

**RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2017**

MINUTES

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – Middle School Media Center

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Ballard, Ben Forest, Juanita Lewis, Ann Roseman, Fred Stone, Suzanne Viscomi

ABSENT: Janet Jones (arrived 7:02 pm), Tom Labetti (arrived 7:02 pm), Marjorie Lowe

ALSO PRESENT: Jared Ramage, Superintendent; Debra Pappagallo, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary; Peter Sokol, Esq.

I. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:01 pm Mr. Ballard motioned, seconded by Ms. Viscomi, to convene in Executive Session.

A. HIB

VOICE VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Forest, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Roseman, Dr. Stone, Ms. Viscomi

NAYS: None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

ABSENT: Ms. Jones (arrived 7:02 pm), Mr. Labetti (arrived 7:02 pm), Miss Lowe

CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 p.m.

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FLAG SALUTE

Dr. Stone led the Salute to the Flag.

II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Ramage presented reports on the following:

- A. Monthly Student Attendance Report
- B. Monthly Staff Attendance Report

Teachers/ Instructional Assistants	
# Days Possible	1836
# Days Total	1793
% Present	97%

- C. Monthly Enrollment Report
- D. Monthly HIB Report
- E. Monthly Student Discipline Report – Grades 4-8
- F. Red Bank Demographic Report K-8: Dr. Ramage reported on a compilation of Red Bank Charter School demographics.
- G. Audit Presentation – Mr. Robert Allison, CPA presented the Board with the Annual Audit with an unmodified opinion (no recommendations.)
- H. Dr. Ramage recalled the Board’s attention to the student attendance report. Mr. Ballard asked what the process was before a complaint is filed. Dr. Ramage stated proactive steps are taken such as home visits, calls, home checks, etc. Mr. Ballard asked what outcome was expected? Mr. Sokol stated that in some instances the parents are fined but it was an opportunity for a judge to speak to the parents. Mr. Forest asked if Dr. Ramage could talk about generalizations of why? Dr. Ramage stated he has had a handle on why, but could not discuss the situations.
- I. Dr. Ramage stated the Middle School Winter concert was tomorrow and the Primary School’s was next week.
- J. Dr. Ramage congratulated Mary Wyman and RBB Cares. Through the PTO they raised \$1750 to donate to natural disasters.

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- K.** Dr. Rumage congratulated Mr. Ballard on his election to the Red Bank Council and thanked Ms. Lewis for her contribution and input on what we do. Finally Dr. Rumage congratulated Peter Sokol on his retirement and thanked him for all of his help.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Stone thanked Juanita Lewis and Michael Ballard for their service on the Board, for asking difficult questions and keeping us thinking.
- Dr. Stone thanked Peter Sokol for his great support to the Board and presence at the Board table.

At 8:11 pm the Board took a break to congratulate outgoing Board members. The Board reconvened at 8:20 pm.

ROLL CALL

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ABSENT: Marjorie Lowe

ALSO PRESENT: Jared Rumage, Superintendent; Debra Pappagallo, Business Administrator/
Board Secretary; Peter Sokol, Esq.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued

- Dr. Stone reported that next year we were going to go to one Board meeting a month in most months unless a second meeting was necessary. A single meeting will add approximately 30 minute to a meeting but will cut a night out. The Board discussed this idea. The resolution will be presented for a vote at the reorganization meeting on January 2nd.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Labetti reported on Community Relations Committee.
- Ms. Jones reported on Facilities & Safety Committee.
- Policy Committee did not meet.
- Ms. Viscomi reported on Finance Committee.
- Ms. Roseman reported on Curriculum & Instruction Committee.

V. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Bylaw #0167 reads . . . "Any individual deciding to speak shall state their name and address. All comments will be directed to the Chair. Speakers shall be limited to one (1) turn of five (5) minutes with a total public participation not exceeding 60 minutes."

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- Stacy Sherwood, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction, addressed one Board meeting per month.
- Anne Amato, 28 Highland Avenue, Red Bank; Board Member-Elect, asked how the Board addresses field trips and the budget. Dr. Ramage and Ms. Pappagallo stated that they went through the budget process, but for the most part trips were funded through community partnerships and donations.

VI. 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 matter is thoroughly reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and, when necessary, other school district administrators. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, and if the circumstances permit, it is then referred to the appropriate committee of the Board of Education. The members of the Board committee work with the Administration and the Superintendent to assure its understanding of the matter. When the Board committee and the Superintendent are satisfied that it may be presented to the Board of Education, the matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Lewis, 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:

3170. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Cost	Theme	Account #
Lauren Schmitt	01/12/18 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Brick, NJ	\$169.00	Implementing NGSS Science Standards	20-275- 200-500-MS2
Maria Iozzi	01/17/18 – 01/19/18 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Monroe Township, NJ	\$205.00	Hot Issues in HIB: What Every ABS/ABC Needs to Know	11-000-221-500-002
Joan McLaughlin	02/07/18 – 02/10/18 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Arlington, VA	\$1,331.00	2018 Annual Kennedy Center Partnership Conference	11-000-221-500-004
Josie Katz	02/08/18 – 02/09/18 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Princeton, NJ	\$326.00	Association of Student Assistance Professionals Conference	20-275-200-500-MS2

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3171. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT

Pursuant to 18A:6-59

To approve the October 2017 Report of the Treasurer and the October 2017 Report of the Secretary as being in balance for the month.

3172. BUDGET TRANSFERS

To ratify any budget transfers effective October 2017 per the transfer report.

3173. BILLS PAYMENT

To approve payment of final bills for November 2017 and for bills as of December 2017.

3174. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

3175. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDIT REPORT

That the Board accept the District’s annual audit report with no recommendations for the year ended June 30, 2017 as presented and discussed by Mr. Robert Allison, CPA.

Comment: Mr. Labetti stated he is happy to vote “yes” as it reflects a job well done.

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:

4117. That the Board approves the appointment of *Diane Caulfield* as a non-tenure track long-term leave replacement preschool teacher (replacing Ashley Schmidt), at a BA Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$49,500.00, effective January 13, 2018 or sooner through March 29, 2018. Account #20-218-100-101-P18

4118. That the Board approves the appointment of *Nicole Doucette* as a non-tenure track long-term replacement kindergarten teacher (replacing Jana Klotzkin), at a BA Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$49,500.00, effective January 2, 2018 through June 30, 2018. Account #11-110-100-101-000

4119. That the Board approves the following as Guest Teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.
Hesh Goldstein *Julia McIntyre*

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PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES- 5000

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

- 5022.** That the Board approves *Toni Graham* to provide home instruction for student ID#11367 (not to exceed 5 hours total per week), effective November 15, 2017 through December 22, 2017, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$33.00 per hour. Account #11-150-100-101-000
- 5023.** That the Board approves *Isaac Nathanson* to provide home instruction for student ID#11372 (not to exceed 5 hours total per week), effective December 11, 2017 through December 22, 2017, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$33.00 per hour. Account #11-150-100-101-000
- 5024.** That the Board approves the out-of-district placement for student ID#11372 to attend the Choices Alternative Program at MOESC from January 2, 2018 through June 30, 2018 at the tuition rate of \$2,370.00 per month (pending program acceptance). Account #11-000-100-566-003 & IDEA

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:

- 6065.** 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)
PreK Grant	MJ's, Tinton Falls, NJ (All Middletown PreK classes)	01/09/2018
AVID	Monmouth University, W. Long Branch, NJ (AVID Grades 7 & 8)	01/18/2018
Count Basie Theatre	Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ (Grade 8 students)	02/12/2018
Count Basie Theatre	Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ (Grades 6 & 7 students)	02/20/2018
Count Basie Theatre	Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ (MS special education classes)	05/04/2018
Student Activities Fund	The Bounce Factory, Warren, NJ (Grade 5 students)	05/31/2018

Comment: Ms. Roseman pointed out we have six field trips in light of public question.

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- 6066.** That the Board approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) report as submitted by the Superintendent.
- 6067.** That the Board approves the following student teacher and cooperating teacher:

Student Teacher	College/ University	Cooperating Teacher	School/Grade	Dates
Hilary Karpoff	Monmouth University	Alyssa May	Primary School Kindergarten	January 2018 – December 2018

- 6068.** That the Board approves the contract for Dr. Pam Brett to provide math consulting services in the revised amount of \$19,575.00 for the 2017-2018 school year. (Title I and Title IIA)
- 6069.** That the Board approves the submission of a New Jersey Farm to School Mini Grant not to exceed \$2,000.00 sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The grant would allow Primary School students to take a field trip to a local farm for the purpose of enhancing Farm to School activities in New Jersey schools.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Forest, Ms. Jones, Mr. Labetti, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Roseman, Dr. Stone, Ms. Viscomi
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Miss Lowe
ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ballard on 3174, Ms. Roseman on 3174

VIII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Dr. Rumage mentioned Classroom Closeup was taped in November and will be aired sometime in March. He thanked Carol Boehm for her organization of the event.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Viscomi discussed the list of community partnerships which is amazing and one of the ways we can say what makes us so special.
- Mr. Forest commented on a public comment about field trips. He stated when his child was here in school, the STARS Program was free but transportation was not provided.
- Mr. Ballard gave a special thank you to Dr. Rumage, Ms. Kluck and Ms. Wyman for attending the march two Fridays ago from the train station to Riverside Gardens to support “Dreamers”.

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He thought it was great that they took their own time to support our children and it meant a lot to the community and to students. Dr. Ramage stated Ms. Campbell as also there.

- Mr. Labetti attended a program at the Red Bank Library—ID'ing Fake News. He said it is education that can help students to ID fake news.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:07 pm Mr. Ballard motioned, seconded by Ms. Viscomi, to adjourn.

VOICE VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Forest, Ms. Jones, Mr. Labetti, Ms. Roseman, Dr. Stone, Ms. Viscomi

NAYES: None ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Lewis (left at 8:57 pm), Miss Lowe

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Pappagallo
Business Administrator/Board Secretary