

RED BANK BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR VOTING MEETING

TUESDAY, September 10, 2024 7:00 PM

MINUTES



Red Bank Borough Board of Education

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

Jared J. Ramage, 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. **7:00 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 2, 2024. 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.

Fire exits are located in the direction indicated. In case of fire, you will be signaled by a bell and/or public address system. If so alerted, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest exit.

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.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00 PM – Red Bank Primary School Cafeteria

Bold Indicates Change

January 2, 2024	July 9, 2024 (Retreat @ 5:00 PM)
January 16, 2024	August 13, 2024
February 13, 2024	August 27, 2024
March 19, 2024	September 10, 2024
March 26, 2024 (Board Office @ 6:00 PM)	October 8, 2024
April 24, 2024 Budget Hearing (RBMS)	November 12, 2024
May 14, 2024	December 10, 2024
June 11, 2024	January 7, 2025 Reorganization

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Christina Bruno, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, Mr. Dominic Kalorin, Mr. Erik Perry, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Dr. Frederick Stone, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi

ABSENT: Ms. Pamela McArthur

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jared Ramage, Superintendent; Anthony Sciarrillo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Jonathan Busch, Esq.

3. FLAG SALUTE

At 7:00pm, Mr. Kalorin led the Salute to the Flag.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:02pm, Mr. Perry motioned, seconded by Ms. Roseman and carried on voice vote to convene in the Executive Session.

- a. Attorney-Client Privilege
- b. Negotiations
- c. Personnel

At 7:07pm, Mr. Perry motioned, seconded by Ms. Viscomi and carried on voice vote to convene in Public Session.

CALLED TO ORDER - RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION: 7:08pm.

PRESENT: Ms. Christina Bruno, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, Mr. Dominic Kalorin, Mr. Erik Perry, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Dr. Frederick Stone, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi

ABSENT: Ms. Pamela McArthur

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Back to School Update
- b. ACCESS Assessment Presentation - Mrs. Dena Russo, Supervisor of RtI & ESL

Dr. Ramage shared with the Board an update on the first few days of school. Happy to see the faces of our students back after the summer. He shared the status of a few of our projects, specifically the more welcoming larger nurse's station at the Primary School and the Middles School Site Improvements.

After sharing his update, he introduced Mrs. Dena Russo, who presented on our ACCESS Assessment.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Community Relations - No report
- Curriculum & Instruction - No report.
- Facilities & Safety
 - Mr. Kalorin noted that all the facilities requests reviewed were for internal purposes.
 - Pavilion, walking path, basketball/pickleball courts, upper and lower field are nearing completion. Will be substantially complete by the end of September. Maintenance

garage is scheduled to be completed at the end of October.

- The Middle School gym has been resurfaced with a new floor design.
- The Primary School nurse's station has been completed. New beds for our students should be delivered in the next few weeks.
- Finance
 - Ms. Viscomi shared that we made two short term NJ ARM investments that will be maturing in November and December. Interest rates are decreasing.
 - Our audit is in process. Auditors were on-site for two weeks in August.
 - Our ROD grant for Boiler replacement was approved and bid advertisement is planned for late fall.
- Policy - No report.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Kalorin shared that the students walking past his house seem excited to be back in school. Also, has a good view of the Middle School improvements.

8. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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."

- Ms. Mary Barcellona, 39 Brown Place, expressed the importance of communicating with parents and thanked the Board for their continued support. An example of such communication would be a community calendar. She was happy to lend a hand.
- Ms. Catherine Ferguson, 41 Brown Place, asked if there were any updates to the state funding and if there was anything the parents could do. Greatly appreciated Dr. Rumage's continued work with our Senator.
 - Dr. Rumage shared that he remained optimistic.

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 Mr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Roseman, 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

BOARD SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATION

I, Anthony Sciarrillo, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that no line item has been over-expended in the month of July 2024 in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Anthony Sciarrillo

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

Payroll Certification for the period of August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

August 15, 2024	\$250,120.24
August 30, 2024	\$164,504.09

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:

3162. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

That the Board approves the minutes from the August 27, 2024 Regular Session and Executive Session of the Board of Education.

3163. BILLS PAYMENT

To authorize the payment of final bills for August 2024 in the amount of \$1,193,187.95 and for bills as of September 2024 in the amount of \$2,533,363.73.

3164. BUDGET TRANSFERS

To ratify any budget transfers effective July 2024 per the transfer report.

3165. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT

Pursuant to 18A:6-59 to approve the July 2024 Report of the Treasurer and the July 2024 Report of the Secretary as being in balance for the month.

3166. LEARNWELL EDUCATION

That the Board approves an agreement with LearnWell Education to provide Hospital based academic instruction for students on an as needed basis commencing September 11, 2024 through June 17, 2025, total cost not to exceed \$2,000. Account #11-000-216-320-003

3167. TRAVEL

NAME	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	COST	THEME	ACCOUNT #
Michael Dougherty	09/30/2024 9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Toms River, NJ	\$173.76	HIB Training Program	11-000-221-500-004
Christopher Murray	09/30/2024 9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Toms River, NJ	\$172.54	HIB Training Program	11-000-221-500-004
Dawn Fowler	10/02/2024 9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Toms River, NJ	\$153.83	HIB Training Program	11-000-221-500-004
Christina Vlahos	10/02/2024 9:30 AM-12:30 PM	Toms River, NJ	\$170.66	HIB Training Program	11-000-221-500-004

3168. That the Board accepts the generous donation of \$10,000.00 from the Leonard & Lois Green Charitable Foundation. \$9,000.00 to be used for three After School Chorus Programs and \$1,000.00 to be used for instrument repairs and replacements at the Red Bank Primary and Middle Schools.

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:

4151. That the Board approves the following Guest Teachers for the 2024-2025 school year pending a positive criminal history clearance and completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements.

Jenna Caruso

4152. That the Board approves the appointment of Dana Gebrian as a Middle School Special Education/ELA Teacher at a MA Step 15 annual salary of \$78,150.00 (pending completion of RBBEA negotiations) pending completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements,

effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Account #11-213-100-101-RR2

- 4153.** That the Board approves the appointment of Joi Stepney as a Grade 8 Science Long-Term Leave Replacement Guest Teacher (replacing Lauren Skove) at a MA Step 11 prorated annual salary of \$69,950.00 (pending completion of RBBEA negotiations) pending completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements, effective September 1, 2024 through January 3, 2025. Account #11-130-100-101-002
- 4154.** That the Board approves a paid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act for Erin Carty, utilizing 40 sick days concurrently, effective October 3, 2024 through December 4, 2024, an unpaid leave under the New Jersey Family Leave Act effective December 5, 2024 through March 5, 2025, and an unpaid contractual leave effective March 6, 2025 through June 19, 2025.
- 4155.** That the Board approves the appointment of Maria Sanchez Ocototxtle as a District Custodian at an annual prorated salary of \$33,000.00 pending a positive criminal history clearance and completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements, effective on or around September 16, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Account #11-000-262-100-005

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 approves the following university student’s program placement, cooperating teacher/student support personnel, and dates of placement for the 2024-2025 school year.

STUDENT	SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY	COOPERATING STAFF/GRADE/SCHOOL	DATES/HOURS
Molly Fallon	Brookdale C.C.	Cummins/Bunge/Grade 3/ Primary School	50 hours during the Fall 2024 semester
Janaya Brown	Brookdale C.C.	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2024 semester
Alyssa Formica	Brookdale C.C.	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2024 semester
Volha Bennici	Brookdale C.C.	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2024 semester
Jennifer Vargas-Chavez	Brookdale C.C.	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2024 semester

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Iana Dunaevskaia	Brookdale C.C.	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2024 semester
Courtney Gargaloni	Brookdale C.C.	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2024 semester

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:

9033. That the Board approves the following policy for first reading:
 2200 Curriculum Content

9034. That the Board approves the following policies for second reading and adoption:
 3160 Physical Examination
 4160 Physical Examination
 5337 Service Animals
 5350 Student Suicide Prevention
 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations
 8467 Firearms and Weapons
 9181 Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants

9035. That the Board approves the following regulations for second reading and adoption:
 3160 Physical Examination
 4160 Physical Examination
 5200 Attendance
 8467 Firearms and Weapons

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.

AYES: Ms. Christina Bruno, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, Mr. Dominic Kalorin, Mr. Erik Perry, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Dr. Frederick Stone, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: Ms. Pamela McArthur ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Ms. Garcia shared with the Board, prior to agenda consent vote, expressing gratitude to Leonard & Lois Green Charitable Foundation for the donation to facilitate the performing arts in our School.

11. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** - None

12. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Viscomi reminded the Community that the safety of our children is of utmost importance. Even with a Crossing Guard, our students still need to look left and right before crossing the street.
- Ms. Garcia shared that we have a new Dream Bigger logo for our Strategic Plan, “Dream Bigger, 2024-2029, A Five Year Roadmap.”
- Mr. Kalorin informed the Board that an email would be coming in the next few days, requesting each Board Member to provide their availability for Dec. 11th and Dec. 17th. Our Dec. 10th Board Meeting will be rescheduled.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:31pm, Mr. Perry motioned, seconded by Ms. Viscomi and carried on voice vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Sciarrillo
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary



Dream BIGGER: A Five Year Roadmap 2024-2029

- Goal 1: Enhance Student Experience
- Goal 2: Facilities and Finance
- Goal 3: Community and Stakeholder Engagement
- Goal 4: Culture and Climate
- Goal 5: Health and Wellness

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

DISTRICT GOALS

1. We will support academic achievement for all learners by providing a safe, equitable, and student-centered learning environment.
2. We will engage in articulation and promote seamless transitions from Preschool - Grade 12.
3. We will implement community school elements to ensure equity and access that allows all students the opportunity to maximize their academic, athletic, artistic, and social potential.

BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

1. Support and monitor the pursuit of the goals and objectives delineated in Dream Bigger: A Five- Year Roadmap for the Red Bank Borough Public School District.
2. Continue to strengthen engagement in the school community by remaining responsive to student, staff, and community feedback.
3. Advocate for consistent, adequate State and local funding to support sustainable long-term planning and optimize educational and related services for all Red Bank families.
4. Advocate for a single Preschool - Grade 8 publicly funded school district in the Borough of Red Bank.

2024 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	No Jan Meeting	No Jan Meeting	01/16/24
	02/20/24	02/20/24	CANCELED	02/13/24	02/13/24
	Strategic Planning Meetings	CANCELED	03/19/24	03/19/24	03/19/24
		04/16/24	CANCELED	04/24/24	04/24/24
		CANCELED	CANCELED	05/14/24	05/14/24
	CANCELED	06/04/24	CANCELED	06/11/24	06/11/24
	07/23/24 (6 PM)	No July Meeting	No July Meeting	07/09/24	No July Meeting
	08/27/24	08/20/24	08/13/24	08/13/24	08/13/24
	No Sep Meeting	No Sep Meeting	09/10/24	09/10/24	09/10/24
	10/01/24	10/01/24	10/08/24	10/08/24	10/08/24
	11/05/24	11/05/24	11/12/24	11/12/24	11/12/24
	12/03/24	12/03/24	12/10/24	12/10/24	12/10/24

Negotiations: Ann Roseman (Chair), Dominic Kalorin, Fred Stone (Meets as Needed)

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