

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2010

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 pm – Middle School Media Center

2. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted May 3, 2010. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Asbury Park Press* 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, Rosemarie Kopka, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski, Peter Noble,
Ben Forest, Ann Roseman

ABSENT: Janet Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Laura C. Morana, Superintendent; Peter Sokol, Esq.

4. FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Roseman led the Salute to the Flag.

5. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Administrators' Contract Negotiations

At 7:30 pm Ms. Costa motioned, seconded by Ms. Ludwikowski, to move to Executive Session.

6. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 8:00 pm

7. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Laura C. Morana, Superintendent; Peter Sokol, Esq.

8. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted May 3, 2010. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Asbury Park Press* 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.

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2010

MINUTES

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

At 9:00 pm during the report Mr. Forest left the meeting.

A. Recognition of Teachers Receiving Tenure

Dr. Morana and Ann Roseman presented Mr. Christopher Ippolito with a certificate of tenure. Dr. Morana expressed her admiration for the work that Mr. Ippolito does in the classrooms. Ms. Roseman indicated that receiving tenure in the Red Bank Borough Schools reveals a comprehensive evaluation process, showing that our tenured teachers are the best.

B. New PreK - Grade 3 Report Card

Dr. Morana introduced the process that was used to create the new report cards for PreK through Grade 3 students. She indicated that parents, teachers, and administrators were involved in the creation of the new report card. Drafts were shared with all parents, and the report card was presented at a PTO meeting last week. Mr. John Bombardier then distributed the packet of information that was shared with families and reviewed the components of the new report card. His presentation focused on the components of the students' individual profiles of achievement in the areas of language arts literacy, personal and social development, as well as mathematical thinking.

COMMENT:

- Question posed about what is the motivator for change. It was indicated that it allows us to use portfolios in a more meaningful manner. This is a different way to look at student progress and compare the progress against the National Standards.
- Question posed about where else this is being used. Dr. Morana responded that her belief is that we are the only district in New Jersey using it for PreK – 3rd Grade. She also expressed her appreciation to the Association of Young Children of New Jersey for funding the project.
- Comment: Believes this is wonderful, as it shows the parent their child's success or progress beyond the simple grade.

C. NJQSAC – Update

Dr. Morana indicated that at this time districts do not have the timeline for NJQSAC. The Business Administrator and Dr. Morana met with the Executive County Superintendent and Executive County Business Administrator, who stated that the DRPs were not ready for publication. Dr. Morana shared that we have a team of participants ready to move forward as soon as the State releases the needed information.

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2010

MINUTES

D. Legislative Update

- Dr. Morana wanted to bring the Board's attention to the communication that is out regarding superintendents and salary caps. She was made aware that comments on the radio station 101.5 indicated that all superintendents in the State of New Jersey were negotiating extensions to their contracts in order to avoid the proposed superintendent salary caps. She wanted to make sure that if approached, the Board was aware that we are not proposing any changes to her contract to avoid the salary cap.
- Dr. Morana and Ms. Darrow met with the Executive County Superintendent and Executive County Business Administrator to discuss proposed shared services with the Peninsula Administrators' Group.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Roseman asked whether there were comments or questions regarding next week's agenda; and there were none.

12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Information Session for Potential Board Candidates

- The Board of Education held an informal question and answer session for community members present. The session included information on the district's meeting structure, including executive session, committees structure, anticipated commitments of three to four meetings per month, distribution of the Superintendent's weekly packet.
- Time was allotted for the community members to hold a discussion that included questions on decision-making possibilities of serving on committees of interest, whether the district oversees the Charter School operations.
- Other Board members offered their impressions on the Red Bank Education Foundation and school activities.

B. Board Member Feedback from New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)

Ann Roseman – Marjorie Lowe – Grace Costa – Janet Jones – Ben Forest

C. Committee Reports – Facilities & Safety, Community Relations, Curriculum & Instruction, Policy.

13. 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.”

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
 RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 PUBLIC MEETING
 NOVEMBER 9, 2010

MINUTES

14. 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.

15. ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Ludwikowski motioned, seconded by Mr. Noble, 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:

3095. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account Number
Gail Mendelsohn	11/10/10 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Jackson, NJ	\$0.00	Module A: Technology K-12	NA
Maura Lehmann	11/12/10, 12/03/10, 02/04/11, 03/04/11, & 05/06/11	Freehold, NJ	\$0.00	Monmouth County Education Initiative Advisory Board Training	NA
Laura Morana	11/13/10 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Princeton, NJ	\$0.00	Climbing the Academic Achievement Ladder: Promoting the Success of Black Males	NA
John Bombardier	11/16/10 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Edison, NJ	\$0.00	Title I Accountability Training	NA
Michelle Case	11/16/10 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	New Brunswick, NJ	\$0.00	Violence and Vandalism Reporting System Training	NA
Mary Wyman	11/16/10 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	New Brunswick, NJ	\$0.00	Violence and Vandalism Reporting System Training	NA
John Bombardier	11/29/10 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	East Orange, NJ	\$0.00	Creating a Collaborative of Assessment	NA
Damian Medina	12/08/10 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Edison, NJ	\$0.00	Cultural Awareness & Cross-Cultural Communication	NA

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2010

MINUTES

16. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

17. OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Darrow asked Board members who attended the NJSBA workshop to please sign the travel forms that she distributed and to turn in their written summaries.

18. NEW BUSINESS

- Board member stated that his daughter, who graduated middle school last year, was not allowed in the school building. He felt that this was a shame since children are told at graduation that they are welcome back at any time.

Dr. Morana said that this was the first she has heard about this situation. She asked the Board member whether this happened today, and the Board member indicated it happened about two weeks ago. Dr. Morana implored the Board member, as well as all Board members, to please call her with any concerns as soon as possible. She reminded the Board that they have the capability to contact her 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Board member expressed that she had written a letter to NJSBA regarding the proposed criminal history check for all Board members. She encouraged other Board members to also send letters expressing their opinion on the new proposal. There was some discussion about the question on whether the Board of Education or the individual members should be responsible for the criminal history check.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Costa motioned, seconded by Ms. Ludwikowski, to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/Business Administrator