

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2008
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Peter Noble called the January 8, 2008 Board Meeting of the Red Bank Board of Education to order at 7:42 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: Mr. Forest, Ms. Goldman, Ms. Jones, Ms. Kopka, Ms. Mess, Ms. Roseman, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Noble

Absent: Miss Lowe, Mrs. Morana

Also present: Richard McOmber, Esq.

4. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Noble led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:43 pm Mr. Forest motioned, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to move to Executive Session.

AYES: Forest, Goldman, Jones, Kopka, Mess, Roseman, Lewis, Noble NAYS: none

The Board convened to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

A. Personnel—review of Superintendent’s contract

B. Litigation—parent concern—attorney-client privilege

6. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

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

Present: Mr. Forest, Ms. Goldman, Ms. Jones, Ms. Kopka, Miss Lowe (arrived at 7:46 pm during Executive Session), Ms. Mess, Ms. Roseman, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Noble.

Also Present: Richard McOmber, Esq., Mrs. Morana (arrived 8:05 pm)

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. The investigation of a student attack issue that occurred off school grounds was discussed.

B. District’s Mid-Year Progress Report

Mrs. Morana reviewed the goals of the Board of Education, the 2006-2009 Action Plan, QSAC, and curricular initiatives for 2007-2008. A copy of this presentation is in the Board book.

C. Budget Development Process/Funding Formula Update

Mrs. Morana reviewed where the district is in the budget process.

D. Finance Committee—January Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Morana reminded the Board that the Finance Committee will meet on January 23 and January 30 to hear preliminary budget presentations from administrators. Ms. Darrow advised the Board that the meetings have been advertised and invited all Board members to attend as well as interested public.

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E. Resolution Honoring Board Members

WHEREAS, Governor Jon Corzine, the National and New Jersey School Boards Associations, and the New Jersey State Board of Education have all declared the month of January 2008 to be School Board Recognition Month, and

WHEREAS, this moment is a time to acknowledge the service and contribution of the nine elected citizens who volunteer their time on our local Red Bank Borough Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, our Red Bank Borough Board members continue to encourage a culture of high performance for the 900 students enrolled in our pre-school through 8th grade, and

WHEREAS, our Board of Education serves as a successful model of governance, factor that has enabled the Red Bank Borough School District to support the implementation of high-quality early childhood, primary and middle school education, a comprehensive fine and performing arts program, and provide equal education opportunities to students of all students, and

WHEREAS, the characteristics of high performing schools and districts demonstrate that the Red Bank Borough School District is committed to fulfilling its mission of **Quality Learning by All, Whatever it Takes!**

RESOLVED, that I, the Superintendent of Schools, Laura C. Morana, on behalf of Red Bank Borough students, staff, and community do hereby acknowledge the efforts of school board members throughout New Jersey, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we acknowledge the service of and express gratitude to Peter Noble, Juanita Lewis, Ben Forest, Ann Goldman, Janet Jones, Rosemarie Kopka, Marjorie Lowe, Mary-Ellen Mess, and Ann Roseman.

Mrs. Morana thanked the Board members for their time and commitment to the district.

There was a short break for refreshments.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - None

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Committee Briefs

Ms. Lewis thanked the Community Relations Committee and staff for their work on the Tina DeFalco Commemorative Service Plaque Dedication. She said the event was well attended and the bronze tree was beautiful.

B. Superintendent's Evaluation Calendar

The Evaluation Calendar that Mr. Noble distributed to the Board will have to be revised in response to the Superintendent's contract review. A copy is in the Board book.

At 9:10 pm Mr. Noble exited the meeting and Ms. Lewis chaired.

10. HEARING OF PUBLIC - None

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11. ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Mess 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:

3227. TRAVEL

Name	Date/Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Jannett Pacheco	01/11/08 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Red Bank Regional HS, Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	English Articulation Meeting	NA
Annie Darrow	01/12/08 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	W. Long Branch, NJ	\$15.00	School Funding Formula & Budget Development	20-270-200-500-004
Juanita Lewis	01/12/08 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	W. Long Branch, NJ	\$15.00	School Funding Formula & Budget Development	11-000-230-585-000
Laura Morana	01/12/08 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	W. Long Branch, NJ	\$15.00	School Funding Formula & Budget Development	20-270-200-500-004
Peter Noble	01/12/08 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	W. Long Branch, NJ	\$15.00	School Funding Formula & Budget Development	11-000-230-585-000
Laura Morana	02/01/08 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Kean University, Union, NJ	\$200.00	Meet the Grantmakers – Grant Writing Seminar	20-270-200-500-004
Laura Morana	02/06/08 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	New Brunswick, NJ	\$175.00	School Law Conference	20-270-200-500-004

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:

4457. That the Board accepts the resignation of the following as Saturday Academy Teachers, effective December 15, 2007.

Christopher Ippolito

Margaret Tobin

4458. That the Board approves the appointment of Wendy McNicholas as Saturday Academy teacher (SES), at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate \$27.50 per hour, not to exceed 4 hours per day, effective January 12, 2008 through May 17, 2008, funded through NCLB:

4459. That the Board approves the appointment of Mariela Osorio as Spanish Teacher for the Spanish Conversational Classes, effective January 8, 2008 through June 5, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$27.50, not to exceed 2 hours per week up to 20 weeks, funded through the FLAP Grant.

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4460. That the Board approves the appointment of Luz Nieves as Teacher for the Adult English classes for the Foreign Born, effective January 8, 2008 through June 5, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$27.50, not to exceed 2 hours per week for up to 20 weeks, funded through the English Classes for the Foreign Born Grant.
4461. That the Board approves the following staff members and their compensation for participation as District Babysitters/Substitute Babysitters effective January 8, 2008 through June 30, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$11.82, not to exceed 3 hours per week.

Jacqueline Boyd – Substitute
JePiera Boykin – Substitute
Kay Carroll – Babysitter
Quanasia Frost – Substitute
Diane Jamison – Babysitter
Mina Rodriguez – Substitute
Roberta Jean Sharp – Substitute
Beth Smith – Substitute
Terry Stevens – Substitute

AYES: Forest, Goldman, Jones, Kopka, Mess, Roseman, Lewis NAYS: none
ABSENT: Noble

12. HEARING OF PUBLIC - None

13. OLD BUSINESS - None

14. NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Ms. Darrow advised the Board that the election calendar dates will be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.
- ❖ The school board candidate packets should arrive from NJSBA this week.
- ❖ Mrs. Morana advised the Board that the National AVID Program will be held in San Diego, CA; and the theme will be “College Readiness”. Mrs. Morana will be attending as a national representative and would like to take two Board members to the conference.

Mr. Noble returned to the meeting at 9:18 pm. Ms. Lewis continued as chair.

- ❖ Mr. Noble announced the appointment for the Negotiations Committee for the administrator contract. The committee consists of Ms. Jones, Chair; Ms. Lewis, Ms. Mess.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 pm Ms. Lewis motioned, seconded by Ms. Roseman, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Forest, Goldman, Jones, Kopka, Lowe, Mess, Roseman, Lewis, Noble NAYS: none

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator