

**RED BANK BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

TUESDAY, August 29, 2023 7:00 PM

MINUTES



Red Bank Borough Board of Education

**Dominic Kalorin, President
Erik Perry, Vice President
Christina Bruno
Jennifer Garcia
E. Pamela McArthur
Ann Roseman
Paul Savoia
Dr. Frederick Stone
Suzanne Viscomi**

Jared J. Rumage, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Anthony Sciarrillo
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MISSION

Driven by the needs of our children, we provide a safe, nurturing, and challenging learning environment for every student, every day.

VISION

We believe our children should Dream BIG.
We will inspire. We will challenge.
They will achieve.

1. 7:01 p.m. Call to Order by the Board President and Reading of the Sunshine Statement:

“Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted January 3, 2023. Notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press newspaper and sent to the Municipal Clerk, Red Bank Borough, within 7 days per code.

At the commencement of the meetings, the Board is expected to immediately convene an executive session and expects to resume the public portion of its meeting upon its return from executive session. Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting as per the agenda.

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The Red Bank Borough Board of Education shall allow members of the public to make public comments by audio, or by audio and video, if the remote public meeting is held over both audio and video, during the meeting. In advance of the remote public meeting, the Board shall allow public comments to be submitted to the Business Administrator by electronic mail using publiccomment@rbb.k12.nj.us and in written form sent to Red Bank Board of Education, 76 Branch Avenue, Red Bank, NJ 07701. Public comments submitted by 4:00 PM the Monday before the remote public meeting through electronic mail or by written letter shall be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting in a manner audible to all meeting participants and the public. The Board imposes a five minute time limit on individual comments with the same limits placed on the reading of written comments. Bylaw 0164.6 found on the District website has more details on Remote Public Board Meetings.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00 PM – Red Bank Primary School Cafeteria

Bold Indicates Change

January 3, 2023	July 25, 2023 (Retreat @ 5:00 PM) RBMS
January 17, 2023	August 15, 2023 (RBMS)
January 31, 2023	August 29, 2023
February 21, 2023	September 12, 2023
March 14, 2023	October 10, 2023
April 25, 2023 Public Budget Hearing	November 14, 2023
May 16, 2023 (Red Bank Middle School)	December 12, 2023
June 6, 2023	January 2, 2024 Reorganization
June 20, 2023	

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Christina Bruno, Mr. Dom Kalorin, Ms. Pamela McArthur, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Dr. Frederick Stone, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi

ABSENT: Ms. Jennifer Garcia (arrived at 7:04pm), Mr. Erik Perry

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jared Ramage, Superintendent; Anthony Sciarrillo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ari D. Schneider, Esq.

3. FLAG SALUTE

At 7:02pm, Mr. Kalorin led the Salute to the Flag.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Ramage provided updates on the following items:

- Resurfacing of the playground
- Received 100 plus applications for the Vice Principal position at our Middle School
- Renewal of Interlocal Class III Officers
 - We are in our 2nd year of a 5-year agreement
 - In addition to their normal responsibilities, these officers have provided support with traffic for our arrivals and dismissals
- Our Preschool Supervisor, Mary Valdivia will be retiring January 1, 2024.
 - Mary is a great asset to our school community and greater community of Red Bank.
- Shared upcoming events, first day of school is Sept. 7, 2023

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Kalorin reported on the following items:

- Shared his positive experience during his attendance at the new teacher’s orientation. Red Bank is a great place to work
- Board continues discussion around the District Goals and the Board of Education Goals. Discussion focused on enhancing the goals to line with the vision of the School District.

2023-2024 DISTRICT GOALS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

That the Board approves the District Goals and the Board of Education Goals for 2023-2024 as discussed and reviewed.

DISTRICT GOALS 2023-2024

1. We will promote student growth and academic achievement for all learners by providing a safe, equitable, and student-centered learning environment that offers the proper balance of nurture and academic rigor.
2. We will ensure seamless transitions between grade levels and school sites, including High School, through home-school communications, community engagement, parent involvement and education, High School articulation and the use of best practices in social-emotional learning and soft skills development.
3. Implement community school elements to promote equity and access that allows all students the opportunity to maximize their academic, athletic, artistic and social potential.

BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS 2023-2024

1. Monitor the implementation of the current [Strategic Plan](#) and goals of the Red Bank Borough Public School District, as well as design a new 5-year Strategic Plan with community input.
2. Continue to strengthen engagement in the school community by remaining responsive to student, staff, and community feedback.
3. Advocate for a single public school district in the Borough of Red Bank to ensure the effective use of state and local funds, promote a unified community, and optimize learning for children of Red Bank.
4. Strengthen Board of Education member training.

Dr. Stone motioned, seconded by Ms. Roseman and carried on roll call vote for the District Goals and the Board of Education Goals for 2023-2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Ms. Christina Bruno, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, Mr. Dom Kalorin, Ms. Pamela McArthur, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Dr. Frederick Stone, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

ABSENT: Mr. Erik Perry

8. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - NONE

Bylaw #0167 reads . . . “Any individual deciding to speak shall state their name and address. 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.”

9. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

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. Almost without exception, before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the matter is thoroughly reviewed by the Superintendent and, when necessary, other school district administrators. If the Superintendent is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, and if the circumstances permit, it is then referred to the appropriate committee of the Board of Education. The members of the Board committee work with the Administration and the Superintendent to assure its understanding of the matter. When the Board committee and the Superintendent are satisfied that it may be presented to the Board of Education, the matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting.

10. ACTION AGENDA

Upon the motion of Dr. Stone, it was moved to approve the following action agenda items. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - 1000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following COMMUNITY RELATIONS resolution(s) are approved as indicated: **NONE**

COMPLIANCE – 2000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following COMPLIANCE resolution(s) are approved as indicated: **NONE**

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:

3153. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

That the Board approves the minutes from the August 15, 2023 Regular Session and Executive Sessions of the Board of Education.

3154. ACCEPTANCE OF 2022-2023 EXTRAORDINARY AID PAYMENT

That the Board approves the acceptance of the 2022-2023 Extraordinary Aid payment in the amount of \$300,700.00.

3155. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 TECHNOLOGY AID ENTITLEMENT

That the Board approves that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education accepts 2023-2024 New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Aid Initiative Program allocation in the District total amount of \$17,640.00 and each nonpublic school allocation as follows:

Tower Hill School	\$294.00
St. James Elementary	<u>\$17,346.00</u>
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$17,640.00

3156. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 SECURITY AID ENTITLEMENT

That the Board approves that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education accepts 2023-2024 New Jersey Nonpublic School Security Aid Initiative Program allocation in the District total amount of \$73,800.00 and each nonpublic school allocation as follows:

Tower Hill School	\$1,230.00
St. James Elementary	<u>\$72,570.00</u>
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$73,800.00

3157. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 NURSING SERVICE AID ENTITLEMENT

That the Board approves that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education accepts 2023-2024 New Jersey Nonpublic Nursing Services Aid Initiative Program allocation in the District total amount of \$43,200.00 and each nonpublic school allocation as follows:

Tower Hill School	\$720.00
St. James Elementary	<u>\$42,480.00</u>
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$43,200.00

3158. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 TEXTBOOK AID ENTITLEMENT

That the Board approves that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education accepts 2023-2024 New Jersey Nonpublic Textbook Aid Initiative Program allocation in the District total amount of \$20,812.00 and each nonpublic school allocation as follows:

Tower Hill School	\$347.00
St. James Elementary	<u>\$20,465.00</u>
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$20,812.00

3159. USE OF FACILITIES

That the Board approves the one-time and recurring building use requests according to Board Policy, as distributed to the Board, for the 2023-2024 school year.

3160. CROSSING GUARDS

That the Board approves payment to the Red Bank Borough for up to four crossing guards at a cost of \$5,000 each for a total not to exceed \$20,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

3161. INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

That the Board approves an Interlocal Agreement between the Borough of Red Bank and the Board of Education for the sharing of cost for the provisional of Class III Police Officers at the Red Bank Primary School and Red Bank Middle School as per Attachment A.

3162. TRAVEL

NAME	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	COST	THEME	ACCOUNT #
Meliza Lemus	10/13/23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wall, NJ	\$172.44	FMLA, NJFLA & Medical Leave	11-000-223-500-004
Jared Ramage	10/4/23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wall, NJ	\$173.57	HIB Training	11-000-219-592-003
Dawn Fowler	10/2/23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wall, NJ	\$152.33	HIB Training	11-000-219-592-003
Jenny Hurd	9/27/23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wall, NJ	\$162.01	HIB Training	11-000-219-592-003
Chris Murray	10/2/23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wall, NJ	\$172.91	HIB Training	11-000-219-592-003
Carlos Villacres	10/4/23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wall, NJ	\$171.97	HIB Training	11-000-219-592-003
Christina Vlahos	10/4/23 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wall, NJ	\$170.66	HIB Training	11-000-219-592-003

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:

4174. That the Board approves the appointment of Marisol Samol as a Bilingual Social Worker (new position) at a MA Step 9 prorated annual salary of \$67,075.00, pending a positive criminal history clearance and completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements effective September 25, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Account # 11-000-219-104-003

4175. That the Board accepts the resignation of Mary Valdivia, Supervisor of Preschool Program, for the purpose of retirement effective January 1, 2024.

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4176. That the Board approves the following Guest Teachers for the 2023-2024 school year pending a positive criminal history clearance and completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements.

Grace-Marie Cartagena
Barbara Mullery

Nicole Doxey
Emily Springer

Grace Kuri
Andie Zaikov

4177. That the Board approves the appointment of Valery Petrone as a financial consultant at the rate of \$125.00 per hour, not to exceed a total of 100 hours, effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

4178. That the Board approves a paid leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Vaanessaa Vazquez effective September 1, 2023 through September 22, 2023 utilizing sick days.

4179. That the Board approves a paid leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Toni Merritt effective September 1, 2023 through November 1, 2023 utilizing sick days.

4180. That the Board approves the appointment of Stephen Stec as a Middle School ELA Long Term Leave Replacement teacher (replacing Alison Saffos), effective September 1, 2023 through January 22, 2024 and as a Tenure Track ELA Support Teacher effective January 23, 2024 through June 30, 2024, at a BA Step 6 annual salary of \$57,685.00 pending a positive criminal history clearance and completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements. Account # 11-130-100-101-002

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

6033. That the Board of Education deems student participation in curriculum related field trips to be educationally beneficial. Pursuant to regulation 6A:23A-59c)(1), the Board hereby approves the resolution.

FUNDING SOURCE	LOCATION
ARP Grant	Huber Woods, Locust, NJ (Grade 4)
ARP Grant	Murray Farmhouse, Middletown, NJ (Grade 5)

6034. That the Board recognizes the following events.

MONTH/DATE	EVENT
September 2023	Attendance Awareness Month
September 15 - October 15, 2023	National Hispanic Heritage Month
October 2 - 6, 2023	National Week of Respect
October 9 - 13, 2023	Fire Prevention Week

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October 16 - 20, 2023	School Violence Awareness Week
October 23 - 31, 2023	Red Ribbon Week

BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD – 9000

BE IT RESOLVED by the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the following BYLAWS OF THE BOARD resolution(s) are approved as indicated:

9016. That the Board approves the following policies for second reading and adoption:

- 1642.01 Sick Leave
- 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams

9017. That the Board approves the following regulations for second reading and adoption:

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- 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams

AGENDA CONSENT VOTE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION approve all Action Consent items as noted in all Sections of this agenda as appropriate and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION authorize the administration to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by Dr. Stone and seconded by Ms. Roseman.

AYES: Ms. Christina Bruno, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, Mr. Dom Kalorin, Ms. Pamela McArthur, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Dr. Frederick Stone, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi,

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

ABSENT: Erik Perry

11. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Roseman raised awareness to ChatGPT related to its potential impact for Curriculum & Instruction for Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Ms. Viscomi brought to our attention construction projects around town that might impact our bus routes, such as lead pipe construction on Locust Avenue and road reconstruction on South Street. Additionally, the town is discussing a policy to remove unhitched trailers from our streets.
- Ms. McArthur and Ms. Garcia discussed potential policy to allow for board members to attend Board meetings virtually.
- Mr. Savoia praised packet pickup, stating it was a great community event for our families and students.
 - Dr. Ramage shared that we had 90% participation in packet pickup.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:08pm, Ms. McArthur motioned, seconded by Ms. Garcia, and carried on voice vote to Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Sciarrillo
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary



Dreaming BIGGER 2019-2024

- Goal 1:** Maximize Student Growth
- Goal 2:** Foster A Positive Organizational Culture & Climate
- Goal 3:** Resource Management
- Goal 4:** Data-Driven Decision Making
- Goal 5:** Technology For Personalized Learning

Dream BIG... We'll Help You Get There!

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3. Advocate for and endorse a single public school district in the Borough of Red Bank.
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2023 BOE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

	COMMUNITY RELATIONS	CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION	POLICY	FACILITIES & SAFETY	FINANCE
CHAIR	Jennifer Garcia	Ann Roseman	Fred Stone	Dominic Kalorin	Suzanne Viscomi
MEMBERS	Christina Bruno E. Pamela McArthur Suzanne Viscomi	Paul Savoia Jennifer Garcia Fred Stone	OPEN E. Pamela McArthur Erik Perry	Erik Perry Fred Stone E. Pamela McArthur	Dominic Kalorin Ann Roseman Fred Stone
TIME	7:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	9:00 AM	6:30 PM
LOCATION	BOE Office	BOE Office	BOE Mtg Location	BOE Office	BOE Mtg Location
MEETING DATES	No Jan Meeting	No Jan Meeting	01/17/23	No Jan Meeting	01/17/23
	02/28/23	02/28/23	02/21/23	02/28/23	02/21/23
	Canceled	03/28/23	Canceled	03/14/23	03/14/23
	Canceled	04/25/23	04/25/23	04/25/23	04/25/23
	05/23/23	05/23/23	Canceled	05/16/23	Canceled
	Canceled	Canceled	06/06/23	06/20/23	06/06/23
	No July Meeting	No July Meeting	No July Meeting	No July Meeting	No July Meeting
	Canceled	08/22/23	08/15/23	08/15/23	08/15/23
	09/26/23	09/26/23	09/12/23	09/12/23	09/12/23
	Canceled	Canceled	10/10/23	10/10/23	10/10/23
	11/21/23	11/21/23	11/14/23	11/14/23	11/14/23
	12/19/23	12/19/23	12/12/23	12/12/23	12/12/23

Negotiations: Ann Roseman (Chair), Dominic Kalorin, Suzanne Viscomi (Meets as Needed)

Residency: Ann Roseman, Fred Stone, OPEN, Suzanne Viscomi (Meets as Needed)