

School Board Meeting March 5, 2007

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, March 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, and Lou Ann Williams. Members absent were Shirley Pastor, Kim Walls and Glenn Watson.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Theodore Minich, President. Mr. Minich announced there was a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. to address the proposed referendum ballot question for the May 15, 2007 election. Mr. Minich asked that the minutes show that no one from the public addressed the board concerning the tax relief/shifting resolution authorizing the required referendum ballot question under Act 1. Mr. Minich announced that a work session at 6:40 P.M. took place.

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Vince Markle to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 5, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. Mrs. Leah Millis a parent addressed the board concerning the district policy for educational field trips days. Mrs. Millis asked the board for consideration of allowing her son to have more than 5 days excused absence for a trip. Dr. Cornish stated that the request from Mrs. Millis was for more than 5 days and that he turned down the request based on the days over the current policy. The type of trip was discussed and an additional number of days could be extended to Mrs. Millis son under the religious release policy as long as Mrs. Millis re-filed the request.

Kristin Gruver presented the Student Representative report. Ms. Gruver commented on the All School Play titled Invisomercial and how well it was received from the students, staff and parents. Ms. Gruver reported that winter sports for Redbank Valley High School were very successful with the wrestling team sending 4 players to the regional tournament. Ms. Gruver also stated that 8 students have qualified for Band/Chorus regional competition. Ms. Gruver informed the board that spring sports have began practicing.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported that annual talent show was held February 28th with 24 acts chosen to participate. Mr. Knisely informed the board that Dr. Suess days were held in each of the elementarys' and thanked the high school students who participated in the activities. Mr. Knisely acknowledged that several students in 4th grade were published in the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans. Mr. Knisely reported that students in Mahoning are studying the Alaskan Iditarod with the use of the internet for tracking their progress and research. Included in his report was a calendar of events for March and current enrollment numbers.

Cheryl McCauley presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. McCauley invited the board members to the Clarion and Forest counties Title I Parent Conference. A schedule is

enclosed in her report for review with a March 29th date at the Clarion Elementary School. Mrs. McCauley reported that PSSA writing test was administered in grades 5, 8 and 11 from February 12th thru the 23rd and that PSSA Reading and Mathematics tests will be administered March 12th thru 23rd in grades 38 and grade 11. Mrs. McCauley reported that section for elementary science textbooks will be narrowed down two top publishers next month with a final recommendation to be presented at the May meeting.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky announced that the Home Town High-Q team who qualified for the finals on March 3rd came up short in its bid of the finals and received a runner up standing which entitled Redbank Valley to receive a \$2,000.00 grant for the team's efforts. Mr. Dobransky recognized the 5 students who qualified for Regional Band and the 3 students who qualified for State Chorus. This is the first time Redbank Valley has been represented at the state level since 1986. Mr. Dobransky reported the Wrestling team will send 4 participates to the regional tournament and spring sports have started practicing. Finally included was a calendar of events for March and enrollment numbers February.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teacher in attendance Heather Hildebrand. Dr. Cornish displayed the AYP Plaques for all buildings. This is the second year that all buildings had received AYP achievement. Dr. Cornish told the board members that he was proud to announce this accomplishment for the district. Dr. Cornish invited the board members to attend the Spring Legislative meeting of school directors which is to be held at Brookville Area School District, March 15, 2007. Dr. Cornish stated that legislators will gather school directors' views, suggestions and recommendation.

Ted Minich announced during his IU#6 Report that he was resigning his position as board representative. Randy Frampton volunteered to become the board representative.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to appoint Randy Frampton as IU#6 Board Representative. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the second 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 Vince Markle seconded by Randy Frampton to approve the proposal from Central Tax Bureau of PA, Inc. for collection, administration, and enforcement of the Earned Income, Delinquent Per Capita and Occupation Taxes with a compensation rate of 1.90%. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the Clarion County Career Center Operating Budget for the school year 2006-07 in the amount of \$3,632,050.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 1-No (Clemens), 3-Absent (Pastor, Walls, Watson)

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Vince Markle to expulse student F-06-07 for 60 days and placement to Pathways Adolescent Center/New Beginnings and the requirement to continue counseling. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Vince Markle to expulse student G-06-07 for 1 year with placement at Keystones Smiles for remainder of 200-07 and at Pathways Adolescent Center/New Beginnings during 07-08 school year. Student must also undergo counseling, SAP intervention, maintain passing grades and good behavior under behavior contract. High School Principal is granted authority to replace if student breaks the contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve resolution authorizing for May 15th 2007 primary ballot question. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve the agreement with United Valley Soccer Association for soccer field use for \$1,500.00 for 2007 and \$2,000.00 for 2008. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens to amend policy #810 Operation, Transportation. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Dee Bell to expulse student H-06-07 for remainder of school year with placement at Adelpia Village with counseling and return next school year on a behavioral contract and probation for 1 year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Vince Markle to approve February, 2007 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens to approve the February, 2007 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,267,138.41. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Vince Markle to approve the January 2007 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$55,245.09. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Rachelle Kirkpatrick an elementary teacher at BS Step 1 ½ according to RVEA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams approve Karen Dawson as mentor for Rachelle Kirkpatrick at a stipend of \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Russell Reefer to attend 2007 PMEA Conference, April 19-21, 2007 in Hershey, Pa. Cost to be incurred by district \$750.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Dee Bell to accept resignation of Kathleen Mohney, high school cafeteria head cook. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Vince Markle to accept the resignation of Andy Bish, assistant varsity boys track coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Dr. John M. Cornish, II to attend the PAFPC Conference, April 15-18, 2007 as presenter, Pittsburgh, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title I \$878.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Cheryl McCauley to attend the PAFPC Conference, April 15-18, 2007, Pittsburgh, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title I \$878.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Vince Markle to approve Tom Bowser as a volunteer coach for Baseball. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Dr. Jesse Shirey as a volunteer assistant to the Wrestling program pending the receipt of all clearance. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to advertise for Head Girls Soccer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Randy Frampton to approve Edward Wasilowski and Robert Tonkin as Meet Directors for the Redbank Valley Invitational. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve maternity leave for Amber Hepler, April 21, 2007 to May 30, 2007 with 10 unpaid days. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Vince Markle to approve Linda Stahlman to attend 34 Annual PSLA Conference 2007, Hershey, Pa., April 12-14, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$500.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 1-No (Clemens) 3-Absent (Pastor, Walls, Watson)

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded Lou Ann Williams to accept Julie Aaron, Student Council advisor one year leave of absence due to education pursuit. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded Lou Ann Williams to hire Cindy Kline as Head Cook for the Redbank Valley High School according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded Vince Markle to retro approve Dave Bish to the position of Assistant Director for the All-School Play. Motion Failed 4-Yes, 2-No, (Clemens, Frampton) 3-Absent (Pastor, Walls, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Julie Smith and 40 students to attend Cedar Point's Physics Fun Day, Sandusky, OH., May 14, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$831.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell but no second was given from the floor to add Daniel Mitchell to the substitute bus/van drivers list. Motion Failed.

Vince Markle commented on ways that the school board could increase teacher appreciation. Dr. Cornish informed the board that the teacher relation committee would be a way to discuss these items with staff and determine is a teacher awareness plaque, month recognition or a dinner can be instituted for this appreciation.

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

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A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary