

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2011

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 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.

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3. ROLL CALL

Present: Ernest Anemone, Grace Costa, Janet Jones, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski, Peter Noble, Suzanne Viscomi, Ben Forest (arrived 7:03 pm), Ann Roseman

Also present: Laura C. Morana, Superintendent

4. FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Roseman led the Salute 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.”

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Board member stated they would vote “no” on the budget because it was not flat.
- How will administrators’ negotiations impact the budget?
Ms. Darrow indicated an estimate is included in the projections.
- Ms. Darrow wanted to remind the Board that this evening they are only voting on approval to submit the preliminary budget to the Monmouth County Executive Superintendent of Schools, as required by regulation.
- Finance Committee Chairperson thanked everyone who attended the budget presentations at the Finance Committee meeting on February 17. A great deal of detail on the budget requests were presented, along with the opportunity to ask questions.
- A Board member stated he was encouraged to attend the budget presentations at the Finance Committee meeting, and is satisfied the district is doing more with less. He is comfortable with the budget submission and appreciated being able to go line by line during the budget presentations.
- Discussion on the elimination of Middle School athletics.
Dr. Morana indicated that the possibility was discussed throughout the budget process, and the cost of Middle School athletics had to be weighed against student needs. She is impressed and appreciative of

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the phenomenal efforts of the newly created Red Bank Middle School Athletics Foundation. She is confident that through their efforts and the support of the 21st CCLC Grant that athletics will be provided.

- Discussion regarding the mandate of having a bullying specialist in district.
- Finance Committee Chairperson stated that the budget has always been a living document with changes. Although he was happy sports was initially considered in the budget, he believes we will still have a program; though it will be with a lot of work to provide this to the students. Mrs. Iozzi, Principal of the Middle School, and Dr. Morana have attended numerous evening meetings to support the program.
- Board member stated importance of athletics and felt that it should still be included. Dr. Morana advised that 20 percent of the students benefited from athletics, whereas the additional counselor benefits all students. Discipline referrals have decreased and character education programs implemented.

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:

3137. BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2011-2012 School Year using the 2011-2012 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2011-12 Total Expenditures	<u>15,054,242</u>	<u>3,821,657</u>	<u>577,942</u>	<u>19,453,841</u>
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>15,054,242</u>	<u>3,821,657</u>	<u>577,942</u>	<u>19,453,841</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>12,268,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>577,942</u>	<u>12,846,142</u>

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Red Bank Primary School, 222 River Street. Red Bank, New Jersey on March 29, 2011 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2011-2012 School Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anemone, Jones, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Noble, Viscomi, Forest, Roseman

NAYS: Costa ABSTENTIONS: None

6. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- NJSBA – CSA Evaluation online system
Problems discussed included incorrect instructions and other technical problems. Dr. Morana distributed a hard copy of her evaluation progress because Board of Education members could not access the electronic version through NJSBA’s online system.
- CSA Evaluation due dates reviewed.
- Board member asked for the procedure to donate a computer.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 pm Mr. Noble motioned, seconded by Mr. Anemone, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/Business Administrator