

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m. – Middle School Media Center

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, Marjorie Lowe, Layli Whyte, Ann Roseman, Peter Noble

Absent: Rosemarie Kopka, Carrie Ludwikowski

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

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Noble led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A. Personnel

B. Contract Negotiations Update

6. CALL TO ORDER – 8:00 p.m.

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9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. NJ State Department of Education Monmouth County Office Efficiency Standards

Ms. Darrow reviewed the NJ State Department of Education assessment of the district's efficiency rating. The district is considered to be operating efficiently, and the areas where we are not at State standards have to do with the size of the district. For example, having two schools reduces our ability to do numerous tier runs, and reduces our rating. In order to become more efficient in this area, the district had a transportation study completed and reduced our transportation routes by eliminating one route. We also worked with Red Bank Regional High School in order to renew the transportation contract at a discounted rate.

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B. Garden State Coalition Panel Discussion

Dr. Morana explained that the panel discussion included local Superintendents, Senator Beck, Assemblyman O'Scanlon, and Assemblywoman Casagrande, to discuss the Governor's Education Transition Team's report. Dr. Morana stated that although the panel discussion took place two weeks ago, the economic impact to districts has changed with the Governor's budget announcement last week.

C. Governor's Transition Report and

D. Budget Planning 2010-2011

Dr. Morana stated that we are looking at the budget requests from administrators and we are in a position where cuts need to be made. She is reviewing enrollment, looking at the ESL/Bilingual programs, and has requested kindergarten student numbers from the preschool programs and the Red Bank Charter School.

E. State Education News

Ms. Darrow stated that in response to Governor Christie's announcement next week, organizations such as NJASBO, NJASA, and NJSBA are following the news. As information is received it will be shared with the Board.

Board members were reminded that the Finance Committee meeting being held Thursday at 5:30 (Middle School Media Center) was advertised in a legal notice as a meeting, and Board members are encouraged to attend.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

11. REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. 2010 CSA Evaluation Process – Kathy Winecoff, NJSBA Field Representative

Ms. Winecoff reviewed the 2009-2010 goals with the Board of Education and reminded them that the Superintendent's evaluation is based on the achievement of these goals. She reviewed the process of the evaluation tool and its ties to goal setting, components of the evaluation, and the evaluation calendar. Ms. Winecoff reiterated that there is no reason why the evaluation cannot be completed within the timelines.

B. Budget Calendar Spring 2010

Mr. Noble distributed the draft of the budget rollout calendar and encouraged Board members to attend as many events as possible.

13. HEARING OF PUBLIC - NONE

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."

14. 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.

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15. ACTION AGENDA

A request was made to review 3139 separately.

Mr. Forest 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:

3138. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Laura Morana	02/17/10 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Trenton, NJ (NJASA sponsored)	\$0.00	Meet Mayor Bret Schundler (Commissioner of Education)	NA
Laura Morana	02/17/10 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Toms River, NJ	\$0.00	NJ Council for Young Children	NA
Lisa Miskanich	02/18/10 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Howell, NJ	\$0.00	Site-Visit to Newbury Elementary School	NA
Danielle Yamello	02/18/10 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Howell, NJ	\$0.00	Site-Visit to Newbury Elementary School	NA
Alina Ryberg	04/08/10 – 04/11/10 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Timonium, MD	\$650.00 Reg. \$213,50 per diem \$400.14 Hotel	Introduction to PROMPT Techniques	20-465-200-500-TR3

3139. TUITION STUDENT – TAKEN SEPARATELY

To approve Student ID #S2788 as a tuition student from Holmdel effective February 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010, with a tuition cost of \$15,640.00, plus \$6,534.00 for 1-1 Instructional Assistant for 8 weeks, and related services for the student. (Aide may continue at \$816.00 per week)

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:

- 4832. That the Board approves a paid leave of absence for Michael Melton, effective January 25, 2010 through March 31, 2010.
- 4833. That the Board approves a Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) without pay, without benefits for Daphne Keller effective February 18, 2010 through March 14, 2010.
- 4834. That the Board approves the transfer of Hope Nechamkin from Primary School Kindergarten Special Education/Inclusion Teacher to PSD Teacher, St. Anthony's site, effective February 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #11-215-100-101-003.

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4835. That the Board approves the transfer of Paula Collins from Primary School PSD Instructional Assistant to PSD Instructional Assistant, St. Anthony's site, effective February 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #11-215-100-106-003.
4836. That the Board approves the transfer of Fanny McKenty from Middle School Hall Monitor to Hall Monitor, St. Anthony's site, effective February 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #11-000-266-100-PSD.
4837. That the Board approves the transfer of Tiffany Harris from Primary School BD Instructional Assistant to Primary School PreK Inclusion Instructional Assistant (replacing Allyson Palian), effective February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #11-215-100-106-003.
4838. That the Board approves the transfer of Allyson Palian from Primary School PreK Inclusion Instructional Assistant to Primary School PreK Bilingual Instructional Assistant (replacing Reyna Torres), effective February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #20-218-100-106-P10.
4839. That the Board approves the transfer of Donna Sickels from Primary School Kindergarten LAL Instructional Assistant to Primary School Kindergarten Instructional Assistant, effective February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. (No change in account number)
4840. That the Board approves Stephanie Rogers as a 2:1 student/IA ratio Middle School Instructional Assistant, at a Step 5 prorated annual salary of \$24,492.00 and a stipend of \$2,000.00 for holding a Bachelor's Degree (pending completion of RBBEA contract negotiations), effective February 17, 2010 (pending approval of the Emergent Hiring Application by the County Office) through June 30, 2010. Account #11-209-100-101-003.
4841. That the Board approves Robyn Mantila as a Middle School 1-1 Instructional Assistant for a tuition student from Holmdel, at a Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$23,700.00, a stipend of \$2,000.00 for holding a Bachelor's Degree, and a \$400.00 stipend for holding a New Jersey Teaching Certificate (pending completion of RBBEA contract negotiations), effective February 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #11-209-100-106-003 (To be reimbursed by Holmdel Schools).
4842. That the Board approves the Bilingual/ESL/World Languages Coach Job Description.
COMMENT: Was the job description included in the packet? Several Board members indicated that it was in the packet. A copy of the job description was provided to the Board member, who read the document.
4843. That the Board approves the subcontract with Kimberly Steinberg to support the district's communication and dissemination system via newsletter, press releases, and ongoing communication with the community, at a fee not to exceed \$1,000.00, effective February 10, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Account #11-000-230-340-000.

EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

4844. That the Board approves Jeanne Roesinger to cover PreK sites (during Daphne Keller's Family Medical Leave of Absence), not to exceed 15 hours per week, effective January 26, 2010 through March 15, 2010, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$30.00 per hour (pending completion of RBBEA contract negotiations). Account #20-218-200-104-P10.

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:

5018. That the Board approves Education, Inc. to provide bedside instruction for Student ID #S1779 at Monmouth Medical Center, effective February 5, 2010 until discharged, not to exceed 5-10 hours per week, at the hourly rate of \$47.00 per hour. Account #11-150-100-320-000.

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5019. That the Board approves Speech Language & Learning Center of Colts Neck, LLC to provide PROMPT Therapy to Student ID#22114 effective February 10, 2010, 2 sessions per week, 1 hour @ \$140.00 (this includes her travel time) and 45 minutes a week @ \$93.00 for a total of \$233.00 per week, for 18 weeks at a total of \$4,194.00. Account #11-216-100-320-003.

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:

6072. 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
Chinese New Year: Lion Dance Mask Nai-Ni Chen New Jersey Performing Arts, Newark, NJ (21 ST CCLC)	02/13/10

AYES: Costa, Forest, Jones, Lowe, Whyte, Roseman, Noble

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

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QUESTION: Do the costs of the student cover the tuition? Ms. Darrow explained that the tuition is calculated based on budgetary information, the cost of the aide, and benefits for the aide are all included.

AYES: Costa, Forest, Jones, Lowe, Whyte, Roseman, Noble

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

16. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - NONE

17. OLD BUSINESS

- Question from a Board member who wanted to know where information came from that was included in the Superintendent's update.
- Ms. Darrow reminded the Board that the financial disclosure statements are due.
- Comment that Red Bank Regional High School had a Chinese language presentation where a former Red Bank Middle School student spoke. He did a very nice job!

18. NEW BUSINESS

- Reminder that the Finance Committee meeting to hear budget requests will be Thursday evening at 5:30pm in the Middle School Media Center.
- Disappointment expressed at Governor Christie's decision to take our surplus funds and the impact this will have on the local tax payers. The feeling is we do an excellent job of being fiscally responsible and are being punished for having a surplus.

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19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:13 pm Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to reconvene to Executive Session.

20. PUBLIC SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Upon return to Public Session at 9:55 pm, Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.
Public meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary