

School Board Meeting July 2, 2007

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, July 2, 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.

A motion was made by Randy Frampton seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of June 4, 2007 and the Special Session meeting of June 12, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. John Sayers spoke on the condition of the New Bethlehem Little League field and the need to refurbish the infield with additional fill to be crowned, and properly graded for drainage of water. Mr. Sayers commented on the increase risk of injury to players that may arise from the poor condition of the existing infield. Mr. Minich stated that the board would need additional information and additional quotes for renovating. Mr. Sayers was asked to attend the next meeting with the additional facts.

Gale Garmong presented the Student Representative report. Mr. Garmong commented on the many activities that are taking place over the summer months like Bake Sales, Carwashes and the Dunking Booth at the county fair for students and staff.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported current student counts for the elementary stand at 607 students and that he expects an additional 10 students to enroll by the start of school year. Mr. Knisley informed the board that elementary summer school will started for grades 2-6 at New Bethlehem Elementary on July 9th to August 2nd. Times are scheduled for 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Mr. Knisley commented finally on the cleaning of the elementary buildings which are going along better than expected.

Cheryl McCauley presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members of the increased allocation for Title I with a total allocation of \$335,270 and the additional receipt of \$6,797 for Safe and Drug Free Schools for this school year. Mrs. McCauley then also requested that the board give consideration to a textbook for students in 10th grade science class for Modern Biology. Mrs. McCauley stated that this request is being presented now so that orders could be placed and received before the start of school.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky commented on the Summer School that ran from June 11th through June 29th, at the time 15 Redbank Valley students attended. Mr. Dobransky noted that due to low enrollment only one class of math

and social studies was offered. Mr. Dobransky informed the board that scheduling is proceeding well with one exception that due to low requests the Shakespeare course will be eliminated. Mr. Dobransky highlighted the summer month's activities and included in his report a calendar of events scheduled before the startup of the school year.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teachers in attendance; Deborah Bonanno, D.M. Sarachine and Heather Hildebrand. Dr. Cornish informed the board that the district has on hand drawings for the High School renovations and additions and that bids have been advertised for opening on July 31, 2007. Dr. Cornish informed the board on the Cyber Services Program offered to school districts in conjunction with IU#6. This program will extend regular course offerings. By adding this program to our school Redbank Valley will be able to offer Redbank Valley students an alternative education option in cyber schooling. Where as now students look outside our district for this service with Redbank Valley still incurring an tuition expense of \$7,500 or more per student. This program will cost less than \$4,000 for each student. The school district will be able to monitor the student progress and it will entitle them to receive a Redbank Valley diploma. The downside of this program is that we cannot force any student to participate in our cyber school, they can still choose to go elsewhere. Dr. Cornish finally commented on the lawn care of the district where as with the hot season some concerns have arisen as to the mowing of the football field. The district maintenance personnel will be monitoring the area and mowing will be considered once more rainfall has occurred.

Randy Frampton presented the IU#6 Report. Mr. Frampton informed the board as to the IU#6 installation of a tower for the WAN project, recent hiring's and the highlights of the Cyber School Services program.

Dee Bell and Glenn Watson presented the CCAVTS Report. Each informed the board as to the internet policy for Acceptable Use of Internet/Network – Adult that is being considered and that negotiations have begun for the Executive Director contract.

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 second reading of the following policies #324 Administrative Employees, Personnel Files, #424 Professional Employees, Personnel Files, #504 Classified Employees, Employment of Classified Employees, #524 Classified Employees, Personnel Files, #805 Operations, Emergency Preparedness Evacuations of Schools, #806 Operations, Child/Student Abuse, #807 Operations, Opening Exercises/Flag Display and #810 Operations, Transportation. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the first reading of the following polices #103 Programs, Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices, #104 Programs, Nondiscrimination in Employment/Contract Practices, #248 Pupils, Unlawful Harassment, #348 Administrative Employees, Unlawful Harassment. #548 Classified Employees, Unlawful Harassment. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Redbank Valley School District starting a cyber school in conjunction with IU#6 Consortium with a membership fee of \$2,500.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to award Student Accident, Football and Sport Insurance for the school year 2007-08 to Peoples Benefits Life at a Football rate of \$2,412.69 and Student Accident of \$30.00 school time, \$109.00 24-hour coverage. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to add new High School parking area as an Add/Delete to the proposed project. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Randy Frampton to approve changes to Redbank Valley Elementary Schools Student/Parent Handbook as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Glenn Watson to approved high school science textbook as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to approve June, 2007 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the June, 2007 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$4,267,200.07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the May 2007 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$59,640.28. Motion Carried Unanimously

At this time 7:35 p.m. Mr. Minich announced an executive session will take place for personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Glenn Watson to declare the position of Elementary School Nurse vacant, due to recent passing of Marilyn Truitt.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Randy Frampton to hire Kevin Crissman as Crossing Guard for the 2007-08 school year at a salary of \$1,500.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the elementary guidance counselor job description. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the elementary music teacher job description. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Randy Frampton to hire Scott Kemerer as music teacher at MS Step 1 with a salary of \$33,605.00 according to RVEA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Randy Frampton to hire Laura A. Snyder as elementary guidance counselor at MS Step 1 with a salary of \$33,605.00 according to RVEA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Randy Frampton seconded by Dee Bell to hire Leslie M. McCullough as high school science teacher at BS Step 1 with a salary \$32,436.00 according to RVEA contract and pending receipt of clearance.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to grant tenure to Debra Doverspike, Lila Rummell, Mindy Traister, Chrysta Bowser, Kelly Ripple, Brady Carrier and Joseph Harmon. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to approve Jenean Smith to attend the Keystone Technology Summit, Shippensburg, Pa. July 16-19, 2007. No cost to the district. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Russell Reefer as stage manager at 50 points @ \$33.50 = \$1,675.00 according RVEA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Randy Frampton to hire Kelly Ripple as Senior High Student Council advisor for 2007-08 school year to be split into two positions at 15 points @ \$33.50 = \$502.50. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Watson).

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Glenn Watson to remove from table request by Megan Harmon for unpaid leave for the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve the request for unpaid leave for the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 2-No (Frampton, Pastor)

Mr.Minich asked for public concerns. No one came to be addressed.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Shirley Pastor to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary