

**RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order** – 7:01p.m. – Board of Education Conference Room

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

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**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Michael Ballard, Ben Forest, Marj Lowe, Peter Noble, Ann Roseman, Fred Stone, Suzanne Viscomi      ABSENT: Janet Jones, Carrie Ludwikowski

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

**I. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:02 pm Mr. Noble motioned, seconded by Ms. Roseman, to convene in Executive Session.

- A. Personnel
- B. Attorney/Client Privilege

**VOICE VOTE**

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

NAYS: None      ABSTENTIONS: None      ABSENT: Ms. Jones, Ms. Ludwikowski

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**FLAG SALUTE**

Mr. Forest led the Salute to the Flag.

**II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. HVAC Project Update - Dr. Ramage reported the project is moving along. We have had some bumps in the road. We are moving to group 4 and have 12 of 34 units completed. The project is moving fairly efficiently.
- B. RBBEF/New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Partnership – Dr. Ramage stated that the Red Bank Borough Education Foundation/String Parents have donated \$3500 for a partnership with the NJ Symphony Orchestra. That cost is \$2800 and the remainder will be used for instrument maintenance. He is hoping the Strings Program will be able to be continued next year after school.
- C. Dream Invitation -There will be an unveiling of the District Dream on Friday at 11:30 am in the Middle School Auditorium; all Board members received an invitation in their packets. It will be about 25 minutes and lunch will be served in the cafeteria immediately following, which is being donated by Chartwells. For the Members that cannot make it there will be a presentation at the next Board meeting.
- PARCC- Mr. Forest inquired about the information that is circulating about delaying PARCC. Dr. Ramage stated that we are getting information late and it has been inconsistent. We have a plan in place and don’t foresee any issues with opt outs. Joe Christiano has done an amazing job getting us ready and Stacy Sherwood is moving forward with test coordination. Mrs. Ludwikowski stated there was a parent information session on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ballard asked if there was any chance that the test would be cancelled this year? Dr. Ramage stated it wasn’t likely. Mr. Forest and Mr. Ballard asked if this is a factor of RAC determination. Dr. Ramage said it may be a piece of it but he was hopeful that it would show improvement. The School Performance report has shown progress in some areas. Ms. Roseman asked if the test was in two parts in March – Dr. Ramage stated it is taken in March and May and we determine the schedule. Ms. Viscomi stated she heard the test was a disadvantage to minority students. Dr. Ramage stated we would not know until the test results are returned.

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**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.”

**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. 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:

**3016. TRAVEL**

Name	Date/Time	Location	Cost	Theme	Account #
<i>Joan McLaughlin</i>	02/04/15 – 02/07/15 8:00 a.m.–5:00p.m.	Arlington, VA	\$248.50	2015 Annual Kennedy Center Partnership Meeting	11-000-221-500-004
<i>Joe Christiano</i>	02/12/15 8:30 a.m.–3:30p.m.	Princeton, NJ	\$25.81	PARCC 2014-2015 NJ State Administration & Technical Training	11-000-221-500-004
<i>Stacy Sherwood</i>	02/12/15 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Princeton, NJ	\$25.81	PARCC 2014-2015 NJ State Administration & Technical Training	11-000-221-500-004

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**3017. DONATION**

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of 10 Chromebooks from the Red Bank Rotary Club with an approximate value of \$4,800.00.

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That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of \$3,500.00 from the Red Bank Borough Education Foundation.

**3019. DONATION**

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of \$4,050.00 from the Monmouth County Junior League, Rumson, NJ, to assist in funding the “Girls on the Run” after-school program.

**3020. DONATION**

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of 120 thesaurus and 80 Spanish/English dictionaries for the Middle School with an approximate value of \$819.00 from the Red Bank Rotary Club.

**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:

**4023.** That the Board accepts the resignation of *Crista Klemser* for personal reasons, effective February 2, 2015.

**4024.** That the Board approves a two-day unpaid personal leave of absence on January 26 and January 28, 2015 for *Kim Sullivan*.

**4025.** That the Board approves the following as Guest Teachers, effective February 11, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

*Jillian Eisenbraun*

*Patrick Hanson*

*Clavon Leonard*

**4026.** That the Board approves the appointment of *Kristen Maiello* as Middle School Grade 7 science teacher (replacing Toni Baker), at a Step 1-2 BA+15 prorated annual salary of \$49,910.00, effective on or before April 13, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Account #

**4027.** That the Board approves the paid leave of absence for *Barbara Gallagher*, effective January 20, 2015 through March 23, 2015.

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**EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY**

- 4028.** That the Board approves *Cruz Roolaart* to facilitate the Great Start Program on January 15, February 18, March 25, April 15, and May 20, 2015, not to exceed 2 hours each date, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$20.00 per hour. Account #11-800-330-110-000
- 4029.** That the Board approves *Josie Katz* as a district translator on an as-needed basis for after-school, evening and weekend parental activities, at the hourly rate of \$20.00. Account #11-800-330-110-000
- 4030.** That the Board approve *Nicole Oropallo* (replacing Crista Klemser) to serve as before/after school Alternate Classroom Education (ACE) teacher, Monday through Thursday, not to exceed 4 hours per week total, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour, effective immediately through June 30, 2015. Account #11-000-221-110-002
- 4031.** That the Board approves the participation and compensation for the following staff member to facilitate the Middle School After-School Program for the 2014 – 2015 school year and to chaperone the Science Enrichment Clubs trips not to exceed 12 hours, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour. Account # 20-235-100-100-TU2 Title 1

Program Description	Advisors	Advisors Needed	Days	Not to Exceed Hours Per Week	Funding
Science Enrichment	<i>Nancy Pape</i>	1	M	1.25	Title 1

**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:

- 6007.** 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)
NA	Volunteer Thank You Dinner, Salvation Army, Red Bank, NJ (Boys/girls basketball players who volunteered to collect donations for the Salvation Army)	02/12/2015

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N/A	Coaching Girls into Young Women Leadership Seminar, Monmouth University, W. Long Branch, NJ (Four nominated female athletes from MS Athletic Program)	02/15/2015
PreK Grant	Senor Pepper, Red Bank, NJ (All First Baptist Church PreK classes)	02/18/2015
N/A	Red Bank Regional HS, Red Bank, NJ (Open to all players interested in joining the RBMS softball team. Coach Merklinger will supervise and facilitate.)	02/15/2015, 02/22/2015, 03/01/2015, 03/08/2015
Account #11-000-270-512-002	Red Bank Regional High School, Red Bank, NJ (Grades 7 & 8 Chinese language program students)	02/19/2015
Count Basie Theatre	Count Basie Theatre, Red Bank, NJ (Grades 6, 7, & 8 Honor Roll Students)	02/25/2015

- 6008.** That the Board approves the partnership with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to provide a pilot Coach-In Residency program at the Middle School for spring 2015.
- 6009.** That the Board approves the following student teacher and cooperating teacher, effective February 2015 through June 2015.

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher	School/Grade
Kassandra McCauley	Georgian Court University	<i>Shari Ehrlich</i>	PS/1

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Forest, Miss Lowe, Ms. Ludwikowski, Mr. Noble, Ms. Roseman, Dr. Stone, Ms. Viscomi    NAYS: None    ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ballard on #4026    ABSENT: Ms. Jones

**VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Noble addressed the public comment which he brought up at the last meeting as to what can be commented on during first and second hearing of the Public Sessions. Mr. Forest asked the Policy Committee to look at the policy. Mr. Sokol stated that the Board President can control the agenda. Dr. Stone stated that people would be irritated if they had to sit through a meeting to address the Board. Discussion ensued.

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- Mr. Ballard addressed the Board about the Committee appointments. He understands that the President chooses the committees, but part of his campaign was pushing his financial credentials. He has 15 years of finance experience with an MBA and feels it's a dis-service to the community and looks like we are not putting our best foot forward. Ms. Roseman mentioned that there would be an open Finance Committee meeting on Budget and she hopes he could make it. She stated when she wasn't on the Finance Committee, she learned a lot about it and the budget. Miss Lowe stated that what is stated to constituents is not what happens here. She stated she had credentials in education and is not on the Curriculum Committee. Mr. Ballard asked if that was by choice. Miss Lowe stated No. Ms. Viscomi stated that everything we do is always approved by the Board and nothing happens without Board approval. She felt everyone that ran, ran for the good of the students. If someone is not on the committee, they still get all of the information. Mr. Forest stated Mr. Ballard was kind enough to tell him he would be bringing this up and he had explained on the phone why he made the decisions he did.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Ballard addressed Black History Month and made a presentation and gave information to the Board regarding teacher diversity. It is a problem in NJ and across the Nation. More students needed to see minority teachers in the classroom for inspiration. We need to find a way to have more apply. He felt we were doing a great job by changing the culture here. Dr. Ramage stated he completely agreed. He feels that teachers should reflect the community they teach in. We have to find more ways to inspire our students to come back to us and teach in our classrooms. Discussion ensued.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2: - N/A**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:17 pm Dr. Stone motioned, seconded by Ms. Viscomi to adjourn.

**VOICE VOTE:**

AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Forest, Miss Lowe, Ms. Ludwikowski, Mr. Noble, Ms. Roseman,  
Dr. Stone, Ms. Viscomi    NAYS: None    ABSTENTIONS: None    ABSENT: Ms. Jones

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Pappagallo  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary