

City of Red Bank

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Agenda

December 13, 2023

6:00 PM

Special Called Meeting - Elementary School Facility
Proposal

- I. Call to Order – Mayor Hollie Berry**
- II. Roll Call –Assistant City Recorder Summer Sheldon**

Mayor Hollie Berry _____ Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton _____, Commissioner Jamie Fairbanks-Harvey _____, Commissioner Pete Phillips _____, Commissioner Hayes Wilkinson _____

- III. Invocation – Moment of Silence**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance - Public Works Director Greg Tate**
- V. Discuss and potentially authorize, via Resolution, for the City Manager and the Mayor to negotiate and commit the City to provide a substantial and direct financial incentive from the City of Red Bank to the Hamilton County Department of Education in order to facilitate the location, relocation, and construction of a public elementary school within the City limits of the City of Red Bank, TN. - citizens will have an opportunity to speak on these items prior to the final vote**
- VI. Adjournment**

"Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Commission meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Commission. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Commission and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Commission in part or as a whole. No member of the community is required to attend or participate in the invocation and such decision will have no impact on their right to actively participate in the business of the Commission."

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1638

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR TO OFFER AND CONTRACT FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE LOCATION, RELOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OR RECONSTRUCTION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RED BANK TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, A school facilities plan, recently announced and circulated by the Hamilton County Department of Education proposed, among other matters, closing the Alpine Crest Elementary School, the only remaining Hamilton County Elementary School located in the City of Red Bank and consolidating the same with other Elementary School(s) in a location outside of the City of Red Bank; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Bank City Commission and indeed the entire Red Bank community as a whole have expressed deep interest in retaining an Elementary School within the City of Red Bank, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, thus far, several members of the School Board, members of the Hamilton County Commission, and representatives of the Department of Education have indicated that they are willing to pursue the possibility of keeping an Elementary School facility located within the City limits of the City of Red Bank, Tennessee only if the former Red Bank Middle School site is provided for such a school and for the City of Red Bank to necessarily make a commitment to that effect within the near term/next few weeks; and

WHEREAS, it has been clearly communicated that if the former Red Bank Middle School site is not made available by the City of Red Bank, Tennessee, the plan(s) of the Department of Education is to close Alpine Crest Elementary School and consolidate the same with other Elementary School(s) located at the current site of the Dupont Elementary School in the Hixson community, within the limits of the City of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Bank is already committed, and contractually obligated to an extensive planning process to discern, among other things, what is the best use of the former Red Bank Middle School site. Indeed over the past several years, significant ongoing community conversation and involvement within the City of Red Bank has offered up a number of possible uses and combinations of uses for the site, none of which envisioned the use of same as an Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the students to be served by the proposed Red Bank Elementary School facility would have a service attendance area that substantially serves the population of the City of Red Bank, Tennessee but by no means exclusively however a large percentage of the students served by any such new Elementary School, whether located within the City limits of the City of Red Bank and or at the above referenced Dupont site would still be residents of the City of Red Bank, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Red Bank, Tennessee at a Specially Called Meeting of the Commission at City Hall on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. as follows:

(1) That the City Manager and the Mayor be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate, and offer substantive and significant financial incentives not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) to the Hamilton County Department of Education and contract with the Hamilton County Department of Education in order to facilitate the location, relocation, construction or reconstruction of an Elementary School within the City limits of the City of Red Bank on any of the currently owned or controlled School district sites in Red Bank, including but not necessarily limited to (a) the former White Oak Elementary School site, (b) the current Alpine Crest Elementary School site and the Current Red Bank Middle and High School campus and/or any other properties located in the City of Red Bank, Tennessee exclusive of the former Red Bank Middle School site and;

(2) That the Mayor and the City Manager be additionally authorized to offer and commit the City to execute necessary road improvements required to accommodate the project and which all are contiguous to any such new site and within the jurisdiction/City limits of the City of Red Bank, Tennessee. These necessary road improvements are in addition to any negotiated amount in paragraph (1) above.

Resolved this 13th day of December 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor Hollie Berry (date)

Assistant City Recorder Summer Shelton (date)