

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-38**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION PROPOSAL**

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 a total enrollment of 200 students to a total enrollment of 400 students; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 2016 the Mayor of Red Bank convened a "Blue Ribbon Commission" consisting of seven Borough resident professionals in the fields of education, social science, economics and business to study the impact that the proposed expansion would have on the Borough's public school system and Borough residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of the Commission has issued a report recommending that the Commissioner of Education deny the Charter School's expansion proposal because of deficiencies in the amendment request; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the expansion would incur a significant financial hardship upon the Borough schools as the expansion would result in an approximate shortfall of \$2,000,000 which would force the school district to use its tax levy ceiling of 5.32% and could result in budget cuts such as loss of teachers and increased class sizes as well as loss of programs such as sports, music, band, and instructional support programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body approve the Recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Red Bank Charter School Expansion Proposal.

**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 Mayor and Council approve the report entitled "Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Red Bank Charter School Expansion."

2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey.

Seconded by Councilwoman Burnham 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 27, 2016