

RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2007
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice President Juanita Lewis called the December 18, 2007 Board Meeting of the Red Bank Board of Education to order at 7:30 pm.

2. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Ms. Lewis 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. Kopka, Miss Lowe, Ms. Mess, Ms. Roseman, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Noble (arrived 7:35 pm).
Absent: Ms. Goldman, Ms. Jones
Also present: Mrs. Morana, Superintendent

4. FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Lewis led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Tools of the Mind (TOM) Kindergarten Program Presentation

Mrs. Morana and Mr. Cohen introduced the TOM presentation. Mrs. Nechamkin, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Frazee, Ms. Diamond, Ms. Klotzkin and Ms. Rivera demonstrated different aspects of the program. The Board and audience thoroughly enjoyed how engaged the Kindergarten students were in the activities.

B. Music Program Presentations, Primary and Middle School

Mrs. Boehm presented the Primary School Chorus. The audience was treated to a preview of the Holiday Concert that was rescheduled to take place on January 10 at 6:30 pm at the Primary School. Mr. Hurd presented the Middle School band. The students played several selections as a preview to the Winter Concert being held December 19 at 6:00 pm at the Middle School.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Committee Reports—Information about the Community Relations Committee was given.

9. HEARING OF PUBLIC - NONE

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10. ACTION AGENDA

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

3217. TRAVEL

Name	Date/ Time	Location	Fee	Theme	Account #
Laura Morana	01/08/08 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Red Bank Regional HS, Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	Peninsula Superintendents' Monthly Meeting	NA
Michael Isley	01/09/08 02/13/08 03/12/08 04/09/08 05/14/08 06/11/08 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Farmingdale, NJ	\$0.00	NJ Buildings & Grounds Association Monthly Meetings	NA
Melissa Osmun	01/11/08 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Red Bank Regional HS, Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	English Articulation Meeting	NA
Mayra Velasquez	01/11/08 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Red Bank Regional HS, Red Bank, NJ	\$0.00	English Articulation Meeting	NA
Maria Iozzi	01/15/08 – 01/16/08 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Princeton, NJ	\$0.00	Language Acquisition & Educational Achievement of English Language Learners	NA
Amy Campbell	01/16/08 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ	\$155.00	NJ ASK	20-270-200- 500-004
Julius Clark	01/16/08 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ	\$155.00	NJ ASK	20-270-200- 500-004
Kathy Hovey	01/16/08 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ	\$155.00	NJ ASK	20-270-200- 500-004
Mark Costa	01/16/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Monmouth University, W. Long Branch, NJ	\$0.00	Stars Challenge Science Workshop	NA
David Fortin	01/16/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Monmouth University, W. Long Branch, NJ	\$0.00	Stars Challenge Science Workshop	NA
Carlos Suarez	01/16/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Monmouth University, W. Long Branch, NJ	\$0.00	Stars Challenge Science Workshop	NA
Laura Morana	01/18/08 8:30 a.m. – 12:30	Freehold, NJ	\$0.00	Superintendents' Monthly Round Table	NA

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	p.m.			Meeting	
Laura Morana	01/19/08 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Matawan, NJ	\$0.00	Bayshore Jointure Commission Meeting	NA
Annie Darrow	01/24/08 8:30 a.m. - - 2:30 p.m.	Doubletree, Mt. Laurel, NJ	Part of subscription fee	OPRA	NA
Miranda Van Utrecht	01/24/08 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Tinton Falls, NJ	\$185.00	Practical Discipline Strategies for the Difficult Young Child	20-271-200-500-004
Laura Morana	01/25/08 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Freehold, NJ	\$0.00	County Special Education Directors' Monthly Meeting	NA
*Joseph Christiano	01/31/08 – 02/01/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$289.00 Per Diem \$81.00 Hotel \$99.00	NJASA Techspo 2008 *Pending clarification from State	20-270-200-320-004
*Jayne Frankenfield	01/31/08 – 02/01/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$289.00 Per Diem \$81.00 Hotel \$99.00	NJASA Techspo 2008 *Pending clarification from State	20-270-200-320-004
Denise Borns	02/11/08 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ	\$175.00	NJASK Workshops	20-270-200-500-604
Julius Clark	02/11/08 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ	\$175.00	NJASK Workshops	20-270-200-500-604
Crista Klemser	02/11/08 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ	\$175.00	NJASK Workshops	20-270-200-500-604
Jayne Frankenfield	02/14/08 – 02/17/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Tampa, FL	\$0.00	NJASA National Conference on Education	NA
Kara Malandrakis	02/28/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Atlantic City, NJ	\$159.00	Sensory Processing Disorder in Children & Adolescents	11-000-219-890-003
Wendy Strumph	02/28/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Atlantic City, NJ	\$159.00	Sensory Processing Disorder in Children & Adolescents	11-000-219-890-003
Wendy Turnock	03/12/08 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Princeton, NJ	\$279.00	Lawfully Managing Student Records	11-000-240-800-002
Maria Iozzi	3/17/08 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Monroe Township, NJ	\$135.00	Foreign Language Educators of NJ	11-24-100-890-000
Richard Cohen	04/07/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	DOE, Trenton, NJ	\$0.00	One Size Does Not Fit All (K-4)	NA
Karl Parker	04/07/08 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	DOE, Trenton, NJ	\$0.00	One Size Does Not Fit All (K-4)	NA

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3218. **BILLS PAYMENT**
To approve payment of final bills for November 2007 and for bills as of December 2007, as previously distributed in writing to the Board.
3219. **APPROVE MINUTES**
To approve minutes of the Board meeting of November 13, 2007 and November 20, 2007, as previously distributed in writing to the Board.
3220. **APPROVAL OF SECRETARY/TRANSFERS REPORT**
Pursuant to 18A:6-59
Approve the October 2007 Report of the Treasurer and the October 2007 Report of the Secretary as being in balance for the month.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above reports be accepted as submitted and that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
3221. **BUDGET TRANSFERS**
To ratify any budget transfers effective November per the transfer report previously distributed in writing to the board.
3222. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
To approve Cranmer Engineering, 166 Patterson Avenue, PO Box 7933, Shrewsbury, NJ 07722, as a professional consulting service regarding the Primary School property not to exceed \$26,850 for the 2007-2008 school year. (Proposal previously shared with board and attorney). Professional services are exempt from the public bidding requirements per Public School Contracts Law, but require they submit a Political Disclosure form.
3223. **BUILDING USE**
To approve the recurring building use request by Red Bank Recreation for the use of the Gym at the Primary School on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm to run Youth Basketball Practice December 2007 – March 2008.
3224. **BUILDING USE**
To approve the recurring building use request by Springview Gardens Condominium Association for the use of the Media Center at the Middle School to convene association meetings for condominium association members from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, March 5; June 4; October 1, 2008.
3225. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION**
To accept the generous donation from NO Joe's Café of items to support the Multiple Disabilities Class at the Middle School.

AYES: Forest, Kopka, Lowe, Mess, Roseman, Lewis, Noble NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Lewis abstained on motion 3219 as she was not present at the November 13 meeting.

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Ms. Roseman motioned, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to accept the following resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

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3226. Restore the Principle of Majority Rule in the State of New Jersey as it Pertains to Special Budget Questions in School Board Annual Elections

Whereas, New Jersey Public School Districts face increasing budgetary challenges to maintain effective and high quality educational programs, and

Whereas, greater budgetary constraints (caps) imposed by recent legislation (Assembly Bill A1 and formally known as P.L. 2007, c.62) force many school districts to present high quality educational programs to district voters by means of special questions, and

Whereas, P.L. 2007, c.62 imposes an unprecedented 60% majority vote requirement for a special question to be successful and further declares that school districts have no right of appeal to the local municipality or the Commissioner of Education should such questions fail, and

Whereas, low voter turnout (often less than 15%) for school budgetary questions often means that success or failure is often based on very low margins, and

Whereas, this requirement violates all principles of majority rule and gives those persons who vote in the negative greater voice and control in their respective communities,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education requests its legislative representatives and Governor Jon Corzine to amend Chapter 62 to eliminate the provision of a super-majority (60%) vote for school district special questions and restore the principle of "one person, one vote" in the State of New Jersey, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to our local legislative representatives in the General Assembly and Senate, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and to the New Jersey School Board's Association.

AYES: Forest, Kopka, Lowe, Mess, Roseman, Lewis, Noble NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

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Ms. Kopka motioned, seconded by Ms. Roseman, to accept the following:

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:

4442. That the Board approves the transfer of Jamie Herman from Middle School 5th Grade Math Teacher to Middle School 4th Grade Language Arts, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008 (no change in salary).
4443. That the Board accepts with regret the resignation of Barbara Lucisano, Primary School Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective February 1, 2008.
COMMENT: It was mentioned that Mrs. Lucisano was an ideal teacher and will be greatly missed.
4444. That the Board accepts the resignation of Margaret Scalice, Middle School Instructional Assistant, effective November 30, 2007.
4445. That the Board approves the unpaid family leave with benefits for Michael Melton, Middle School Teacher, effective October 23, 2007 through January 23, 2008.
4446. That the Board approves the appointment of Denise Borns, Middle School Teacher, as Mathematics Coach, no change in salary, effective as soon as a suitable replacement is found.
COMMENT: Ms. Borns was congratulated for her new position.
4447. That the Board approves the appointment of Susan Frieri as Primary School Instructional Assistant to replace Margaret Scalice, at a Step 1 prorated annual salary of \$23,050.00, effective January, 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008.
4448. That the Board approves the change in assignment for Tiffaney Harris as Primary School One-One Instructional Assistant, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008, with no change in step or salary.
4449. That the Board approves the appointment of Frances Rizzo as Primary School Special Education Instructional Assistant, at a Step 7 prorated annual salary of \$23,582.00, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008.
4450. That the Board accepts the resignation of William Sammons, Electrical Technician/Maintenance, effective December 17, 2007 without required 15-day notification.
4451. That the Board approves the change in effective date for the resignation of Ian Connor, Middle School Instructional Assistant, from January 1, 2008 to January 18, 2008 (Ian has not yet been replaced).
4452. That the Board approves an unpaid Family Leave of Absence with benefits for Sandra Davis, Primary School Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, effective January 2, 2008 through January 30, 2008.

EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

4453. That the Board approves the appointment and compensation for the following staff members to act as Substitute Teacher for the Primary School Before/After School Programs, effective December 19, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Karen Gerber Lucille Quinn Karim Vitolo

4454. That the Board approves the appointment and compensation for the following staff members to plan and design Parent – Student and Faculty Handbook, up to 20 hours each, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$27.50 per hour, account number 20-234-200-100-014.

Melissa Osmun Mary Wyman

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4455. That the Board approves the following employees for Benchmark Assessment Design at the contractual extra-work extra-pay hourly wage of \$27.50, not to exceed twenty (20) hours each, account number 20-234-200-100-014.

John Bombardier	Brandy Kluck
Denise Borns	Damian Medina
Julius Clark	Melissa Osmun
Karen Gerber	Christina Vlahos

4456. That the Board approves the appointment and compensation for Mary Lohan, LDTC, to serve on the Middle School's School Improvement Team, for the 2007-2008 school year, at the stipulated negotiated contractual rate of \$27.50, not to exceed two hours per month, funded through NCLB.

COMMENT: A general comment was made that there appeared to be a lot of transition of staff in the district and a concern on the impact for instruction. Mrs. Morana stated the district has no control over personal illnesses and family illness. Some of the staff changes included covering those situations, as well as moving a staff member to a Math Coach position that will increase the positive impact district-wide on Math instruction. Other staff changes included Instructional Assistants that are needed because the district brought several students back from out-of-district placements. These are needs that we could not have anticipated in September.

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:

6073. That the Board approves the acceptance of the FY2008 IDEIA Consolidated IDEA-B funds approved by the Office of Grants Management in the following amounts.

Basic	\$293,822
Preschool	\$ 12,663

6074. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit the 2008-2009 Early Childhood Program Aid (ECPA) Non-Abbott School District One-Year Operational Plan, in the amount of \$584,774.00.

6075. That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to accept the second place award from the Interwrite Makeover Video Contest of the Special Edition Interwrite Pad.

6076. That the Board approves the Middle School Eighth Grade Class Trip to Boston, Massachusetts thru Edutrip, from May 21, 2008 through May 23, 2008.

COMMENT: There was a question about the number of students that are participating in the 8th Grade trip and where the students will be staying. The School Business Administrator will provide this information to Board members in the Friday packet.

AYES: Forest, Kopka, Lowe, Mess, Roseman, Lewis, Noble NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: Miss Lowe abstained on motion 6076.

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10. HEARING OF PUBLIC: NONE

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- The final draft of the Board information pamphlet is ready.
- Mrs. Morana congratulated Ms. Borns on her new position that will provide support to classroom teachers at all levels. She indicated Ms. Borns will not take over the new position until a suitable replacement is found.
- Mrs. Morana welcomed Susan Frieri and Frances Rizzo to the district.
- There was a question regarding state aid figures and whether additional information was available. Mrs. Morana indicated to date there is no news to share.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Noble wished the faculty and staff a nice holiday and thanked them for a job well done.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:50 pm Ms. Mess motioned, seconded by Ms. Roseman, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Forest, Kopka, Lowe, Mess, Roseman, Lewis, Noble NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Darrow
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator