

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING – MARCH 11, 2008
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Peter Noble called the March 11, 2008 Board Meeting of the Red Bank Board of Education to order at 7:02 pm.

2. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mr. Noble advised the Board that Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted April 24, 2007. 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: Ms. Mess, Ms. Roseman, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Noble
Absent: Mr. Forest, Ms. Goldman, Ms. Jones, Ms. Kopka, Miss Lowe
Also present: Richard McOmber, Esq.

Being as there was not a quorum, the meeting was recessed at 7:05 pm.

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Noble led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:10 pm Ms. Lewis motioned, seconded by Ms. Mess, to adjourn to Executive Session.
Ayes: Mess, Roseman, Lewis, Noble

6. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:59 pm the Board returned to Public Session.
Present: Mr. Forest (arrived 7:28 pm), Ms. Goldman (arrived 7:27 pm), Ms. Jones, Miss Lowe (arrived 7:47 pm), Ms. Mess (left 7:30 pm), Ms. Roseman, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Noble.
Absent: Ms. Kopka
Also present: Laura Morana, Superintendent, Richard McOmber, Esq.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Teacher of the Year Nomination

Based on a review of nominations for Teacher of the Year, the committee selected Stacy Curcio at the Middle School and Patricia Moss at the Primary School as the Red Bank Borough Public Schools Teachers of the Year.

B. District Open House – Saturday, March 1, 2008

Mrs. Morana thanked the Board Members and Staff who attended the District Open House. She indicated that families toured the schools and administrators have received positive feedback from the town. This was a nice opportunity for the district to showcase our schools and provide a view of the programs offered at the Primary and Middle Schools.

C. Community Education Committee Update

Mrs. Morana addressed the Asbury Park Press article referencing the schools and the Community Education Committee sponsored by the Borough. Mrs. Morana indicated that although there is discussion on implementing a project to have students solve real problems, she does not have specific information to share. As soon as additional information is available, it will be shared with the Board.

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D. AVID Conference – San Diego, CA

Mrs. Morana met with superintendents from across the nation as part of the AVID Conference. Ms. Roseman and Ms. Mess were also in attendance. Ms. Roseman shared highlights from the conference.

E. Budget 2008-2009 Update

Mrs. Morana and Ms. Darrow met with the County Executive Superintendent and the County Business Administrator on March 4 to review the 2008-2009 Budget. We now have the transfer amount to the Charter School, which provides the district with an additional \$189,000. Mrs. Morana's recommendation is to increase the String teacher to full time and add a math coach at the Primary School.

The Public Hearing on the budget will be Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Mrs. Morana reminded the Board that we will be presenting our budget at the March 24th Town Council meeting and encouraged Board members to attend.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Invitation to Participate in Red Bank's 100th Anniversary Celebration

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Committee Reports

Updates from Community Relations, Negotiations, Curriculum & Instruction, Finance Committees.

B. The Public Hearing for the Renegotiated Agreement for Laura C. Morana, as Superintendent

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted *P.L.2007, c.53, An Act Concerning School District Accountability*; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act amended *N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11* to require [boards of education/charter school trustees] to provide public notice 30 days prior to the renegotiation, extension, amendment, or alteration of an employment contract with the superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent of schools, or school business administrator; and

WHEREAS, Said public notice was provided to the public via posting in the Red Bank Borough Board of Education office located at 76 Branch Avenue, Red Bank, NJ, to the district's official newspaper, the Asbury Park Press, for publication, and filing on February 13, 2008, with the clerk of Red Bank Borough for public posting on February 13, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act amended *N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11* to require [boards of education/charter school trustees] to provide public notice of a public hearing 10 days prior to the renegotiation, extension, amendment, or alteration of an employment contract with the superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent of schools, or school business administrator; and

WHEREAS, Said public notice of a public hearing was provided to the public via posting in the Red Bank Borough Board of Education office located at 76 Branch Avenue, Red Bank, NJ on February 13, 2008, to the district's official newspaper, the Asbury Park Press, for publication, and filing on February 13, 2008, with the clerk of Red Bank Borough for public posting on February 13, 2008; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Red Bank Borough Board of Education/trustees hereby designates at 8:00 PM at the Red Bank Middle School on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, as the public hearing required by the Act.

Members of the public are invited to submit public comments regarding the renegotiation of the Superintendent's employment agreement. The board, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, the *Open Public Meetings Act*, shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public; however, the board will give all comments appropriate consideration.

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Please be aware that the subject of this hearing retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public.

At this time, we entertain any public comment regarding the proposed Superintendent’s contract.

No public comment was made.

At 8:08 pm the public hearing on the Superintendent contract was closed.

Ms. Jones motioned, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to close the public hearing on the Superintendent’s contract.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kopka, Mess

10. HEARING OF PUBLIC - NONE

11. ACTION AGENDA

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:

3252. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Jannett Pacheco	03/12/08 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Hamilton, NJ	\$0.00	21 st CCLC Technical Assistance	NA
Jannett Pacheco	05/21/08 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Atlantic City, NJ	\$199.00	NJ Association of Federal Program Administrators 2008 Spring Training Institute	20-271-200-500-004

3253. That the Board awards the purchase of custodian and maintenance uniforms to Bob’s Uniform Shop as the lowest quote of \$1,731.

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:

4494. That the Board approves the appointment of Diane Dublirer as Confidential Payroll Coordinator/Business Office Support, at a prorated annual salary of \$40,000, effective March 17, 2008 through June 30, 2008, Account 11-000-251-100-000.

COMMENT: Mrs. Morana welcomed Ms. Dublirer to the district.

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EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

4494. That the Board approves John Bombardier, Primary School Literacy Coach, to participate in the Primary School Family Literacy Night Program for the 2007-2008 school year, up to three nights, not to exceed one hour each per night, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$27.50 per hour.

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

NAYS: None

12. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - NONE

13. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Darrow reminded the Board members that in a conversation with Kathy Winecoff, New Jersey School Boards Association Field Representative, instructions were given that any copies of the Superintendent evaluations needed to be shredded. She also reminded them to turn in their self assessments if they had not done so already.

14. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:08 pm Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to return to Executive Session.

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

NAYS: None

At 10:00 pm the Board returned to Public Session.

Present: Forest, Goldman, Jones, Lowe, Roseman, Lewis, Noble

Absent: Mess, Kopka

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator