

School Board Meeting February 5, 2007

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, February 5, 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, Kim Walls, Glenn Watson and Lou Ann Williams.

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 6:40 P.M. for personnel and student matters.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 8, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. Sandra Mateer representing the Redbank Renaissance, Inc. presented a short narrative on the mission of the renaissance group to use the resources of the group to direct a revitalization program for energizing new and existing businesses and restaurants, add retail, improve infrastructure, create jobs and reinstate the Redbank Valley as an economic, cultural and recreational center. Mrs. Mateer requested the free use of the Redbank Valley High School Auditorium for an event to be scheduled on September 1, 2007. Mr. Minich thanked Mrs. Mateer on the presentation and that the board would consider her request later in the meeting.

Kristin Gruver presented the Student Representative report. Ms. Gruver commented on the Data Match analysis where student's school performance and personal characteristics were matched with other students in the High School. She commented that some student of the match were interesting. Ms. Gruver informed the board of the junior high student council leadership conference where various speakers from the Redbank area came to lecture students on the importance of leadership skills.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported that Parent/Teacher conferences were held on January 15th. Mr. Knisely thanked all the teachers who adjusted their schedules to meet with parents. Mr. Knisely reported of the various activities occurring in the classrooms including the penguin presentation in the 2nd grade at Hawthorn. Mr. Knisely informed the board that the video/security monitoring system placed in all the buildings has been received well by parents and he continues to hear positive comments from staff and parents. Included in his report was a calendar of events for February and current enrollment numbers.

Mary Wolf presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. Wolf informed the board that Title IIA allocation has decreased by \$257, which is in addition to Title I decrease reported last month. Mrs. Wolf invited the board members to attend afternoon session of the Act 80 Day program on Understanding Poverty, February 19th, 2007. Finally this is Mrs. Wolf

last board meeting for Redbank Valley, she will assume her new position at Clarion-Limestone School District on March 2nd. Mrs. Wolf thanked the board once again for their support over the 7 years she worked at Redbank Valley.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky announced that PSSA scores are significantly improved over the previous years in Math and Reading the retest scores should be received soon. Mr. Dobransky stated that the junior high student council leadership conference was well attended by professionals who gave leadership advice to the students. Mr. Dobransky recognized Mr. Wasilowski as being selected to participate in a national pool of teachers to establish achievement level cut scores on the 2006 National Assessment of Education Progress in Grade 12 Economics and Joseph Harmon being nominated for Keystone Technology Integrator award. Mr. Dobransky informed the board that student Shad Doverspike took first place at the Pittsburgh World of Wheels Car Show in the category of Import Tuner which was his Graduation Project. Mr. Dobransky informed also the Wrestling and Basketball teams continue to do well as the season near as end and sign ups are currently underway for spring sports. Finally included was a calendar of events for February and enrollment numbers January.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teachers in attendance Deborah Bonnano, Lila Rummel, Ryan Sherry, Linda Stahlman and Michael Sarachine. Dr. Cornish informed the board that March 23, 2007 will be used as a Snow Make-up date. Dr. Cornish reported on the RIU Legislative Trip in Washington D.C. and Harrisburg was informative as to the changes in legislator positioning and discussion topics, attached to his report was a schedule of the meetings that took place during the 4-day trip. Dr. Cornish asked the board members to consider attending the PSBA workshops scheduled in the following months they are very informative as to changes taking place in the state of education. Dr. Cornish then asked the board members as to the direction the school district should take with the Hawthorn survey. Discussion as to drilling for natural gas, parking lot addition and timbering were discussed and a sequence of directions laid out for the school district to pursue and be reported upon at a later date.

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

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Kim Wall to approve the second 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 Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the 2007-08 Redbank Valley School calendar with 3 ½ Act 80 days. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the following Section 1502 five district holidays; November 23, 2007, November 26, 2007, December 26, 2007, December 31, 2007 and March 21, 2008. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the first reading of the following policies: #603 Finances, Budget Preparation, #604 Finances, Budget Adoption, #606 Finances, Tax Collection, #610 Finances, Purchases. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve transportation of students ARIN IU28 to Leechburg, Pa. at .89 cent per mile. Cost to be split with Armstrong SD. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to additional connection of Hawthorn/New Bethlehem/Mahoning elementary buildings to the WAN Consortium Network. Cost of project to be transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund amounting to \$175,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to approve independent study in journalism for Jake Bowser. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Vince Markle to approve the facility use of high school auditorium for the Redbank Valley Renaissance, Inc. September 1, 2007 at no charge. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve January, 2007 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the January, 2007 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$3,629,505.80. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the December 2006 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$47,455.86. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Randy Frampton seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Clarion County Community Bank as a depository. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absentation (Minich, Walls)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to approve tax collectors audit for 2005 prepared by Troese & Associates. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Director of Education job description. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Kim Walls to hire Cheryl McCauley as Director of Education at a salary of \$66,000.00 and benefits under the current Act93 agreement. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absentation (Watson)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Alicia Smith, Darl Keister, Whitney Bundy, Erin Brown, Kelli Hilinski, Abigaile Howell and Lisa Bigley to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Kim Walls to approve Molly Wingard, Deboarah Singer, Tina Moore, and Tammi Starcher to attend Conference of PA Kindergarten Teachers, March 5-6, 2007, in Harrisburg, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA \$1,156.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to accept resignation of Randy Bowser, All-School Play director. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Shirley Pastor to allow Dr. John M. Cornish to serve as a mentor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve maternity leave for Molly Mitchell April 19, 2007 to May 31, 2007 with 9 unpaid days. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Gail Johnson, 3rd grade teacher at Hawthorn Elementary effective at the end of 2006-07 school year due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Jessica Frederick as long-term substitute physical education teacher at BS Step 1 per diem rate of \$172.05 plus benefits for the remainder of 2006-07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Jill Boyles to attend 34 Annual PSLA Conference 2007, Hershey, Pa., April 12-14, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$640.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Vince Markle to approve Edward Wasilowski, Frank Fabin, Andrew Rex, and Brian Dougherty to attend the Nike Coach of the Year Clinic at Pittsburgh, PA., March 2-3, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$395.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Kim Walls to accept resignation of Allen Dawson, Assistant Girls Softball Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Kim Walls to accept the resignation of Mary Jane DiPippa as Assistant Girls Softball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Brian Shirey as Assistant Girls Softball coach at 60 points @ \$32.00 = \$1,920.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Cary Troup as a volunteer coach for Girls Softball. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Justin Merwin and Patrick Bundy as Assistant JH Boys Basketball coaches. Position to be split into 3 positions with each sharing equally in pay at \$1,424.66. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire David Bish as All-School Play Director at 33 points @ \$34.00 = \$1,122.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Kate Gruver and students to attend PA State 4-H Horse Forum, March 2-3, 2007, at Penn State University. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to accept the resignation of David Cherby, Head Varsity Girls Soccer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Harold O. Starcher to the substitute custodian list pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Glenn Watson to approve Edward Wasilowski to attend 2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress in Grade 12 Economics, St. Louis, MO, March 6-10, 2007. Cost to be incurred by ACT. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Glenn Watson to approve Senior Class to attend Holocaust Museum, Washington D.C., April 3, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$1,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to bid Hawthorn Elementary property for timbering, gas lease and parking lot contracts. Motion Carried Unanimously

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Louise Clemens commented on items she has noticed in need of repair at the high school, Dr. Cornish noted the items and will pass the information onto the maintenance staff for repair. Dee Bell wished the Redbank Renaissance, Inc. group success with their endeavor. Vince Markle inquired on the press box status and what the next step can be taken in having this project done.

Mr. Minich asked for public comment. No comments came forward.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Vince Markle to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary