

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 15, 2010

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m. – Middle School Cafeteria

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. Fire exits located in the direction indicated. In case of fire, you will be signaled by bell and/or public address system. If so alerted to fire, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest smoke-free exit.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Grace Costa, Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski, Layli Whyte,
Ann Roseman, Peter Noble Absent: Rosemarie Kopka
Also present: Laura C. Morana, Superintendent

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Noble led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 pm Ms. Jones motioned, seconded by Ms. Ludwikowski, to convene to Executive Session.

- A. Teacher Contract Negotiations
- B. CSA Evaluation

6. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 7:30 PM

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9. 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.”

10. 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.

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11. ACTION AGENDA

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:

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

3161. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT

That the Board approves the ratification of the 2009-2012 contract between the Red Bank Board of Education and the Red Bank Borough Education Association.

COMMENTS:

- Board member commented that she will be voting “no” because she has not received an increase in her social security or pension. She also expressed concern about the elderly residents.
- Although a Board member indicated he agrees with some of the previous speaker’s concerns, and believes economic times are challenging, he does feel this is a fair and reasonable settlement; and thanked the staff for their hard work.
- Statement that this contract truly reflects staff, administration, and Board of Education members’ commitment to the district’s mission statement, “Quality Learning By All...Whatever It Takes.”
- Comment about being glad that the negotiations were over and apologized that “no one is getting fat off the contract”. He indicated he also did not receive a cost of living increase and his child support obligation was increased. Also stated that the Board did what they had to do, and he thanked everyone on the negotiations team, and the staff for their support.

AYES: Forest, Jones, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Whyte, Roseman, Noble

NAYS: Costa

ABSTENTIONS: None

12. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Holcombe Hurd, Middle School Music Teacher, stated that the contract reflects that staff are engaging in a shared sacrifice. He hopes that the inequity in charter school funding will be addressed. Dr. Morana responded to Mr. Hurd’s comments and advised the staff that she is working closely with Senator Beck and the Commissioner of Education to address the inequities in charter school funding.
- Ms. Terry Ullmann, RBBEA Negotiations Chairperson and Primary School Nurse, read a statement regarding the challenges that Governor Christie has caused and the unfair blame on NJEA membership. She expressed disappointment in the lack of confidence the Board had that the RBBEA would have worked with the Board to working for a solution. Ms. Ullmann thanked everyone for their hard work.

13. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

14. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

At 7:40 pm Ms. Costa left the meeting. Ms. Lowe left the meeting at 7:43 pm.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 pm Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Business Administrator/Board Secretary