

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2008  
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Peter Noble called the September 9, 2008 Board Meeting of the Red Bank Board of Education to order at 7:30 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: Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Rosemarie Kopka, Ann Roseman, Juanita Lewis, Peter Noble.

Absent: Ann Goldman, Marjorie Lowe, Mary-Ellen Mess

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

A.Negotiations for 2008-2009

At 7:31 pm Ms. Lewis motioned, seconded by Ms. Jones, to convene to Executive Session.

AYES: Forest, Jones, Kopka, Roseman, Lewis, Noble

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Goldman, Lowe, Mess

6. CALL TO ORDER

At 8:00 pm the public session of the Board Meeting was called to order.

Present: Ben Forest, Janet Jones, Rosemarie Kopka, Marjorie Lowe, Ann Roseman, Juanita Lewis, Peter Noble.

Absent: Ann Goldman, Mary-Ellen Mess

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

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A.Opening of Schools

Mrs. Morana thanked everyone involved in supporting the opening of school. She saw the results of a team effort for a smooth opening. Mrs. Morana spoke with students and some stated that it was the best opening ever. Teachers were prepared, supportive, and welcoming; and new teachers worked with their buddies. There were comments from Board members who stated that the schools looked great and the opening was organized.

B. Enrollment Report

Mrs. Morana reviewed the opening enrollment report. She stated the teacher to student ratio is ideal for now. She will be meeting with daycare providers to discuss preschool expansion as it relates to the required five-year plan.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – None

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Committee reports to be reviewed at the next meeting.

10. HEARING OF PUBLIC – None

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11. ACTION AGENDA

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:

3303. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Mary Lohan	09/11/08 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Monroe, NJ	\$0.00	APA Administrators’ Training	NA
Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Laura Morana	9/15/08 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Trenton, NJ	\$0.00	NJAC	NA
Kathleen Doherty	10/07/08 – 10/08/08 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Somerset, NJ	\$90.00	Art Educators Workshop of NJ	11-000- 240-800- 002

3304. FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT COMPANY CONTRACT RENEWAL

To approve awarding the second renewal covering 2008-2009 services of the 2006-2007 food services Child Nutrition Program management contract to Chartwells Dining Services, a division of Compass Group, for a management fee of \$0.0741 per meal and an administrative fee of \$0.0792 for a total mean fee of \$0.1533 (3% increase per NJ index rates). Chartwells guarantees a profit of \$25,000.

3305. RESOLUTION BINDING THE Red Bank Borough Public Schools  
TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICES  
THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid  
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Borough Public Schools is a participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for Natural Gas Supply Services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

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WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2009, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for Natural Gas Supply Services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service for no more than two years at a time in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall not exceed two-years;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for Natural Gas Supply Services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for Natural Gas Supply Services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase Natural Gas Supply Services at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), provided that no single contract shall have a term exceeding two years, and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain Natural Gas Supply Services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2009 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Natural Gas Supply Services contract entered into prior to such rescission.

**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:

4629. That the Board approves Brunilda Solano as Middle School Bilingual Social Studies (replacing Carlos Suarez), effective September 15, 2008 at a prorated salary of \$45,690 (Step One, BA+30). ( account number 11-240-100-101-002)

**COMMENT:** Mrs. Morana provided the Board with background on Ms. Solano, and she is pleased to welcome her to the district.

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4630. That the Board approves the following as Guest Teachers for the 2008-2009 school year, at the per diem rate.

Toni Demeo	\$80.00
Maurice Puryear	\$80.00
Barbara Reed	\$80.00

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 previously submitted and presented to the Board:

6108. That the Board approves the curriculum and instructional materials associated with the Regional Educational Laboratory Mid-Atlantic “Connected Mathematics Program 2” (CMP2) for Grade Six for the period of 2008-2010.

6109. That the Board approves the following curriculum guides for the 2008-2009 school year.

Primary School Language Arts Literacy, Grades 1-3  
Mathematics, Grades K-8  
Spanish, Grades 4-6, Level II  
Technology, Grades Pre-K -8

**COMMENT:** There was a question about changes to the Primary School Language Arts Literacy and Mrs. Morana indicated that there were minor revisions to the scope and sequence.

Another comment was made that it is good to see the district have continuous improvement in their curriculum guides.

12. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None

13. OLD BUSINESS – None

14. NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Mrs. Morana advised the Board that the district received the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant, although we have not received the letter indicating the required revisions.
- ❖ There was a question about whether the district takes into consideration a teacher’s standing as a student as magna cum laude. Mrs. Morana indicated that she was not sure it was relevant and several board members were not interested in receiving this information on teachers.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Forest, Jones, Kopka, Lowe, Roseman, Lewis, Noble

NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary