

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 16-26**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THAT THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL'S REQUEST FOR EXPANSION
NOT BE APPROVED AT THIS TIME AS FURTHER ANALYSIS, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND DISCUSSION
ARE NEEDED BEFORE FINAL DECISION**

Councilwoman Horgan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Charter School has applied to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval of a charter amendment allowing Red Bank Charter School to expand from 1 class to 2 classes at each grade level, Pre- K through 8, with 20 students in each class for a total enrollment of 400 students with the increased enrollment to be implemented through a weighted admissions lottery and a phased implementation plan beginning with grades Pre-K through 4th in the 2016-17 school year; and

WHEREAS, this is a tremendously important issue and all aspects and consequences must be fully researched and considered; and

WHEREAS, the Council cannot support an expansion unless and until the State of New Jersey is willing to fully and permanently fund, in accordance with its own state laws, both the Red Bank Public Schools and the Red Bank Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the Council sincerely believes that there has not been enough time to fully study the impact of this proposed change which has the potential to fundamentally alter so many aspects of life in Red Bank for all our residents, and most importantly our children for years to come and will also impose financial hardship upon residents as noted in the Charter School's application for expansion; and

WHEREAS, the governing body urges that the expansion not be approved at this time and asks the Board of Education, the leaders of the Charter School and any interested community members and experts to engage in a period of analysis, public education and discussion before a final decision is made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby urge that the expansion not be approved at this time and ask the Board of Education, the leaders of the Charter School and any interested community members and experts to engage in a period of analysis, public education and discussion regarding all necessary educational and funding issues, before a final decision is made.
2. That as the Mayor, on January 13, 2016, has appointed a blue ribbon commission comprised of Red Bank residents and professional to study, analyze and provide comment on the proposed expansion of the Red Bank Charter School, the governing body requests that the time period for the provision of comments to the Commission of Education be enlarged.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Education, the Red Bank Board of Education, and the Board of Trustees of the Red Bank Charter School.

Seconded by Councilwoman Schwabenbauer and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Burnham	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Schwabenbauer	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Taylor	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Whelan	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: January 13, 2016

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, at a meeting held on January 13, 2016.