

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Peter Noble called the February 10, 2009 Board Meeting of the Red Bank Board of Education to order at 7:05 pm.

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 22, 2008. 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: Toni Brown, Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Rosemarie Kopka, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski, Mary-Ellen Mess, Ann Roseman, Peter Noble

Also Present: Laura C. Morana, Superintendent; Armen McOmber, Esq.

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Noble led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to immediately move to Executive Session.

AYES: Brown, Forest, Jones, Kopka, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Mess, Roseman, Noble

- A. Client/Attorney Privilege
- B. Personnel – Coordinator of Curriculum & Instruction
- C. Contract Negotiations – Administrative Unit and Teachers' Association

6. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:00 pm the Board returned to Public Session.

Present: Toni Brown, Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Rosemarie Kopka, Marjorie Lowe, Carrie Ludwikowski, Mary-Ellen Mess, Ann Roseman, Peter Noble

Also Present: Laura C. Morana, Superintendent; Armen McOmber, Esq.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget 2009-2010 Update

Mrs. Morana indicated they are working on the preliminary budget which will be shared with the board in next week's Friday packet. She reiterated that the goal is to remain at a flat tax levy, and we are maximizing resources available including grant dollars. There is no decision on the Preschool Expansion at this point.

B. Mid-Year Progress Report Presentation

Mrs. Morana provided highlights to the status of the district. Copy of presentation in Board book.

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- C. State School Report Card 2007-2008
Mrs. Morana reviewed the change in formula that created a gap in proficiency level of students. Data will be provided to the Board. Small group instruction of students has shown growth.
- D. Consolidation of Schools
Mrs. Morana advised the Board that the County Superintendent's office has selected Red Bank Borough Board of Education to take part in a feasibility study that will study the academic and financial benefits of consolidation.
- E. Local Professional Development Plan 2009-2010
Mrs. Morana worked with the committee to present a professional development plan that must be approved by the Monmouth County Superintendent's office.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. MCSBA Conversation with Executive County Superintendent Carole Morris (Consolidation)
Highlights of the MCSBA information session on consolidation was shared. Most of the session focused on non-operating districts' concerns in being eliminated Ms. Morris indicated that a feasibility study will be forthcoming and she awaits more definitive information on the process.

10. 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 with a total public participation not exceeding 60 minutes."

11. 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.

12. ACTION AGENDA

At this time it was determined that copies of the agenda were not complete. Ms. Darrow projected a complete copy of the agenda onto a screen and read each agenda item. Full copies of the agenda had been shared with the Board in their Friday packet.

Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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:

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4713. That the Board approves the following staff members and their compensation as Club Advisors in the After School Programs (21st Century Community Learning Center), for the 2008-2009 school year, funded by the 21st Century Grant.

Teacher's Name	Name of Club	Days of Week					Hours per Week
		M	T	W	TH	F	
Kristine Clayton	NJ ASK 4 Prep Club (3:10 pm – 5:10 pm)		X		X		4 X \$30.00
Holcombe Hurd	Two River Theatre Group (3:00 pm – 6:00 p.m.)		X				3 X \$30.00

4714. That the Board approves the amendment to resolution #4703 from the January 20, 2009 Board agenda, adjusting the hourly rate of pay for Cruz Roolaart for providing instruction to the ESL Adult Class from \$20.00 per hour to \$29.02 per hour, 2 hours per week, effective February 3, 2009 through June 25, 2009.

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES – 5000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES resolution(s) be approved as indicated:

5054. That the Board approves Elyse Baumer as Home Instruction for Student ID #21168, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours per week, effective February 11, 2009 through June 30, 2009.
5055. That the Board approves Elvia Machuca-Itzhakov to conduct Bilingual Psychological Evaluations on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$400.00 per evaluation, effective February 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

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:

6139. That the Red Bank Board of Education deems student participation in curriculum related field trips to be educationally beneficial. Pursuant to regulation 6A:23A-5.8(c)(1), the Board hereby approves the resolution.

Location	Date
Loew's Theater, Eatontown, NJ (Grades 4-8 Incentive Trip)	02/13/09
AT&T, Middletown, NJ (8 th Grade AVID)	02/26/09

6140. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit the *StarTalk* Grant application in the amount of \$36,033.28 to implement a two (2) week instructional Chinese Education Program, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., June 29, 2009 to July 7, 2009.
6141. That the Board approves the Local Professional Development Plan 2009-2010 as required by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

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6142. That the Board approves the acceptance of the FY2009 IDEIA Consolidated IDEA-B funds approved by the Office of Grants Management in the following amounts.

Basic	
Public	\$258,756
Nonpublic	\$ 79,725

Preschool	
Public	\$ 11,458
Nonpublic	\$ 1,580

AYES: Brown, Forest, Jones, Kopka, Ludwikowski, Mess, Roseman, Noble

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: *Lowe

*Following Executive Session Ms. Lowe stated she did not wish to vote "No" but to "abstain".

13. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – NONE

14. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

- Comment was made requesting clarification about the school visiting the Senior Center through the 21st Century Grant. Mrs. Morana will get back to the Board.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- The Red Bank Regional High School Foundation is honoring distinguished alumni.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:02 pm Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Ludwikowski, to move to Executive Session.

AYES: Brown, Forest, Jones, Kopka, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Mess, Roseman, Noble

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:27 pm, upon return from Executive Session, Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Kopka, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Brown, Forest, Jones, Kopka, Lowe, Ludwikowski, Mess, Roseman, Noble

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator