

School Board Meeting
April 7, 2008

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, April 7, 2008, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, Dee Bell, Randy Frampton, Rick Kirkpatrick, Vince Markle, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor, Glenn Watson and Lou Ann Williams.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Ted 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 negotiation matters.

A motion was made by Randy Frampton seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of March 3, 2008 and work session meeting of March 10, 2008. Motion Carried Unanimously

Student Representative Gale Garmong presented the following; Jonathan Brothers won a State Champion title in wrestling. On March 26, 2008 the student council sponsored a blood drive with 60 pints donated. The High School Show Choir will be held on April 24, 2008. Spring sports are underway and the Senior Holocaust Trip will be April 4, 2008.

The Elementary Report was presented by Jason Huffman. Mr. Huffman reported that kindergarten registration begins this week with a new packet of information for Pre-K students. This packet will include developmental information that parents can use to begin to prepare their children for academics and socialization of kindergarten. PSSA 's were completed this past week with no problems to report. Laura Snyder will be training core teams from each building on the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Mr. Huffman included in his report current enrollment counts and upcoming April calendar events.

Cheryl McCauley presented the Director of Education Report. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members that PSSA math and reading tests were administered to grades 3-8 and grade 11 with make-ups for absentees to be scheduled this week. The PA CARES grant for implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Programs was approved by the Center for Safe Schools for all 4 buildings for grades K-8. The annual Safety committee training is scheduled for April 24, 2008, this committee makes the school district eligible to receive a 5% percent discount on the workers compensation insurance policy. Community Technology classes will be offered this month which will be funded by Title funds. Mrs. McCauley announced that Kristen Landers received a 77inch Smartboard as a drawing prize for attending the PETE & C Conference on behalf of the district. This equipment will be used in the high school for teacher use.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky informed the school board on PIAA rules for a coach to pay for an athletes membership to a fitness center or health club. This ruling will be added to the coaches handbooks for the next school year.

Mr. Dobransky stated that scheduling for 2008-09 school year is underway with survey's being sent to students and parents to determine language course offerings for the district. Mr. Dobransky commented that Mission Transition will be the week of April 11th at the high school. This program helps the present sixth grades to adjust to the high school environment before the startup of the next school year assisted by 7th graders. Mr. Dobransky also reported that the college fair organized by Mrs. Landers was held on March 18, 2008 colleges from around the area came to Redbank Valley High School to assist students planning to attend higher education. Mr. Dobransky enclosed in his report the library usage report and enrollment figures for the month of March along with a calendar of events for April.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish informed the board members who did not attend the Andrews and Beards Law Seminar last week, information presented to attendees of the latest school law issues. The workshop provided a comprehensive view on labor and employment law, education law, special education law, worker compensation law and civil litigation that concerns school district today. Dr. Cornish commented on the CCAVTS students who attended Mid-American Truck Show in Louisville, KY. to display the tractor trailer truck rebuilt by the students. Dr. Cornish informed the board members of the college fair event held at the high school on March 18, 2008. Dr. Cornish was pleased at the attendance especially to see students and parents from other school districts taking part in the opportunity to visit with college counselors and representatives. Dr. Cornish informed the board that there is a push by action coalition organizations to have the General Assembly enact a funding formula increase from 1.5% to 2% for transitional basic education funding to schools. This funding formula would place every school district on a level playing field within 6 years when it would come to funding education. Dr. Cornish asked the board their concerns on the resolutions placed in their packet concerning Graduation Testing, Funding and Formulas and Cyber Charter School Bill. Dr. Cornish stated that it is the board's option to approve or change any of these resolutions which have been prepared for the board to review these topics which have falling upon school boards.

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

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the second reading of policy #800 Operations, Records Management. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Randy Frampton to approve the Riverview Intermediate Unit RIU6 General Operating Budget for 2008-09 in the amount of \$2,022,381.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the Pre-K and Pre-1st Title V Summer School Program as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to award Kurtz Bros. the General and Art Supply Bid for 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$56,072.55. Summary tally sheet attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Maintenance Supplies bid for 2008-09 school year in the amount totaling \$20,136.99. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to advertise for Fitness Center equipment. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to advertise for natural gas bids, current contract expires 6/30/08 @ \$10.17 dth. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Vince Markle to advertise for vision coverage quotes, current contract expires 6/30/08. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve March, 2008 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve March, 2008 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,725,205.58. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Randy Frampton to approve February, 2008 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$52,138.96. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the resignation of Scott Kemerer, elementary music teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the resignation of Margaret Bell, custodian at Mahoning elementary. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Randy Frampton advertise for all vacant positions. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Randy Frampton seconded by Vince Markle to hire Frank Fabin and Brian Dougherty as Assistant varsity football coaches. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Tiffany Smith, Mark Neiswonger, Diana Neiswonger as volunteer junior high volleyball coaches pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Randy Frampton to approve Greg Buzard as a volunteer baseball coach pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Melissa Blöse, Brian Lipps, Joshua Helgert, Anthony Mooney and Erin Green to substitute teacher list pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to add Robert Hodge to bus/van drivers list pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Adam Barrett to approve Carrie McIntire, David Bish and students to attend the All State Music Festival at Hershey, Pa., on April 16-19, 2008. Cost to be incurred by the district \$2003.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Rick Kirkpatrick to open up Varsity Cheerleader position. Motion Carried Unanimously

At this time Mr. Minich ask to public concerns before the board would go into executive session for a personnel matter. No person addressed the board and the board went into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

The regular board meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to extend Dr. John M. Cornish, II, Superintendent contract for three (3) years. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich then named the following board members to a Negotiation Committee for professional contract talks. Glenn Watson, Dee Bell and Lou Ann Williams.

A motion was made by Randy Frampton seconded by Shirley Pastor to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary