

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:40 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, Janet Jones, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski, Layli Whyte, Ann Roseman  
Absent: Ben Forest, Rosemarie Kopka, Peter Noble  
Also present: Laura C. Morana, Superintendent

4. FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Roseman led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. HEARING OF PUBLIC

Bylaw #060 reads . . . “Any individual deciding to speak shall sign the speaker’s sheet before the business of the meeting has begun. Please include your name, address and group or organization you represent. All comments will be directed to the Chair. Speakers shall be limited to one (1) turn of five (5) minutes with a total public participation not exceeding 60 minutes.”

6. 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.

7. ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Jones motioned, seconded by Ms. Ludwikowski, to approve 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:

APPROVAL OF LEASE

3137. To approve the lease of one classroom for a new Preschool Disabled Class (PSD), from February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 121 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank, New Jersey for a total amount of \$3,500.

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COMMENTS:

- Question – a board member asked the reason for the lease. Dr. Morana explained that the district has an obligation to provide an education for special education students from the age of 3 through 21. The specific students who will begin with us starting February through March are three year olds with language delays.
- Question – is this a bilingual language delay? Dr. Morana explained that they are developmental language delays and have nothing to do with the English language.
- Question – are these new students? Dr. Morana said that they are new to the district and are referrals from early intervention programs.
- Question – are the tax payers paying for these students? Dr. Morana indicated that yes, the district is responsible.
- Question – are the tax payers responsible only in Red Bank? Dr. Morana explained that the laws covering special education are federal in nature, so this is nationwide.
- Comment – a board member commented that in her experience the high school had a special education program at an outside location (a church) and the Department of Education made them remove the students and build accommodations at the school. Dr. Morana explained that the space at St. Anthony’s is a licensed facility. Ms. Darrow indicated that she will speak with the Business Administrator at Red Bank Regional to clarify the reasons that the high school needed to relocate back to the school.
- It was clarified for the board member that the district is not approving the education for these preschool disabled students, as that is mandated by law. They are only approving the lease of the space. Ms. Darrow indicated that the options for educating the students are to lease the space or provide education through a private special education school.
- Question – how will the class be staffed? Dr. Morana responded: one teacher, reallocated from the Primary School; an instructional aide, and a hall monitor will be needed.
- Question – is a Principal required to be at that location? Dr. Morana stated that a Principal is not needed; Samantha Maurer, Supervisor of Early Childhood/Special Education would be supervising the program.

AYES: Jones, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Whyte, Roseman  
ABSTENTIONS: Costa

NAYS: None

8. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Board member mentioned that she went to the winter concert and it was beautiful!

10. NEW BUSINESS - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Jones, motioned, seconded by Ms. Ludwikowski, to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary