RED BANK BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR VOTING MEETING

TUESDAY, September 15, 2026 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Red Bank Borough Board of Education

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

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. **7:02 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 6, 2026. 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 6, 2026
January 20, 2026
February 10, 2026
March 17, 2026
April 28, 2026 Public Budget Hearing
May 12, 2026
June 9, 2026
June 18, 2026 (Board Office @ 6:00 PM)
July 14, 2026 (Board Retreat @ 5:00 PM)
August 11, 2026
August 25, 2026
September 15, 2026
October 13, 2026
November 10, 2026
December 8, 2026
January 5, 2027 Reorganization

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Christina Bruno, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, Mr. Dominic Kalorin, Ms. Pamela McArthur, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Ms. Christy Sunquist, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi
ABSENT: Dr. Frederick Stone
ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jared Rumage, Superintendent; Anthony Sciarrillo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Jonathan Busch, Esq.

3. FLAG SALUTE

At 7:02pm, Ms. Viscomi led the Salute to the Flag.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:03pm, Ms. McArthur motioned, seconded by Ms. Garcia and carried on voice vote to convene in Executive Session.

a. Personnel
b. Attorney-Client Privilege

CALLED TO ORDER - RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION: 7:26pm
PRESENT: Ms. Christina Bruno, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, Mr. Dominic Kalorin, Ms. Pamela McArthur, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Ms. Christy Sunquist, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi
ABSENT: Dr. Frederick Stone

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rumage provided an update on the items listed below. Board discussion occurred during both presentations.

a. August 2026 Staff Attendance Report

CATEGORY	# OF STAFF	TOTAL POSSIBLE DAYS	TOTAL ABSENCES	% ATTENDANCE
Leadership Team & Support Staff	37	718	41.5	94
Certificated Staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Instructional Assistants	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	**37**	**718**	**41.5**	**94**

b. ACCESS for ELLs Assessment Presentation - Mrs. Dena Russo, Supervisor of RtI & ESL
c. 2026-2027 District Goals & Strategic Plan Update

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Community Relations - None
- Curriculum & Instruction - None
- Facilities & Safety
    - The facilities committee met this morning. At the Primary School, Phase II is nearing completion. Paving has been completed in both the staff and lower parking lots, and new double doors have been installed for the Pre-K and Kindergarten entrance. We have also added a sidewalk extension from Door 4 to Door 5 along the access path, ensuring safe passage for our students riding the bus.
    - In the previous meeting, we approved an additional cost of approximately $12k for the Middle School Parking Lot. When we received the final invoice, the additional cost was double what we expected. After discussion with the vendor, the additional cost was reduced from approximately $12k to $4,300.
- Finance
    - Ms. Viscomi shared that the finance committee discussed the donation of $25,000 from the Leonard & Lois Green Charitable Foundation to be accepted tonight. This is the third year receiving the donation, which has provided resources for growing music programs,
    - Furthermore, the committee discussed the upcoming budget season.
- Policy - None

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Viscomi thanked the Board for being present at the 9/11 ceremony. Our students read a poem during the ceremony. She shared that she attended the Monmouth County School Boards finance committee meeting. The committee focused their discussion on the school funding formula.

8. HEARING OF 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."

- Town councilmember, Mr. Ben Forest, expressed his gratitude for the Board's continuous support of our students. The presentations tonight were very powerful. His children are true products of our school system.

9. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Oftentimes 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 of Schools and, when necessary, other school district administrators. If the Superintendent of Schools 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 Ms. Roseman, seconded by Ms. Garcia, 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.

The board discussed certain agenda items prior to the consent agenda vote.

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:

2030. That the Board approves the submission of the NJDOE Statement of Assurance for the requirements of the District Mentoring Plan and District Professional Development Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

2031. That the Board approves the submission of the NJDOE Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff by September 30, 2026

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 2026 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, 2026 through August 30, 2026.

August 15, 2026	$220,816.94
August 30, 2026	$152,094.60

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:

3159. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

That the Board approves the minutes from the August 25, 2026 Regular Session and Executive Session of the Board of Education.

3160. BILLS PAYMENT

To authorize the payment for final bills as of August 2026 in the amount of $1,184,613.78 and for bills as of September 2026 in the amount of $2,207,893.87.

3161. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Pursuant to 18A:6-59 to approve the July 2026 Report of the Treasurer and the July 2026 Report of the Secretary as being in balance for the month.

3162. BUDGET TRANSFERS

To ratify any budget transfers effective July 2026 per the transfer report.

3163. FEDERAL GRANT SALARY ALLOCATIONS

That the Board approves the 2026-2027 Federal Grant Salary Allocations as per Attachment A.

3164. 2026-2027 BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIES

That the Board adopts the Board of Education Priorities for 2026-2027.

1. The Board will systematically monitor progress on the Dream BIGGER Strategic Plan with updates on the successes and challenges at least twice per year.
2. The Board will exercise proactive fiscal oversight internally and externally. Internally by conducting data-driven budget reviews and establishing long-range financial scenarios to safeguard long-term district stability and to ensure the offering of top tier programs while limiting the fiscal burden on Red Bank Taxpayers. Externally by continuing advocacy for school funding reform.
3. The Board will enhance its governance efficiency and internal communication by clarifying committee reporting to ensure clear communication of the goals, priorities and activities of each committee, and continued professional development opportunities for improvement in governance practice.
4. The Board will advocate for a single Preschool - Grade 8 publicly funded school district in the Borough of Red Bank.

3165. DONATION

That the Board accepts with gratitude the generous donation of $25,000 from the Leonard & Lois Green Charitable Foundation to be used for Chorus and Band Programs at the Red Bank Primary and Middle Schools.

3166. RESOLUTION OPPOSED TO THE CHARTER RENEWAL OF THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL AND ADVOCATING FOR A UNIFIED PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 8 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Borough Board of Education is committed to providing a high-quality, equitable, and comprehensive public education to all children residing within the Borough of Red Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Borough Board of Education and the Red Bank Borough Council have previously approved resolutions supporting a single, unified public school district to foster educational equity and maximize fiscal efficiency within our two-square-mile community; and

WHEREAS, the total combined Pre-K through Grade 8 student enrollment across both the Red Bank Borough Public Schools and the Red Bank Charter School is fewer than 1,300 students; and

WHEREAS, operating a bifurcated public education system for fewer than 1,300 students generates unnecessary fiscal redundancies, resulting in nearly $2,000,000 annually in overlapping administrative, operational, facility, and transportation expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Borough Public Schools is required to transfer approximately $2,900,000 annually to the Red Bank Charter School, and unifying the student body under a single public system will eliminate redundancies and provide streamlined efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Charter School has experienced a substantial decline in local demand, operating below its capacity of 195 students with only 146 Red Bank residents out of 169 total enrolled students, thereby requiring the recruitment of non-resident students; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Charter School's waiting list has dwindled to under 40 applicants, with only approximately 15 Red Bank resident applicants—100% of whom are preschool students—resulting in zero waiting list demand among Red Bank residents for Grades K through 8; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Treasury records reflect acute fiscal distress at the Red Bank Charter School, including $182,882.61 in delinquent State Health Benefits Plan premiums that resulted in the formal termination of its state health coverage on January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the structural existence of two separate public school systems within a two-square-mile borough has perpetuated socio-demographic isolation, resulting in stark disparities in the enrollment of economically disadvantaged students, Multilingual Learners, and students with complex special education needs; and
WHEREAS, the Red Bank Borough Public Schools is a designated NJDOE 2019 Lighthouse District, 2026 high-performing QSAC district, and home to award-winning state and national educators with full facility and programmatic capacity to seamlessly absorb all Red Bank resident students into a unified learning environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education formally requests that the Commissioner of New Jersey Department of Education deny the charter renewal application of the Red Bank Charter School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Red Bank Borough Board of Education urges the New Jersey Department of Education to support the transition toward a single, unified Pre-K through Grade 8 public school system in the Borough of Red Bank to ensure fiscal sustainability, community cohesion, and educational equity for all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted immediately to the Commissioner of Education, the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for Monmouth County, the Governor of New Jersey, local state legislators representing New Jersey's 11th Legislative District, and the Mayor and Borough Council of Red Bank.

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:

4188. That the Board approves the following Guest Staff for the 2026-2027 school year pending a positive criminal history clearance and completion of all personnel paperwork and requirements.

Matthew Forte	Jillian Loftus	Dominique Martin
Maria McAlary	Tracey O'Keefe	

4189. That the Board terminates the employment of Guillermina Reyes Jimenez, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 1, 2026.

4190. That the Board approves the appointment of Angela Cepeda-Burgos as a Cafeteria Aide for the 2026-2027 school year. Account # 11-000-262-107-001

4191. That the Board approves a paid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act for Shniece Perry utilizing 12 sick days concurrently, effective October 16, 2026 through November 2, 2026.

4192. That the Board accepts the resignation of Samantha Ruhnke, Systems Administrator, effective November 4, 2026.

4193. That the Board approves the Cafeteria Aide Job Description as per Attachment B.

4194. That the Board approves the Bus Aide Job Description as per Attachment C.

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:

6030. 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
Count Basie Grant	Count Basie Center for the Arts, Red Bank, NJ (Grades K-1)

6031. That the Board approves the following university student's program placement, cooperating teacher/clinician/student support personnel, and dates of placement for the 2026-2027 school year.

STUDENT	SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY	COOPERATING STAFF/GRADE/SCHOOL	DATES/HOURS
Mikayla Koval	Brookdale Community College	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2026 semester
Alexandra Punko	Brookdale Community College	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2026 semester
Yarelis Rodriguez	Brookdale Community College	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2026 semester
George Breslin	Brookdale Community College	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2026 semester
Ceeasia Rivera	Brookdale Community College	Reardon/Nurse/ Primary School	1 day during the Fall 2026 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:

9013. That the Board approves the following policy for second reading and adoption:
P0155 Board Committees

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, Ms. Pamela McArthur, Ms. Ann Roseman, Mr. Paul Savoia, Ms. Christy Sunquist, Ms. Suzanne Viscomi
ABSENT: Dr. Frederick Stone

11. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

12. OLD BUSINESS

- Board members shared that Red Bank Porchfest would be occurring again this year.
- Brief discussion regarding the funding formula, specifically, the transportation survey has been shared with districts. The report should be available in late June.

13. NEW BUSINESS - None

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43pm, Mr. Kalorin motioned, seconded by Ms. McArthur 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. Offer a well-rounded and challenging student experience to meet the needs and increase opportunities for all students in both academics and extracurricular programming.

2. Explore new ways to streamline district operations and bolster district finances by optimizing available resources.

3. Build authentic community partnerships and relationships as a means to increase involvement.

4. Foster strong relationships between educators, students, and families to support academic achievement and personal growth.

5. Promote a culture of healthy living so students, staff, and the greater community can fully engage in the educational process.

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.

2026 BOE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

	COMMUNITY RELATIONS	CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION	POLICY	FACILITIES & SAFETY	FINANCE
CHAIR	Christina Bruno	Ann Roseman	Fred Stone	Dominic Kalorin	Suzanne Viscomi
MEMBERS	Jennifer Garcia E. Pamela McArthur Suzanne Viscomi	Christina Bruno Paul Savoia Fred Stone	E. Pamela McArthur Paul Savoia Christy Sunquist	Fred Stone E. Pamela McArthur	Jennifer Garcia 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	No Jan Meeting
	02/17/26	02/17/26	02/10/26	Cancelled	02/10/26
	03/31/26	03/24/26 (5:00)	Cancelled	03/17/26	03/17/26
	Cancelled	04/21/26	04/28/26	04/28/26	04/28/26
	05/19/26	05/26/26	05/12/26	05/12/26	05/12/26
	Cancelled	Cancelled	06/09/26	06/09/26	06/09/26
	No July Meeting	No July Meeting	TBD	No July Meeting	No July Meeting
	08/18/26	08/18/26	Cancelled	08/25/26	Cancelled
	09/22/26	09/22/26	Cancelled	09/15/26	09/15/26
	10/20/26	10/20/26	TBD	10/13/26	10/13/26
	11/17/26	11/17/26	11/10/26	11/10/26	11/10/26
	12/15/26	12/15/26	12/08/26	12/08/26	12/08/26

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

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