

School Board Meeting July 10, 2006

The regular board meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, July 10, 2006, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Chorus Room. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Vince Markle, Theodore Minich, Kim Walls, Glenn Watson, and Lou Ann Williams. Louise Clemens, Jeffrey Merwin and Shirley Pastor were absent.

The regular meeting was called to order by Theodore Minich, President. Mr. Minich announced that there was a work session at 6:30 P.M. and an executive session at 6:45 to 7:10 P.M. for personnel matters. Dr. Cornish introduced the following teachers in attendance Deborah Bonanno, D. M. Sarachine, Linda Stahlman and Jill Boyles. Students from Senior and Junior High Student Council also attended the meeting.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting July 10, 2006. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. Mrs. Natasha L. Peters asked the board for consideration as to her request for tuition waiver for her daughter to attend school at Redbank Valley High School 2006-07.

At this moment Mr. Minich announced that an executive session would take place to discuss this student personnel matter at 7:20 P.M.

At 7:33 P.M. the regular meeting continued.

No Student Representatives were present.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely commented on enrollment to date which is 249 at Hawthorn, 264 at New Bethlehem and 164 at Mahoning elementary. Elementary summer school is starting this week and will run until August 3rd for grades 1-6th and kindergarten from the July 10th thru August 4th in each elementary.

Mary Wolf presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. Wolf stated that a draft of the Strategic Plan has been placed in the board member packet for review and that consideration will be asked in September for board approval. Mrs. Wolf commented that Sean Bowser has been contracted to re-design the district Web-site and a copy of the home page has been included in the board packets for review. Mrs. Wolf informed the board that proposal have been submitted for two grants Classrooms for the Future and Project 720 which are competitive grants for technology enhancements and curriculum improvements.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky informed the board that the High School summer school program had 25 student's complete requirements and that 3 of the students were awarded diplomas. Mr. Dobransky stated that electrical

upgrades are being made in the high school computer labs. Finally enclosed is a calendar of events for the summer and enrollment numbers to date for 2006-07.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began with the introduction of Linda Stahlman and Jill Boyles who are here to give a presentation to the board on their attendance to Pa. School Library Association conference held in May. Mr. Stahlman and Ms. Boyles reported on the 60 workshops offered dealing with librarian issues across the state and the various vendor booths showing update material/technology uses for librarians. Mrs. Stahlman and Ms. Boyles thanked the board for allowing them to attend the conference and having this time to report to the board. Dr. Cornish asked the board for consideration of dates when the members could have facilities tours of each building, the following days were scheduled July 17th, High School and Hawthorn Elementary, July 31st, New Bethlehem and Mahoning Elementary. Dr. Cornish then informed the board on the latest information available from Act 1 under this law school district are required to approve a Local Tax Study Commission by September 14, 2006. Dr. Cornish asked for a work session to further inform the board of this and other issues before the next regular board meeting. A date of August 2nd was scheduled.

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

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the first reading of the following policies; # 112 Programs, Guidance Counseling, # 218 Pupils, Student Discipline, # 220 Pupils, Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials, # 127 Programs, Assessment of Educational Program, # 221 Pupils, Dress and Grooming, # 130 Programs, Homework, # 233 Pupils, Suspension and Expulsion, # 235 Pupils, Student Rights/Surveys, # 137.1 Programs, Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students, # 140.1 Programs, Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students, # 815 Operations, Acceptable Use of Internet and Technology, # 816 Operations, Internet Website Content, # 609 Finances, Investments of District Funds. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to approve the request for tuition waiver for 2006-07 school year due to special circumstances for Mrs. Natasha L. Peters. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve textbooks for Secondary World Languages (Spanish and French), Secondary Business Education, English, grades 3-6 and PA History, grade 8. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to approve Bond request resolution for Miscellaneous Improvements thru State Public School Building Authority for \$1,000,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Kim Walls to approve season passes and ticket prices for 2006-07 as presented. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 1-No (Markle)

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Glenn Watson to approve amendments as presented for High School Student Handbook. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to approve Drug and Alcohol Survey of Redbank Valley High School students. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve bids for sale of used equipment to the individuals as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Student Accident, Football and Sport Insurance for the school year 2006-07 to Peoples Benefits Life for 2,213.48 and student accident rate of \$26.00 school time, \$95.00 24-hour. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to commit and fund the participation in the IU#6 E-Fund Wide Area Network Project. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve June, 2006 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to approve the June, 2006 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$3,804,216.90. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the May, 2006 Milk & Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$60,146.62. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Dee Bell to approve the transfer of Inactive fund balances of activities to Student Council Account as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to enter increases to the following \$294,255.00 of Basic Education Funding, \$21,768.00 of Special Education and

\$47,331.00 of PA Accountability Block Grant into district revenues as a result of the passed state budget. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Kim Wall to accept the 2nd Quarter 2006 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to retro hire Heather Heard as Junior High Volleyball Assistant coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Dee Bell to retro hire Mike Booher as Varsity Assistant Baseball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to hire Kevin Crissman and Myrna LeVier as Crossing Guards for 2006-07 school year at a salary of \$1,500.00 each. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to approve elementary teacher job description. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the secondary teacher job description. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to accept a leave of absent for Gregory Campbell, Jr. High Head Soccer coach for 2006 season. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Jackie Hopper, Kindergarten aide according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to hire Margaret Bell, 8-hour custodian according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to add Erin Schill and Rita Woodard to substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to hire Jodie Walters as child specific aide according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to hire Angie Truitt as child specific aide according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to accept the resignation of Staci Blair, Assistant JH Soccer Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve recommend point increase for Senior Class Advisor as presented from 17 to 25 points. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to hire Karla Hilliard as a 4-hour custodian according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Andy Bish, Junior High Boys and Girls Basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Tawna Shumaker and Kaitlin Shumaker volunteer assistant varsity cheerleader advisors for 2006-07 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the advertisement for volunteers for the Local Tax Study Commission. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to appoint board member Glenn Watson to the Local Tax Study Commission. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Kim Walls to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:58 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary