

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2012

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER — 7:05 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* 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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ROLL CALL

Present: Grace Costa, Janet Jones, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski, Peter Noble, Allen Palma, Suzanne Viscomi, Ben Forest, Ann Roseman.

Absent: Marjorie Lowe

Also present: Laura C. Morana, Superintendent; Peter Sokol, Esq.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Roseman led the Salute to the Flag.

3. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:06 pm Ms. Costa motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to move to Executive Session.

- A. Teachers' Contract Negotiations Update/Negotiator
- B. Workers' Compensation Update
- C. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Update
- D. Special Education Case Update
- E. Attorney-Client Privilege – Count Basie Property

4. CALL TO ORDER – 8:00 p.m.

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5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Legislative Update

Dr. Morana asked Ms. Darrow to provide a summary on Governor Christie's budget address. Ms. Darrow stated that the Governor indicated he was allocating an additional \$200 million towards school funding, bringing the total funding for schools to \$8 billion. Until the State aid allocations are released, the amounts are unknown. The Governor continues to speak about charter school expansion, school choice funded through the Scholarship School Act and Education Reform. He stated that he is doubling the state's pension contribution.

A Board member questioned the definition of a "failing school". Dr. Morana spoke about the focus of the Race to the Top Grant and the role of the NCLB waiver that the State had applied for. The waiver may change the definition of a "failing school" as new accountability standards will list schools as Priority schools that are Focus schools and Reward schools.

B. Race to the Top (RTTT) Phase 3

Dr. Morana stated that the district has submitted a letter of interest to apply for approximately \$45,000 in funding to support teacher evaluations.

C. Enrollment Report – Demographer

- Discussion on how enrollment report validates that our enrollment continues to increase. There was a discussion on the report's conclusions, methodology in predicting projections, and birth rate data.
- Dr. Morana indicated that reviewing monthly enrollment reports shows that students are moving out and being replaced by just as many, if not more, students moving in.
- Comment made that it appears that a shift in the mix of residents is happening. Previously many people moved into Red Bank; and once their child was school age they moved out. It appears as if people may not be moving out in response to the good things that are happening within the school district.

Dr. Morana also discussed the admission policy and that a registration packet is being finalized that will lead to the re-registration of all Red Bank students, including the Charter School.

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6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Reorganization Meeting Changes

Ms. Roseman asked Ms. Darrow to provide an overview. Ms. Darrow explained that as a result of moving the annual school election to November, there will be approvals needed to extend appointments and motion from July 1, 2012 to our new Reorganization meeting in January 2013.

B. November Board Candidate Petition Filing

Ms. Roseman reviewed a draft of a letter to go to Commissioner Cerf requesting a Board candidate petition date filing change from June to September. This would make the filing date aligned with non-partisan municipal candidate timelines. Everyone was in agreement. Ms. Darrow will have the final letter at the February 28 meeting for all Board members to sign.

Ms. Roseman then referred the Board members to a copy of the draft resolution to submit to NJSBA delegate assembly for consideration at their May 19, 2012 Delegate Assembly. The motion is requesting that the non-partisan Board candidate filing deadline be moved to September to align with the non-partisan municipal candidate timeline. This motion will be added to the February 28 agenda, and a certified and true copy will be sent to NJSBA before their March deadline.

C. CSA/Board Evaluation Calendar

Ms. Roseman reminded the Board that members have to complete the self evaluation and the CSA evaluation. If you are submitting this in hard copy, it must be sent to Kathy Winecoff before March 7. If you are completing the evaluation online, it must be before March 13. Ms. Roseman reminded the Board that having 100 percent participation is a Board goal.

7. 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."

8. 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. Almost without exception, 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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9. ACTION AGENDA

After asking if anyone would like to take a motion separately, and hearing none, Ms. Roseman asked for the agenda to be moved as a whole.

Mr. Forest 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:

3112.TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Laura Morana	02/23/12 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Edison, NJ	\$0.00	Panelist - NJDOE Observations & Evaluations: Teacher Accountability & Effectiveness	NA
Laura Morana	03/01/12 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Neptune, NJ	\$0.00	Monmouth County Superintendents' Meeting	NA
Maria Iozzi	03/01/12 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Howell, NJ	\$0.00	Monmouth County 8 th Grade Dialogue Student Recognition	NA
Laura Morana	03/01/12 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Howell, NJ	\$0.00	Monmouth County 8 th Grade Dialogue Student Recognition	NA
Joseph Christiano	03/06/12 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Eatontown, NJ	\$0.00	The Power of HP Seminar	NA
Nancy Godlesky	03/06/12 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Eatontown, NJ	\$0.00	Systems 3000 Human Resources Review Training	NA
Joanne Pierson	03/06/12 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Eatontown, NJ	\$0.00	The Power of HP Seminar	NA
John Bombardier	03/09/12 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ewing, NJ	\$25.00	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Integrated STEM Education Conference	20-231-200-500-S12-
Christopher Ippolito	03/09/12 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ewing, NJ	\$25.00	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Integrated STEM Education Conference	20-231-200-500-S12-

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John Bombardier	03/12/12 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Fair Haven, NJ	\$0.00	Peninsula Curriculum Supervisors' Meeting	NA
John Bombardier	03/20/12 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Monroe Township, NJ	\$0.00	NJASK District Test Coordinator Training	NA
Maria Iozzi	03/20/12 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Monroe Township, NJ	\$0.00	NJASK District Test Coordinator Training	NA
Annie Darrow	03/21/12 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Neptune, NJ	\$0.00	Non Public Mandatory Transportation Meeting	NA
Ivelis Menter	03/21/12 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Neptune, NJ	\$0.00	Non Public Mandatory Transportation Meeting	NA
John Bombardier	03/23/12 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	Common Core State Standards/ NJ Plan for Implementation	NA
Maria Iozzi	03/23/12 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	Common Core State Standards/ NJ Plan for Implementation	NA
Damian Medina	03/23/12 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	Common Core State Standards/ NJ Plan for Implementation	NA
Laura Morana	03/23/12 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	Common Core State Standards/ NJ Plan for Implementation	NA
Christina Vlahos	03/23/12 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	Common Core State Standards/ NJ Plan for Implementation	NA

3113. APPROVAL OF STIPEND

To approve the monthly stipend from February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 for school use of personal cell phone of \$50.00 for Dr. Laura Morana, Superintendent, as a change from district provided cell phone.

3114. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

To authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$379.00 from Superstars of Literacy to run the Primary School Reading Buddies after-school tutoring program on Mondays from March 5, 2012 to May 21, 2012.

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PERSONNEL – 4000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following PERSONNEL resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

4217. That the Board approves the appointment of Jody Robbins as Primary School PreK teacher (replacing Sandra Davis), at a BA Step 2-3 prorated annual salary of \$44,616.00, effective February 21, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Account #20-218-100-101-P12
4218. That the Board approves the appointment of Adam Merklinger as Middle School Physical Education/Health teacher (replacing Joseph DeFilippis), at a BA Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$44,116.00, effective February 7, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Account #s11-120-100-101-002 (50%) and 11-130-100-101-002 (50%)
4219. That the Board approves the hiring date of February 7, 2012 for Nancy Mattucci as Visual Technology Coordinator (replacing Kathleen Ward), at a prorated annual salary of \$52,000.00, through June 30, 2012. Account #11-000-222-177-T00
4220. That the Board approves 40 additional hours for Kathleen Ward (to support the transition of new visual technology coordinator), at the hourly rate of \$35.86, effective February 1, 2012 through February 28, 2012. Account #11-000-222-177-T00.
4221. That the Board approves the appointment of Kelly Cosentino as a long-term substitute teacher for Grades 4-8, at the per diem rate of \$100.00, not to exceed 40 day total, effective February 6, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Account #20-235-100-100-004.
4222. That the Board approves the appointment of Afsaneh Farkhonderhrou as Middle School Lunch Aide (replacing Jose Hidalgo), at the hourly rate of \$12.00, effective February 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Account #60-000-200-100-P12
4223. That the Board approves the appointment of Jessica Kuras to provide home instruction on an as-needed basis, not to exceed 5 hours per week per eligible student, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour, effective February 16, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Account #11-150-100-101-000.
4224. That the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Soledad Oleas, PreK teacher, February 15, 16, & 17, 2012.
4225. That the Board approves the appointment of the following instructional assistants to serve as lunch aides at the Primary School, not to exceed 1 hour per day, 5 days per week, at the hourly rate of \$12.00, effective February 22, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Account # 60-000-200-100-P12

Carla Chicas

Colleen Hanrahan

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CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM – 6000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

6070. That the Red Bank Board of Education deems student participation in curriculum related field trips to be educationally beneficial. Pursuant to regulation 6A:23A-5.(c)(1), the Board hereby approves the resolution.

Funding Source	Location	Date(s)
21 st CLCC Grant	High Technology Day at AT&T, Holmdel, NJ (AVID Grades 7/8)	02/23/12
PreK Grant	PetSmart, Ocean, NJ (St. Anthony’s Pre-K classes)	03/05/12 & 03/06/12
PreK Grant	PetSmart, Ocean, NJ (Primary School Pre-K classes)	03/08/12, 03/09/12 & 03/12/12
PreK Grant	PetSmart, Ocean, NJ (Acelero Pre-K classes)	03/13/12
PreK Grant	PetSmart, Ocean, NJ (YMCA Pre-K classes)	03/15/12
PreK Grant	PetSmart, Ocean, NJ (MDCC Pre-K classes)	03/16/12

COMMENT:

Board member commented that she will vote “no” as she does not like PreK students taking a bus trip and being on a bus to Ocean, NJ.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Costa on 6070 ABSTENTIONS: None

10. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

11. OLD BUSINESS - None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. David Prown resigned from the Community Relations committee after serving several years, and two new community members have joined the committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 pm Ms. Costa motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary