| | Spring 2009 Semester | |

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Cruz Roolaart Thomas Edison State College \$700.00
 Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
 Marriage & Family Experience (3 credits)
 Instructional Assistants \$700.00 per year
 Fall 2008/Winter 2009 Semesters

4027. That the Board approves the following as Guest Teachers effective May 20, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

Jinsun Martarese Monique Zuffanti

EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

4028. That the Board approves the following as Club Advisors and their compensation in the After School Programs (21st Century Community Learning Center), effective May 20, 2009 through June 15, 2009, funded by the 21st Century Grant.

Teacher's Name	Name of Club	Days of Week					Hours per Week
		M	T	W	TH	F	
Michael Cozzi	Math Club (3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.)	X	X	X	X	X	5 X \$30.00
	Stock Market Club (4:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.)	X	X	X	X	X	5 X \$30.00
Hernando Villegas	Bilingual Math Club (3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.)	X	X	X	X		4 X \$30.00

COMMENTS:

- Observation was made that we are approving extra work/extra pay personnel on every agenda and wondered why that was so. Mrs. Morana indicated that one of the positive components of the 21st Century After School Program Grant is the flexibility and the availability for children to sign up for programs as they wish. Funding of the program provides an opportunity for the district to respond to changing demand based on the students' needs.
- A concern was voiced regarding the need for a bilingual Math Club since math consists of calculations. Mrs. Morana stated that math is not just computation but problem solving, requiring the bilingual component.
- Question about what grades are participating in Math Club—Mrs. Morana indicated grades 6 – 8.
- Another question was asked if the math was enrichment or remedial. Mrs. Morana commented it was a combination including homework help, and depends on the needs of the students for that day.

4029. That the Board approves an additional 1.45 hours for Justine Coppola, Middle School Teacher, for chaperoning the Novartis Mentoring trip on April 16, 2009, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$30.00 per hour (Account #11-130-100-101-00S).

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM – 6000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

6005. That the Red Bank Board of Education deems student participation in curriculum related field trips to be educationally beneficial. Pursuant to regulation 6A:23A-5.(c)(1), the Board hereby approves the resolution.

Location	Date
Count Basie Field, Red Bank, NJ (Grades 4-8, Field Day)	May 22, 2009
Red Bank Senior Center, Red Bank, NJ (Grades 5-8)	June 4, 2009
Count Basie Field, Red Bank, NJ (Grades K – 3, Field Day)	June 12, 2009
Youth Conference at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (Grade 8)	June 12, 2009
Holiday Inn, Tinton Falls, NJ (8 th Grade Dance)	June 16, 2009

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BYLAWS OF THE BOARD – 9000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following BYLAWS OF THE BOARD resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

9001. That the Board approves the following policy for second reading and adoption:

Policy 5131 Student Code of Conduct/Discipline

AYES: Costa, Forest, Jones, Kopka, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Roseman, Noble

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: Costa on motion 3016 – Approve Minutes
Forest on his portion of bills list

11. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Morana shared that the hiring process for the upcoming school year is coming along.
- This morning Mrs. Morana had the honor and privilege of addressing the Association for Children of New Jersey's annual meeting. It was a great opportunity to showcase the district, especially preschool, as well as how we prepare students to compete with our sending districts.
- Question was asked about the uniform survey that went out to parents and whether we would have to subsidize the costs of eligible families. Mrs. Morana responded that this is not a uniform policy but a student dress code that the Middle School may recommend, depending on the results of the survey.

Concern was mentioned that this could be an expensive proposition for parents, and once established how would the discipline be enforced if a student did not dress according to the code.

Comment was made that the student conduct policy has a provision regarding implementation by the principal for the dress code. Ms. Samantha Maurer, who was in the audience and a member of the School Improvement Team who developed the survey, stated that the initial response from students was positive and they are excited.

A comment was made that the success of this dress code would be students would be able to make individual choices.

Comment that by allowing students to have choices of colors, it maintains their individuality.

- Events:
 - Primary School Concert at the Middle School on May 21
 - Middle School Field Day on May 22 at Count Basie Park
 - International Night at the Primary School on June 4

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 pm Ms. Jones motioned, seconded by Ms. Roseman, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator