

School Board Meeting June 4, 2007

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, June 4, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Randy Frampton, Vince Markle, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor, and Glenn Watson. Louise Clemens, Lou Ann Williams 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 6:35 P.M. to 7:10 P.M. for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 7, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. Dianna Bain and Deborah Bonanno expressed a thank-you to the school board from the R.V.E.A. for the flash disc's given in appreciation of the staff commitment to the school district and its students. The R.V.E.A in turn gave a snack gift to each school board members. Mr. Minich thanked the members for the gift.

Gale Garmong presented the Student Representative report. Mr. Garmong commented on the many activities that took place at the close of school for May. Events as to Enviro-thon Competition, Prom, and the sports that qualified for district competition. Mr. Garmong also commented that the band will be at Disney World participating also this week.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported that the end of the school year was very smooth and had several positive comments from teachers on the student's behavior. Field Day was held at Alcola Park on May 30th, Mr. Knisely expressed thanks to Amy Milanovich for the organizing the day events. Mr. Knisely commented that several school districts have visited the elementary schools to see our Read Naturally Program which helps students become better readers. Mr. Knisely reported that kindergarten enrollment for next year is at 75 students and expects that number to increase before the start of the next school year. Mr. Knisely reported on the final enrollment for the year and included with his report an elementary calendar of events for the summer.

Cheryl McCauley presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members of the allocation for Title I of \$332,242, Title IIA \$97,761 and Title V \$2,390. Mrs. McCauley announced that free community technology classes are in full swing with 7 classes of 55 adults participating. Class will run until June 19th. Mrs. McCauley informed the board that elementary summer school will be held at New Bethlehem starting July 9th through August 2nd. Preliminary student counts are lower this year than in the past and will require only one section for Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-First, 2-3 and 4-6. Mrs. McCauley announced that Mrs. Kathy Dinger has been awarded the Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge grant

for \$7,000.00 which will be used to purchase heart rate monitors for use in the new fitness center.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky commented on positive reports from parents and staff he has received on the Graduation ceremony and speaker, Jerod Minich. Mr. Dobransky informed the board members that Summer School will run from June 11th through June 29th, at this present time 10 Redbank Valley students are registered. Mr. Dobransky noted that work has started on the master schedule with Wood III as the only class that would be cut from the scheduler. Mr. Dobransky included in his report a listing of students who received academic awards for 2006-07 school year as well as Redbank Valley senior students from the Career Center. Mr. Dobransky highlighted the month of May extracurricular and sport accomplishments of students and finally included a calendar of events for the summer and enrollment figures.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teachers in attendance; Deborah Bonanno, Dianna Bain, Molly Greenawalt, Mary Jane DiPippa and Phyllis Howard. Dr. Cornish commented on the consideration by the State Board of Education to implement having graduating seniors reach proficiency on the 11th grade PSSA or pass a series of Graduation Competency Assessments in order to graduate. Dr. Cornish also informed the board of a new Algebra II Assessment pilot whereas indication from U.S. Department of Education research have indicated that the highest level of math taken in high school is the most powerful predictor of whether a student will ultimately earn a college degree, and that students completing Algebra II in high school more than doubled their chances of earning that degree. Dr. Cornish commented on the school year in review and stated that this year would be termed as a "Good Year".

Randy Frampton informed the board that no IU#6 was scheduled.

Dee Bell and Glenn Watson presented the CCAVTS Report. Each informed the board as to G.E.D. testing program. The resolution for SMART Contract with Midwestern IU#4 purchasing program and the receipt of Precision Manufacturing Institute Workforce Leadership Grant of \$14,200 where accepted.

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

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the General Fund Budget for 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$15,720,888.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Randy Frampton to approve the following tax rates for the 2007-08 school year: Armstrong Co. 17.50 Mills; Clarion Co. 38.00 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 the same as the present year. Motion Failed 2-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Markle, Minich, Pastor) need 5 votes for board approval.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to table the consideration for setting the 2007-08 tax rates. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich then asked the board members to set a date for a special session meeting to consider the tax rates for 2007-08. The board members scheduled Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to adopt the resolution for General Fund Designation for school year 2007-08. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #324 Administrative Employees, Personnel Files. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #424 Professional Employees, Personnel Files. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #504 Classified Employees, Employment of Classified Employees. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #524 Classified Employees, Personnel Files. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #805 Operations, Emergency Preparedness Evacuations of Schools. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #806 Operations, Child/Student Abuse. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #807 Operations, Opening Exercises/Flag Display. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the first reading of the following policy #810 Operations, Transportation. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the District curriculum for school year 2007-08. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to expel student J-06-07 for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year returning 2007-08 school year on a student contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve a 10 cent increase in elementary lunch prices from \$1.60 to \$1.70 starting the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve a 5 cent increase in secondary lunch prices from \$1.85 to \$1.90 starting the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to approve changes to High School Parent Student Handbook. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Vince Markle to approve participation in the 2007 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS). Motion Carried 5-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the Extra Curricular Bids for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$21,569.46. Summary tally sheet attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to accepting the Industrial Arts Bids for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$4,602.12. Tally sheet attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to advertise/sale used equipment or material. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the May, 2007 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,064,270.04. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the April 2007 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$52,808.35. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to retain William E. Hager, III as school district solicitor at an annual retainer fee of \$1,500.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson approve salary increase of 3 ½ percent for athletic trainer for school year 2007-08. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Vince Markle accept Melissa Blose resignation as Title IIA aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Vince Markle accept the Myrna LeVier resignation as Crossing Guard. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Vince Markle to advertise for Crossing Guard. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to retro-approve Heidi Truitt, Randy Bonanno and students to attend Enviro-thon Competition 2007 at Mont Alto Penn State Campus, May 23-24, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to hire elementary summer school teachers Kristen Huffman, Kelli Guntrum, Cari Snyder and Julie Burkhouse at \$23.00 per hour each. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to hire secondary summer school teachers; Edward Wasilowski, Ruben Carrillo, Kenneth Gibbs and Greg Campbell at \$700.00 per class. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor authorize the administration to advertise any open positions that may become available. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Randy Frampton to accept the resignation of Linda Stahlman, Stage manager. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to increase daily substitute teacher rate from \$75.00 per day to \$85.00 per day. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Randy Frampton to accept the resignation of Ronald Shrock, High School science teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Randy Frampton to table Megan Harmon request for unpaid leave for the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Keli Bonanno as Senior Play advisor. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 1-No (Watson).

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Shirley Pastor to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:27 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary