

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 23, 2010

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 p.m. – Middle School Cafeteria

2. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted April 28, 2009. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Asbury Park Press*, *The Hub*, 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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3. ROLL CALL

Present: Grace Costa, Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Carrie Ludwikowski, Layli Whyte, Ann Roseman, Peter Noble

Absent: Rosemarie Kopka, Marjorie Lowe

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

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Noble led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 pm Ms. Costa motioned, seconded by Mr. Forest, to convene to Executive Session.

A. CSA Evaluation—Kathy Winecoff, NJSBA

B. Contract Negotiations Update

6. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 8:00 PM

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Absent: Rosemarie Kopka

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9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. State Education News – Budget Update

Dr. Morana provided a budget update that included the amount of the reduction in state aid that was far greater than anticipated. While districts were told to plan for a 5 to 15 percent reduction in state aid, the Governor reduced state aid based on 5 percent of the total budget. For the district this meant a state aid reduction in the amount of \$755,000.

Dr. Morana explained that the focus on the budget for 2010-2011 has been on the educational program for all of our students and that the Board, along with being cognizant with the reality of the loss of state aid for the district, has supported this. The positive news is that the Preschool funding has been expanded.

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Dr. Morana reviewed the process to complete the budget, which includes voluntary salary freezes for the superintendent, business administrator, principals, and supervisors. The district is also freezing the salaries of non represented staff members. She then went over the list of cuts required to finalize the budget.

Dr. Morana indicated that she continues to advocate for the district through legislatures and the commissioner of education. (copy of presentation in Board Book)

10. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

11. REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Board Candidate Information Session

Mr. Noble indicated that there will be an information session for community members who may be interested in a write-in campaign to fill vacant seats on the board. This will be held during the March 30 Board of Education meeting.

12. 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."

- Mr. Holcombe Hurd, Red Bank Middle School teacher
Comments regarding inequity of state aid funding for charter school; requesting support for teachers on new contract.

13. 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. 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.

10. ACTION AGENDA

It was requested that motion 3156 be taken separately.

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

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3155. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Joanne Fiore	03/25/10 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Middlesex, NJ	\$120.00	Assessment/Goal Selection for Students with Autism	11-000-219
Charlene Lin	04/01/2010 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Jackson, NJ	\$0.00	World Language Workshop	NA
Kristine Guzman	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 04/13/2010	Mercerville, NJ	\$0.00	21 st CCLC Director's Meeting	NA
Maura Lehmann	04/19/10 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Monroe, NJ	\$100.00	Facilitation of Social Skills Groups in Public Schools	11-000-219- 890-003
Laura Morana	05/03/10 & 05/06/10 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Trenton, NJ	\$395.00	School Administrator Mentor Training Program	11-000-230- 895-000
Aida Pereira	05/06/10 & 05/07/10 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Atlantic City, NJ	\$325.00 Registration \$100.00 Membership	NJ Speech and Hearing Conference	11-000-219- 592-003

3156. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT – **TAKEN SEPARATELY**

That the Board approves the ratification of the 2009-2010 and 2010-2013 contract between the Red Bank Board of Education and the Red Bank Borough Education Association.

3157. BILLS PAYMENT

To approve payment of final bills for February 2010 and for bills as of March 2010.

3158. SOIL INVESTIGATION

To approve Brilliant Lewis Environmental Services, LLC for soil investigation in the amount of \$5,315. If additional samples are required they will be billed based on samples analyzed, at the estimated cost. The proposal does not include the cost of any Remedial Action Work Plan or deed notice, if required. The district will be responsible for any NJ DEP oversight fees.

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:

4858. That the Board approves the change in date of the resignation of Jannett Pacheco, Supervisor of Special Projects, from June 30, 2010 to March 11, 2010.

4859. That the Board approves the appointment of Emily Lagrotteria, Middle School Spanish Teacher (replacing Yamilette Henke), at an MA+15 Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$47,690.00, effective April 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010 (pending completion of RBBEA contract negotiations). Account #11-120-100-101-WL2.

4860. That the Board approves the appointment of Katie Muller as Primary School PSD Class Instructional Assistant, (replacing Paula Collins who has been reassigned to the PSD class at St. Anthony's site) at a Step 1 prorated salary of \$23,700.00, plus a \$2,000.00 stipend for holding a Bachelors Degree, and a \$200.00 stipend for holding a Substitute Certificate (pending completion of RBBEA contract negotiations), effective March 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account # 11-215-100-106-003

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4861. That the Board approves the following Guest Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.

April Gardner	Jessica Redmond
Emily Lagrotteria	Michele Tomchak

EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

4862. That the Board approves the following staff members, their participation and compensation (pending completion of the RBBEA contract negotiations) to chaperone students during the Novartis Corporate Mentoring Program, March 29, 2010 through April 1, 2010. Account # 20-019-100-100-MGP

John Adranovitz	\$30.00 per hour
Patricia McGreevy	\$17.00 per hour

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:

5020. That the Board approves home instruction for Student ID #S2458 effective March 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010, not to exceed 5 hours per week.

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 INSTRUCTION resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

6078. 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.

Location	Date
AT&T, Holmdel, NJ (HACEMOS) AVID Grades 7 & 8	03/17/10 (Rescheduled due to snow day 2/25/10)
Red Bank Veterinarian Hospital, Red Bank, NJ AVID Grade 7	03/19/10 (Rescheduled due to snow day 02/26/10)
Asbury Park Culinary Institute AVID Grades 7 & 8	04/15/10
Pocono Valley, PA 8 th Grade Class Trip	06/09/10 - 06/11/10

6079. That the Board approves the for Jennifer Carolan, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, for training and consultation for the PSD class on how systematically apply interventions based on learning principles as an effective strategy to improve social significant behaviors to meaningful degree and to demonstrate that interventions applied are contributing to improved behaviors (reading social skills, communication, and adaptive living skills) at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, on an as-needed basis, effective March 17, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #11-000-216-320-000

AYES: Costa, Forest, Jones, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Whyte, Roseman, Noble
 NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

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3156. **RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT – SEPARATED**

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COMMENTS:

- Mr. Forest, chairperson of the Finance Committee, read a prepared statement indicating the board's support of the teachers and staff. However, changes to revenues for state aid cuts made the contract unaffordable for the district. (copy of statement in Board book)

AYES: Jones, Noble

NAYS: Costa, Forest, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Whyte, Roseman ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion 3156 failed.

14. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Holcombe Hurd, Middle School teacher
Comment on disappointments in the Board for non-approval to pass contract ratification.
- Mr. Brian Furry, NJEA, 180 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ
Comment regarding the Board's non-approval of the contract

15. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

16. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:39 pm Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/Business Administrator