

## School Board Meeting May 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, May 7, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Louise Clemens, Randy Frampton, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor, Glenn Watson and Lou Ann Williams. Vince Markle and Kim 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 then an executive session from 6:43 P.M. to 7:05 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 April 2, 2007 and Work Session April 11, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. No one came forward to address the board.

Kristin Gruver presented the Student Representative report. Ms. Gruver commented on the many activities taking place in the month of May. Events as to Spring Band Concert, Promenade, Awards banquets and Dances. Ms. Gruver also commented that spring sports are underway and all the teams are doing well this season.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported PMEA Elementary Songfest was held at Redbank Valley High School on April 27<sup>th</sup> with over 300 students participating from 20 school districts. Kindergarten enrollment stands at 72 students with 15 at Mahoning, 28 Hawthorn and 27 at New Bethlehem. Mr. Knisely expects that number to increase before the start of the next school year. Mr. Knisely reported on the present enrollment and included with his report an elementary calendar of events.

Cheryl McCauley presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members of the Title I increased allocation of \$13,125 over the original 2006-07 amount and that the Accounting Block Grant has been submitted with requests for Full Day Kindergarten, Social and Health Services and Science and Applied-Knowledged Skills totaling \$257,807 for 2007-08. Mrs. McCauley presented for examination textbooks to be selected for next year in the elementary and secondary science programs. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members that the safety committee mandatory training took place last month and all committee members have received the required certified training. This allows the district to qualify for a 5% discount on workers compensation insurance premium. Mrs. McCauley announced that Community Computer Classes will be offered later this month with two new classes on digital photography and photo editing.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky informed the board members of the meeting at Punxsutawney High School that he and Dr. Cornish attended

concerning ‘Classroom for the Future’ grant. Mr. Dobransky pointed out items of interest that the board members were concerned with from the work session last month and ramifications if the district wished to pursue applying for the grant. Mr. Dobransky highlighted the senior debates, two assemblies offered in April and physical education teachers organized the annual junior high track day. Finally included was a calendar of events for May and enrollment figures.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teachers in attendance; Patty Tonkin, Julie Smith, Michael Sarachine and Michael Wyant L.T.S. Dr. Cornish recognized Katie Gruver for student achievement in being selected the Lion Club Student of the Month. Dr. Cornish informed the board members of a workshop he and Mr. Knisely attended on pandemic preparedness in Clarion County. Dr. Cornish informed the board members that the school district has incorporated measures of control if a pandemic outbreak occurs, like posting notices as to washing of hands, covering you mouth and nose when coughing or sneeze with tissues and antibacterial dispensers in the classrooms. But everyone is at risk of the illness thorough exposure in the community if it does occur. Dr. Cornish informed the board members of the PARSS Conference he attend last month. Dr. Cornish explained to the school board the architect’s notes regarding the amount of steel supporting the wrestling building and the amount of copper found in the uni-vent units of the high school. Dr. Cornish reported on the findings of Air Quality Services, Inc. survey conducted at New Bethlehem elementary which reported no immediate health hazards exists, and recommended housekeeping techniques, vegetation control, use of mulch around uni-vent grilles and placement of plants on the top of uni-vents. Dr. Cornish then noted the bid for the timber sale at Hawthorn Elementary, the proposed compensation to tax collectors for real estate tax installment payments and the tentative budget for 2007-08 which the board members will vote on tonight.

Randy Frampton presented IU#6 Representative report noting the items approved at the April board meeting and the upcoming program activities plan for next month.

Dee Bell and Glenn Watson presented the CCAVTS Report. Each informed the board as to the new contract agreement with the professional staff, the senior awards banquet planned for May 17<sup>th</sup> and the sale of equipment in the diesel engine department.

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

Mr. Minich then made a presentation of American Legion certificates to the different organizations within the school district that helped in the improvements for the baseball field. These certificates are presented in appreciation.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to award the natural gas bid to EnergyUSA-TPC based on the close of NYMEX market as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 priced at \$10.22 Dth. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the seconded reading of the following policy #810 Operations, Transportation. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve a 5-year Soccer Field Use Agreement with the Redbank Valley Soccer Association at \$2,000.00 for each year. This agreement would replace the 2-year agreement approved at the March 5, 2007 meeting. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Clemens)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve to reimburse ½ the cost for the Federal Criminal History check on a one time basis for volunteers. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Frampton)

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the full-time participation in the Clarion-Limestone Alternative Education program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to award Greenland Forestry the Sale of Real Estate bid for logging at Hawthorn Elementary at \$7,100.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to retain S&T Bank; First United National Bank; Northwest Trust Bank; Clarion Co. Community Bank; Pa. Invest Program; PLGIT; and RBC Dain Rauscher as depositories. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Randy Frampton to tentatively approve the General Fund Budget for 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$15,720,888.00. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Watson)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the first reading of the following tax rates for the 2007-08 school year: Armstrong Co. 18.37 Mills; Clarion Co. 40.07 Mills; Section 679 Per Capita, \$10.00 per head; Section 511 Per Capita \$5.00 per head; Occupation Tax \$10.00 per head; Earned Income Tax, .05%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%; Rates are increased to the maximum index allowed under Act 1 of 2006. Motion Failed 4-Yes, 3-No (Clemens, Frampton, Watson) need 5 votes for board approval.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve 2007-08 school year all federal programs and grants as part of the district budget. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept Kurtz Brothers bid for General and Art Supplies Bid for 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$51,990.96. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept Maintenance Supplies Bids for 2007-08 school year in the amount totaling \$21,258.46. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to accept the ARIN Xeroxgraphic Bids for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$16,128.84. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the Elementary Summer School program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the Secondary Summer School program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve textbooks for district science program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve resolution for authorizing the collection of school property taxes in installments for eligible homeowners. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to approve resolution setting the compensation of the tax collector for installment payments at \$3.00 per coupon. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the request for tuition waiver under special circumstance for the school year 2007-08. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the April, 2007 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,436,125.32. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the March 2007 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$54,285.01. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to retain Troese & Associates as school district auditor for 2006-07 school year, \$5,950.00 regular audit; \$3,800.00 single audit. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Dee Bell to retain James Kifer, as school district treasurer for the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept resignation of Paul A. Stahlman, elementary music teacher due to retirement with appreciation of service. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to hire Christina Wile as a 2.50 hour cafeteria aide as to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Glenn Watson to accept the resignation of Kimberly Barnett as computer aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Glenn Watson to advertise for computer aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Phil Harding, Roddy Hartle and students to attend the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH, May 15, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$840.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Louise Clemens to advertise for elementary and secondary summer school teachers and aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Carrie McIntire to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual ACDA Summer Conference at State College, Pa. on August 5-7, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$596.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to hire Linda Young and Molly Mitchell as facilitators for Vision Therapy Summer Program funded through Title I at 3 hours a day for 36 days for \$2,484.00 each. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to create and advertise for the position of seventh grade classroom aide for the school year 2007-08. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

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Louise Clemens mentioned to the board members the workshop presented at Clarion by PSBA Spring Legal Roundup and what an interesting workshop it is for school board members to see the different law cases that affect school district.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary