

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

MINUTES

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – 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 January 3, 2017. 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: Michael Ballard, Janet Jones, Tom Labetti, Marjorie Lowe, Fred Stone, Sue Viscomi
ABSENT: Ben Forest (arrived 7:01 pm), Juanita Lewis (arrived 7:01 pm), Ann Roseman (arrived 7:45 pm)

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

I. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:00 pm Ms. Jones motioned, seconded by Mr. Ballard, to convene in Executive Session.

- A. Attorney/Client Privilege
- B. Personnel

VOICE VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Ballard, Ms. Jones, Mr. Labetti, Miss Lowe, Dr. Stone, Ms. Viscomi

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Forest (arrived 7:01 pm), Juanita Lewis (arrived 7:01 pm),
Ms. Roseman (arrived 7:45 pm)

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FLAG SALUTE

Dr. Stone led the Salute to the Flag.

II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Ramage thanked the Leadership Team, faculty, students, and staff for an amazing start of the school year. He thanked Debra Pappagallo and staff for handling transportation issues and working to correct them. Dr. Ramage also thanked Tom Berger, Michael Isley, and the maintenance and custodial staff for managing a multitude of projects which are almost complete.

Dr. Ramage stated the following topics will be reported monthly and will be part of the Board packet.

- A. Attendance Monthly Report
- B. Enrollment Monthly Report
- C. HIB Monthly Report
- D. Student Discipline Monthly Report
- E. Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Self-Assessment – Dr. Ramage stated the NJDOE requires a presentation of Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Self-Assessment, and introduced Ms. Mary Wyman and Ms. Sophia Mierzwa who gave the presentation.

After the presentation, Dr. Ramage thanked Alyssa May, Sophia Mierzwa, Julius Clark, Lauren Russo, Luigi Laugelli, and Dena Russo for an outstanding job in tightening procedures which led to a major improvement in this area. Dr. Ramage also thanked Ms. Wyman and Ms. Mierzwa for taking time to present this evening.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

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.”

IV. 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

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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.

V. ACTION AGENDA

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

3123. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Cost	Theme	Account #
Marysa Van-Patten Dermond	10/18/2017 9:00 a.m. – 4:35p.m.	Somerset, NJ	\$172.00	NJAAP School Health Conference 2017	11-000-213-580-000

3124. TRANSPORTATION AWARD

To award route C1718 for the 2017-2018 school year to Unlimited Autos for transportation from Long Branch, NJ to the Red Bank Primary School. Quotations were requested from Briggs Transportation, Jay’s Bus Service, Seman Tov and Unlimited Autos. Unlimited Autos provided the sole response with a \$124.35 per diem.

3125. DONATIONS

That the Board accepts the generous donations from the following donors to enable the creation of a cross country team for the 2017-2018 school year:

Tim McLoone	\$ 500
Friends of Jennifer Beck	\$1,500
O’Scanlon for Senate	\$1,500
Summersault Foundation	\$2,500

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COMMENTS:

- Ms. Viscomi stated this is a huge plus for our district, making our kids bigger stars in high school and giving them great opportunities.
- Mr. Labetti asked if Donors Choose grants were grouped together and that it is a great opportunity to spread the word and share our story. Mrs. Pappagallo stated they are all submitted for by the teachers and approved individually.

3126. DONATION

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of school supplies (backpacks, notebooks and assorted student art supplies) valued at \$350.00 from the United Way of Monmouth and Ocean County via the Stuff the Bus Program.

3127. DONATION

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of approximately \$368.00 from Donors Choose for the classroom project entitled "Launch Our Class Into the 21st Century!" for an Apple iPad and protective case, which will support independent work centers for Ms. Vlahos' 4th and 5th grades LLD classes.

3128. DONATION

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of approximately \$332.00 from Donors Choose for the classroom project entitled "All Around Aspiring Athletes!" supporting classroom incentives for indoor and outdoor athletic equipment for Ms. Li's Chinese classes in Grades 4-8.

3129. DONATION

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of approximately \$2,320 from Donors Choose for the classroom project entitled "Female Basketball Athletes Dribble Their Way to Success!" supporting indoor and outdoor basketball athletic activities for students, Grades 4-8.

3130. DONATION

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of approximately \$326.00 from Donors Choose for the project entitled "Write On!" to further enhance the Writer's Workshop curriculum that is being implemented in Ms. Wengiel's 4th grade class.

DONATION

- 3131.** That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of \$6,700.00 from an anonymous donor to help enhance the musical instruments program in the Red Bank Public Schools.

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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:

- 4175.** That the Board accepts the resignation of *Diva Ciani* effective October 16, 2017.
- 4176.** That the Board approves *Stacy Figueroa* as Preschool Education Program floating instructional assistant, at a Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$27,265.00, effective on or before October 13, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Account #20-218-100-106-P18
- 4177.** That the Board approves *Janet Weston* as Primary School long-term leave replacement special education instructional assistant, at a Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$27,265.00, effective September 18, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Account #11-216-100-106-PD1
- 4178.** That the Board approves the appointment of *Andrea Brazil-Umstead* as Primary School special education instructional assistant, at a Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$27,265.00, effective September 13, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Account#11-212-100-106-MD1
- 4179.** That the Board rescinds the appointment of *Kristin Asay* as long-term leave replacement instructional assistant effective September 13, 2017.
- 4180.** That the Board approves the appointment of *Kristin Asay* as Primary School special education instructional assistant, at a Step 1 annual salary of \$27,265.00, effective September 13, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Account# 11-216-100-106-MD1
- 4181.** That the Board rescinds the appointment of *Chelsey Slater* as instructional assistant, effective September 13, 2017.
- 4182.** That the Board approves the appointment of *Chelsey Slater* as Middle School SOAR teacher (replacing Jill Williams) at a BA Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$49,500.00, effective September 13, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Account #11-230-100-101-BS2
- 4183.** That the Board approves the following as Guest Teachers/Nurses for the 2017-2018 school year.

Susan Brady – Teacher
Andrea Brazil-Umstead – Teacher
Pamela Brett – Teacher
Patricia Brown – Nurse

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Maria Coglianese – Teacher
Frederick Johnson - Teacher
Colleen DeFilippis – Teacher
Joan Uva – Teacher

EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

4184. That the Board approves the following staff members' participation in the RBMS Bilingual Parent Advisory Parent Workshop on September 14, 2017, not to exceed 2 hours each, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$33.00 per hour for teachers. Account #: Title I

*Susan Berrios
Carla Decker*

*Jon Rue
Sonia Santos*

*Eddy Velastegui
Lara Wengiel*

4185. That Board approves an \$8,000.00 stipend for *Josie Katz* to serve as SAC (Student Assistance Counselor), effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Account #11-000-218-104-002

4186. That the Board approves the following staff members to provide home instruction for students during the 2017-2018 school year, on an as needed basis, at the stipulated contractual rate of \$33.00 per hour. Account #11-150-100-101-000

Danielle Daddazio

Meredith Faistl

Toni Merritt

Isaac Nathanson

4187. That the Board approves *Mark Costa* as yearbook advisor for the 2017-2018 school year, at the negotiated contractual stipend of \$1,200.00. Account #11-401-100-100-002

4188. That the Board approves the following staff members as Student Council advisors for the 2017-2018 school year, sharing the negotiated contractual stipend of \$1,200.00; \$400.00 each. Account #11-401-100-100-002

Alyssa Geary

Laura Gioia

Kristen Maiello

4189. That the Board approves the following appointments for the 2017-2018 school year. Compensation based on the stipulated negotiated contractual stipend of \$2,500.00 for head coaches and \$2,000.00 for assistant coaches. Account #11-402-100-100-002

Patrick Hanson – Cross Country Head Coach

Kristyn Wikoff – Cross Country Assistant Coach

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4190. That the Board approves the following staff member’s participation in the Red Bank Borough Public Schools New Teacher Orientation on August 24, 2017, not to exceed two hours, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$33.00 per hour. Account #11-000-221- 110-004

Amy Campbell

4191. That the Board approves *Jeffrey Boga* as Strings teacher for the Middle School After-School Program for the 2017-2018 school year, not to exceed 2.5 hours per week, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$33.00 per hour. Account #Anonymous Donation

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:

6041. 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)
District	Community YMCA, Red Bank, NJ (PS MD class)	9/25/17, 10/2/17, 10/16/17, 10/23/17, 10/30/17, 11/6/17, 11/13/17, 11/20/17, & 11/27/17
PTO	Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ (Grades Kindergarten, 1, & Ms. Vazquez’s class)	10/16/17
PTO	Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ (Grades 2, 3, Ms. Strumph & Ms. Pecorelli’s classes)	10/26/17
Donation	Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, NJ (All Grade 8 classes)	11/20/17
PTO	Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ (Grades 2, 3, Ms. Strumph & Ms. Pecorelli’s classes)	2/20/18
District	Middle School, Red Bank, NJ (Grade 3 & Ms. Strumph’s class)	03/2/18

6042. That the Board recognizes the week of October 2 through October 6, 2017 as a Week of Respect.

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- 6043.** That the Board recognizes the week of October 16 through October 20, 2017 as School Violence Awareness Week.
- 6044.** That the Board approves the submission of the Donors Choose classroom project called “Ring in the New (School) Year” in the amount of \$330.00 to purchase various classroom resources including literacy and math center manipulatives/games.
- 6045.** That the Board approves a contract with Count Basie Theater for a Strings program in the amount of \$6,700.00 for the 2017-2018 School Year. Account #Anonymous Donation
- 6046.** That the Board approves the NJ Healthy Eyes Alliance to provide on-site eye exams for preschool students at Middletown Reformed Church, First Baptist Church and Community YMCA at Monmouth Reformed Temple. The NJ Vision Alliance also provides referrals and resource follow-up for families.
- 6047.** That the Board approves the submission of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Self-Assessment as previously reported during the Superintendent’s Report.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Ballard would like the Board to think about electronic distribution of the Board packet— other than confidential items. A large portion of documents could be electronic and any Board member can opt out. Most of the Board agreed.
- Mr. Labetti announced the third annual Casino Night will be on October 6.
- Mr. Ballard thanked Dr. Rumage for organizing the cleanup Primary School Grounds at the end of August. Members form the Board of Education, Environmental Commission, Community, and volunteers from Goldman Sachs came to help. Dr. Rumage indicated a possibly larger collaboration and effort will occur on October 28.

At this time, 8:03 pm, the Board took a brief recess and returned at 8:10 pm.

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IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION II

At 8:11 pm Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to reconvene in Executive Session.
A. Personnel

VOICE VOTE:

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

X. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:43 pm the Board returned to public session.

ROLL CALL

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 pm Ms. Lewis motioned, seconded by Mr. Ballard, to adjourn.

VOICE VOTE:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Pappagallo
Business Administrator/Board Secretary