

**RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 14, 2015**

MINUTES

Call to Order – 7:02p.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 9, 2015. 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, Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Marj Lowe, Ann Roseman, Fred Stone, Suzanne Viscomi ABSENT: Carrie Ludwikowski, Peter Noble

ALSO PRESENT: Jared Ramage, Superintendent; Debra Pappagallo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Peter Sokol and Eric Harrison, Esqs.

I. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:03 pm Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to convene in Executive Session.

- A. Pupil Personnel Services
- B. Personnel
- C. HIB

VOICE VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: Ms. Ludwikowski, Mr. Noble

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 p.m.

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FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Forest led the Salute to the Flag.

II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. HIB - Dr. Ramage reported on HIBs.
- B. Band/Strings Concerts - Dr. Ramage stated they have been rescheduled.
- C. Submission of Superintendent’s Merit Goal #1 - Dr. Ramage stated that this goal was on the agenda tonight and all of the backup was included in the Board Packet.

III. HEARING OF 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.”

- Mr. Forest stated that the Policy Committee met and he has decided that the first hearing of the public will be for agenda items only and the second will be for all other items.

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 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.

V. ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to accept the following:

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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:

3040. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Cost	Theme	Account #
<i>Stacy Sherwood</i>	04/17/15 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Freehold, NJ	\$11.23	Title I Technical Assistance Session	11-000-221-500-004
<i>Stacy Sherwood</i>	04/21/15 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm	Cranbury, NJ	\$170.22	Bilingual Education Law Seminar	20-235-200-500-015
<i>Jared Rumage</i>	05/13/15 – 05/15/15 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Atlantic City, NJ	\$715.70	NJASA/NJAPSA 33 rd Annual Spring Conference	11-000-230-890-000

3041. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes from the February 10 and February 24, 2015 Board meetings.

3042. BUDGET TRANSFERS

To ratify any budget transfers effective January 2015 per the transfer report.

3043. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT

Pursuant to 18A:6-59

Approve the January 2015 Report of the Treasurer and the January 2015 Report of the Secretary as being in balance for the month.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above reports be accepted as submitted and that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(e) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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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:

- 4057.** That the Board approves the completion of the Superintendent’s Merit Goal #1.
- 4058.** That the Board approves the appointment of *Cindy Durso* as Preschool Education Program Instructional Assistant (replacing Emmanuel Itzol), at a Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$25,760.00, plus a \$2,000.00 stipend for holding a Bachelor’s Degree, and a \$400.00 stipend for holding a New Jersey teaching certificate, effective April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Account #20-218-100-106-P15
- 4059.** That the Board approves a one-day unpaid personal leave of absence on February 24, 2015 for *Tiffany Harris*.
- 4060.** That the Board approves the following as Guest Teachers, effective April 15, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
- Casey Coley* *Raul Rivera* *Christopher Territo*
- 4061.** That the Board approves the termination of *Tanya Parrish* as Primary School Bus Aide, effective April 17, 2015.
- 4062.** That the Board approves a paid leave of absence for *Diane Barone* effective April 20, 2015 through July 3, 2015.

EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

- 4063.** That the Board approves *Samantha Arauz* for 21st Century Community Service Learning Center Competitive Grant (21st CCLC) writing, not to exceed 30 hours, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour, through April 30, 2015. Account #11-000-221-110-004
- 4064.** That the Board approves the following staff members to participate in the Bilingual Advisory Council Community Night taking place on April 21, 2015, not to exceed 2 hours each, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour. Account #20-233-200-100-PIL

<i>Kelly Hogan</i>	<i>Alyssa May</i>	<i>Lucy Oubina</i>
<i>Patty George</i>	<i>Elsida Mazariegos</i>	<i>Cathy Reardon</i>
<i>Rosalyn Giallanza</i>	<i>Beth Moran</i>	<i>Anne Szczurek</i>
<i>Nicole Matarazzo</i>	<i>Luz Nieves</i>	<i>Mercedes Wall</i>

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- 4065.** That the Board approves *Gisele Montalvo-Acevedo* for event planning for the Bilingual Advisory Council Community Night, not to exceed 1 hour, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$20.00 per hour. Account #20-233-200-100-PIL
- 4066.** That the Board approves *Maribel Romero* as a district translator for the 2014-2015 school year, on an as-needed basis for after school, evening and weekend parental activities, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$20.00 per hour. Account #11-800-330-110-000
- 4067.** That the Board approves five additional hours (replacement of Sara Herrlich's approved SIT hours) for each of the following staff members' participation in Primary School - School Improvement Team for the 2014-2015 school year at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour. Account 20-275-200-100-SI1

Linda Alston-Morgan (Grade 2)
Nicole Mancini (Grade 1)

Megan Proper (Grade 3)
Jackie Rivera (Kindergarten)

- 4068.** That the Board approves *Dana Slipek* for continued participation in the ELA curriculum writing project, not to exceed 40 hours, effective January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour. Account #11-000-221-110-004
- 4069.** That the Board approves the following staff members as chaperones for the After-School Program Girls on the Run trip to Fair Haven taking place on June 6, 2015, not to exceed 4 hours each, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour. Account #20-235-100-100-TU2

Lauren Schmitt

Lara Wengiel

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:

- 5001.** That the Board approves home instruction for Student ID#10896, not to exceed 10 hours per week, provided by Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC), at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, effective February 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Account #11-150-100-320-000

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:

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6016. 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)
Account # 11-000-270-512-002	Red Bank Regional HS, Red Bank, NJ (All band members)	04/17/2015
Account # 11-000-270-512-002	Red Bank Regional HS, Red Bank, NJ (All strings members)	04/21/2015
PreK Grant	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ (All MDCC PreK classes)	04/22/2015
PTO/Student Activities Account/ Parents	Sandy Hook, NJ (NJSGC) (All Kindergarten classes)	05/14/2015
Account # 20-235-100-100-TU2	Fair Haven Fields, Fair Haven, NJ (MS After School Program Girls on the Run)	06/06/2015

6017. That the Board approves the partnership with the Central Jersey Family Health Consortium to implement the Teen Outreach Project (TOP) with the Middle School, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

6018. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit the 2014-2015 Progress Targets Action Plan Statement of Assurance for the Primary School as required by NJ Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

6019. That the Board approves the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Report as presented to the Board.

6020. That the Board recognizes April as National Autism Awareness Month.

6021. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit the 21st Century Community Service Learning Center Competitive Grant for a 5-year period, in the amount of \$425,000.00 beginning with the 2015 - 2016 school year.

6022. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit the Family and Community Engagement Expansion Grant: Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnership, in the amount of \$250,000.00, effective July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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NAYS: Mr. Ballard on 4058 ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Jones on 3041
ABSENT: Ms. Ludwikowski, Mr. Noble

VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC- None

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VII. OLD BUSINESS –

- Mr. Forest stated he visited Mr. Noble in the Hospital.
- Mr. Ballard addressed HIB and the 8th Grade Graduation and trip policy for students. He feels it’s burdensome and unfair and that two violations for being late or dress code is heavy handed. Dr. Rumage stated that the terms are “may remove” and that dress code violations or lateness may not have a student removed. Ms. Viscomi asked if the document was translated, Dr. Rumage stated Yes. Mr. Ballard asked for a report with student ID #'s that were not being allowed to participate in trips or graduations ceremony. Mr. Sokol stated the report must be a summary and not include ID’s or anything identifying the student.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Roseman addressed the Charter School per pupil costs, funding and additional District required expenditures for transportation for all Red Bank resident students that go to the Charter School and other Non-Public Schools, as well as all tuition for out of District Special Education Students from the Charter School. The demographics of the enrollment of the Charter School does not mirror the demographics of our District’s schools. The argument has been that they do reflect the resident students of Red Bank, which again include students attending Non-Public Schools. She felt this was a travesty. Board Members engaged in dialogue on how to address this situation in regards to appropriate funding adjustments and demographic equality between the Charter School and our District Schools. Mr. Armen McOmer will be asked to a Board meeting to review the Charter School requirements.
- Mr. Ballard addressed the 2015-2016 budget and documents that were distributed to the Board. He is concerned with the increases in certain areas such as salaries, amounts paid to other LEA’s and legal expenses and asked why these areas were increasing. Ms. Viscomi stated that salaries were contractual obligations and legal expenses were going up because the District keeps getting sued. She also stated looking at three years of budgets were not as relevant as looking at actual numbers.

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IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2 -

At 8:27pm Ms. Viscomi motioned to reconvene in Executive Session.

Ms. Rose Sestito asked if she could speak – Mr. Forest allowed. Ms. Sestito 190 River Street, Red Bank addressed the Board about the Environmental Commission.

At 8:32 Mr. Ballard seconded the motion to reconvene in Executive Session.

A. Negotiations

VOICE VOTE:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: Ms. Ludwikowski, Mr. Noble

X. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:58 pm the Board returned to Public Session.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Marj Lowe, Ann Roseman, Fred Stone, Suzanne Viscomi

ABSENT: Michael Ballard (left at 8:30pm), Carrie Ludwikowski, Peter Noble

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:59pm Ms. Viscomi motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to adjourn

VOICE VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Forest, Ms. Jones, Miss Lowe, Ms. Roseman, Dr. Stone, Ms. Viscomi

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Ballard, Ms. Ludwikowski, Mr. Noble

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Pappagallo
Business Administrator/Board Secretary