

**RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
101 RIDGE ROAD
LITTLE SILVER, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2025**

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

There will be a monthly meeting of the Red Bank Regional High School Board of Education on **Monday, January 27, 2025**, in the Board of Education Conference Room, at 101 Ridge Rd., Little Silver, New Jersey.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

“Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 23, 2025. Notice of this meeting was also forwarded to the Borough Halls of Little Silver, Red Bank and Shrewsbury for posting.”

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: 5:32pm

Mrs. Amanda Galante, Mr. John Garofalo, Mrs. Ursula Henry, Mr. Patrick Noble, Mr. Mark Taylor, Mrs. Nicole Woods *Absent*: Mrs. Memone Crystian (*arrived 5:37pm*), Mrs. Tara Gibb (*arrived 5:35pm*), Mrs. Jennifer Lipp

Also in attendance:

Debra Pappagallo, School Business Administrator
Dr. Louis Moore, Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS NONE

(Board Policy #0167 - Public & Executive Sessions) Per Board Bylaw #0167, any individual deciding to speak shall state their name and address. All comments will be directed to the presiding officer. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. In the event it appears the public comment portions of the meeting may exceed thirty minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to three minutes' duration.

1.0 BOARD INITIATIVES

Be it resolved by the Red Bank Regional Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resolutions are approved as indicated: 1.1

1.1 PILOT PROGRAM INCLUSION

WHEREAS, The Red Bank Zoning Board voted in April of 2024 to identify an area surrounding the Red Bank Train Station as an area in need of redevelopment, and a proposal has since been made public by developer Denholtz Properties to create up to 400 apartment units as part of the redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, Red Bank Regional High School is the public high school of the Boroughs of Red Bank, Little Silver, and Shrewsbury, which all residents of the three municipalities are legally entitled to attend for their grades 9-12 education; and,

WHEREAS, Funding for the public education provided by Red Bank Regional High School to our students is derived primarily from local property taxes collected from the three sending districts of Red Bank, Little Silver, and Shrewsbury; and,

WHEREAS, It is the right of the Borough of Red Bank to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement if it so chooses. By default, the Borough of Red Bank would receive 95% of said payment and the Red Bank Regional High School district would receive no funding towards the education of any high school-age students residing in the hundreds of new apartments; and,

WHEREAS, It is the right of the Red Bank Regional High School Board of Education to request participation in the creation of a PILOT agreement and compensation from said agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Being denied an equitable share of a PILOT agreement to fund the education of these students would be detrimental to the finances of Red Bank Regional High School and negatively impact all students of the Boroughs of Red Bank, Little Silver, and Shrewsbury, up to and including potentially severe budget cuts to offset the funding for public education being diverted by the Red Bank Borough Council via said agreement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Red Bank Regional High School Board of Education formally requests involvement in any PILOT agreement negotiations between the Borough of Red Bank and Denholtz Properties with the intention of securing public education funding proportional to what would be received by Red Bank Regional High School without a PILOT agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the following individuals and entities:

- Red Bank Mayor William Portman
- The Borough Council Members of Red Bank, Little Silver, and Shrewsbury
- The Boards of Education of Red Bank, Little Silver, and Shrewsbury School Districts
- 11th Legislative District representatives Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywoman Margie Donlan, and Assemblywoman Luanne Peterpaul
- 13th Legislative District representatives Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Assemblywoman Victoria Flynn, and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger
- Dr. Lester Richens, Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools
- New Jersey School Boards Association
- Monmouth County School Boards Association
- Red Bank Regional Education Association
- Red Bank Green
- Two River Times
- Asbury Park Press

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Galante, Mr. Garofalo, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Noble, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Woods
Absent: Mrs. Crystian (*arrived 5:37*), Mrs. Gibb (*arrived 5:35pm*), Mrs. Lipp

2.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Be it resolved by the Red Bank Regional Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resolutions are approved as indicated: 2.1

Operations

2.1 NJ Department of Education Equivalency Application

That the Board of Education approve the NJDOE Equivalency Application for the district to be evaluated using the equivalent set of quality performance indicators for the I&P indicators 1-7 on the 2024-2025 NJ QSAC monitoring and evaluation process.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Galante, Mr. Garofalo, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Noble, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Woods
Absent: Mrs. Crystian (*arrived 5:37*), Mrs. Gibb (*arrived 5:35pm*), Mrs. Lipp

5.0 FINANCE

Be it Resolved by the Red Bank Regional Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Finance resolutions are approved as indicated: 5.1

5.1 Approval for Public Bidding

That the board authorize and approve Spiezle Architectural Group Inc. to advertise projects for public bidding as well as accept bids on behalf of the district.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Galante, Mr. Garofalo, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Noble, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Woods
Absent: Mrs. Crystian (*arrived 5:37*), Mrs. Gibb (*arrived 5:35pm*), Mrs. Lipp

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:35pm

RECOMMENDED: Motioned by Mrs. Henry and seconded by Mr. Garofalo, that this Board of Education, Red Bank Regional High School, enter into executive session for discussion of personnel, student issues, negotiations, litigations, as well as other matters which require attorney/client privilege. The outcome of such discussions will be made public at the appropriate time.

Voice Vote: Mrs. Galante, Mr. Garofalo, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Noble, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Woods
Absent: Mrs. Crystian (*arrived 5:37*), Mrs. Gibb (*arrived 5:35pm*), Mrs. Lipp

ADJOURNMENT - 6:03pm

There being no other business to come before the Board, a motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting was moved by Mrs. Galante and seconded by Mrs. Gibb:

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Crystian, Mrs. Galante, Mr. Garofalo, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Noble, Mrs. Woods
Absent: Mrs. Lipp, Mr. Taylor (*exited at 5:46pm*)

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Pappagallo
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR: February 19, 2025