

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2012

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1. CALL TO ORDER — 7:01 pm – Middle School Media Center

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted May 10, 2011. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Asbury Park Press* newspaper per code and sent to the Municipal Clerk, Red Bank Borough, within 7 days per code.

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Grace Costa, Janet Jones, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski (arrived 7:09 pm), Peter Noble, Suzanne Viscomi, Ben Forest, Ann Roseman

ABSENT: Allen Palma

FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Roseman led the Salute to the Flag.

2. CORRESPONDENCE - None

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Annual School Board Election Change

4. 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.”

- Mr. Jim Harris, 97 Mechanic Street, Red Bank NJ; voiced his support for moving the elections to November.

5. 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

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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.

6. ACTION AGENDA

Mr. Forest 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:

RESOLUTION

3110. Establishing the Election of Members of the Red Bank Borough Board of Education as the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.202 (Senate Bill 3148) authorizes a local board of education to change the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, The Red Bank Borough Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The Red Bank Borough Board of Education believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

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- RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the Red Bank Borough Board of Education changes the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), this change will remain in effect at least through November 2015;
- RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the annual organization meeting of the Red Bank Borough Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place at a date to be determined in January 2013; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), members of the Red Bank Borough Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christopher Christie, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State Kimberly M. Guadagno; Richard E. Constable, III, Acting Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Robert F. Giles, Director, Division of Elections, Department of State; Bertha Sumick, Monmouth County Clerk; the Monmouth County Board of Elections; Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner of Education; the Division of Finance, New Jersey Department of Education; and Joseph Passiment, Executive County Superintendent for Monmouth County; New Jersey School Boards Association and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

COMMENTS:

- Question asked if the Borough Council and Board must approve. The answer is "No"; either public body may vote to move the election.
- Board member agrees with Mr. Jim Harris' opinion to move the election
- Board member unhappy that Board members are required to submit nomination petition five months before the election, while the municipal non-partisan candidates are required to submit only two months before the election.
- Discussion on Board member's statement that if the Board agrees with the position, a letter will be drafted to request that the Board candidate filing June deadline be aligned with the September non-partisan municipal candidate deadline for nominating petitions submission.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

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Ms. Jones motioned, seconded by Mr. Noble, to approve the following:

3111. SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT

That the Board approves the submission of an amendment to our FY11 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) application to reflect a Title I waiver of \$40,991 of unused Supplemental Education Service (SES) funds and FY10 Carryover for Title I; Title IIA; Title IID and Title III.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

7. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Jim Harris, 97 Mechanic Street, Red Bank NJ; asked if we vote to move the regional elections to November. The answer was “No”.

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:13 pm Ms. Costa motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Business Administrator/Board Secretary