

School Board Meeting January 8, 2007

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, January 8, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Louise Clemens, Randy Frampton, Vince Markle, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor, Glenn Watson and Lou Ann Williams. Kimberly Walls was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Theodore Minich, President. Mr. Minich announced there was a work session at 6:30 P.M. and an executive session at 6:45 P.M. for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the minutes for the special meeting, reorganization meeting and regular meeting of December 4, 2006 and the work session of December 14, 2006. Motion Carried Unanimously

It is to be noted that a public meeting was held on January 4, 2007 to discuss High School Renovation Addition construction.

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. No one from the audience approached for comment.

No Student Representative report was presented.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported that during the Christmas break video and buzzers were installed at each elementary building. Mr. Knisely reported that Christmas programs were held in each building that was well attended by families and friends. The students performed wonderfully. Parent/teacher conferences will be held January 15, 2007 with thanks to the teachers for being flexible with their schedules after hours with our parent. Included in his report is a calendar of events for January.

Mary Wolf presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. Wolf presented that allocation for Title I for 2006-07 have decreased by \$10,211 and adjustments will be made to the 2007-08 budget. Mrs. Wolf informed the board that DIBELS assessments will take place the week of January 8th and that 4-Sight assessments will be administered on January 23-24, 2007 with analysis available during the after school session on March 1st. Act80 day is scheduled for February 19th with a preliminary agenda including more law information, crisis/violence action plan, and a speaker on poverty issues relating to teaching.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky announced that six students were selected in the Tri-State Honors Bands Festival to be held at Mercyhurst College. The FFA will be sending 20 students to the PA Farm Show on January 8-9th and that the Hometown High-Q contest is scheduled to air January 13th, 2007. In sports Mr. Dobransky noted that the Redbank Valley Wrestling team finished 4th out of 24 teams during the Redbank Christmas Wrestling tournament and the girls basketball team finished first during their holiday

tournament. Finally included is a calendar of events for January and enrollment numbers December.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teachers in attendance Mary Kline, Kathy Otte, Andrew Rex, Thomas Logan, Edward Wasilowski and Karen Dawson. Dr. Cornish asked to schedule interviews for the Director of Education position; January 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. was selected by the board members. Dr. Cornish presented information from the Redbank Valley Renaissance Committee for the board members to consider at a later date. Board Orientation is scheduled for January 15th and asked that all board members consider to attend.

The following reports were presented for information only; Maintenance Report; Cafeteria Report; IU#6 Report; CCAVTS Report.

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to approve the second reading of the following policy; #236 Pupils, Student Assistance Program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policies: #140 Programs, Charter Schools; #919 Community, District/School Report Cards; #830 Operations, Breach of Computerized Personal Information; #605 Finances, Tax Levy; #101 Programs, Philosophy of Education/Mission Statement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Dee Bell to approve student E06-07 45 day expulsion with suspended sentence and with the addition of counseling and probationary contract period. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to adopt referendum question for increasing EIT .3% as to Local Tax Study Commission recommendation. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Clemens, Frampton, Markle, Pastor)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to adopt resolution to not to increase real estate taxes above the school district index. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve High School Renovation Addition for Option #2 with the addition of Food Storage Units and to advertise for bids. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Redbank Valley School District Goals for 2006-07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Louise Clemens to approve parent transportation contract with Tracey Aites for the 2006-07 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to bid General, Art, Industrial Arts, Extra Curricular and Maintenance Supplies for the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve December, 2006 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the December, 2006 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,230,297.02. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Kim Walls to approve the November 2006 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$51,007.83. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to accept the 4th Quarter 2006 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to accept the resignation of Mary Wolf, Director of Education with regret. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Kathleen M. Bassett, Annette Murray and Kelly Laux to the substitute bus drivers list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Jody Minich as Library Aide/LPN according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to add Kelli Guntrum to substitute teachers list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Barbara Sayers as Greenhouse aide for 390 hours with no benefits. Motion Carried Unanimously

Kim Walls then questioned the board as to the status with the press box discussion. Dr. Cornish explained that the construction/replacement of the structure whether steel or concrete and the size of the structure still needed to be finalized by the board before advertisement of bid can be made. Glenn Watson and Dee Bell informed the board that estimates of cost were still being formulated as to this date and that a consensus as to the cost could not be presented.

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to advertise for bids a Press box. Motion Carried Unanimously

Glenn Watson asked the board members to consider changing the meeting time of the regular board meeting

A motion was made by Glenn Watson to change the regular board meeting time to 6:30 p.m. No seconded came forward. Motion Failed

Mr. Minich asked for public comment. Dr. R. David Farley spoke to the board on the district investments. Dr. Farley asked the board to consider how the district invests its reserve dollars in the community. Whereas dollars invested in the community banks supports the local economy better than investing in outside agencies. Dr. Cornish explained that the district invest its dollars at the best possible rate given at the time investment are due or needed. The district polls institutions as to the investment rates including local banks.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Kim Walls to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary