

School Board Meeting August 6, 2007

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

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 Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of July 2, 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 that he was asking for 50% contribution from the school board for these improvements. Mr. Brian Shumaker on behalf of the New Bethlehem Little League spoke to the school board on the associations ability to pay for these repairs and 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 consider this request during the current meeting.

Gale Garmong presented the Student Representative report. Mr. Garmong commented on the many activities that are taking place over the summer months like the Farmers Market the success of the Dunking Booth at the county fair and the possible start up of a school store in the high school with approval from the student council and administration.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported that current student counts for the elementary stand at 604 students and presented classroom counts for the 2007-08 school year as they stand to date. Mr. Knisley informed the board that elementary summer school students were well behaved and the students and teachers expressed a positive experience had by all. Mr. Knisley commented finally on the cleaning of the elementary buildings which are going along better than expected and presented an August calendar in his report.

Cheryl McCauley presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members that the school district received \$6,228.00 for Academic Achievement Award for all the elementary buildings that made AYP on the 2006-07 PSSA test scores. Mrs. McCauley commented on the successful Title V Pre-K and Pre-1 summer school program evaluations of students and parents surveys as to the program effectiveness. Mrs. McCauley reported to the school board that the school district received an additional \$10,553.00 for PA Accountability Block Grant funds which will help in the continuation of all day every day kindergarten program and the purchase of a telephone notification calling system called ALERT NOW regarding student absences and school emergencies such as snow cancellation.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky commented that 57 new computers have been installed in existing computer labs and that mounted projectors will be added to each of the labs for instruction purposes. Homeroom rosters have been sent to the newspapers for print and new student registration will be held on August 15, 2007. Mr. Dobransky reported that notification was sent out to all cyber school students in the district informing them of Redbank Valley cyber program for 2007-08 school year. Mr. Dobransky recognized that Tim Murray has donated \$1,000.00 to the yearbook club which will be used to reduce the cost of student yearbooks. Mr. Dobransky highlighted the summer month's activities and included in his report a current enrollment count.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teachers in attendance; Dianna Bain, Deborah Bonanno, Joseph Harmon and Molly Greenawalt. Dr. Cornish presented Robert T. Schreen and Tom Himes and John Boderocco to speak to the board on the construction and renovation of the High School being proposed for consideration tonight. Questions as to the actual bids received were discussed as well as the scope of the project. Dr. Cornish asked the board to view the attached Cafeteria Report from the previous year and asked if the board members had concerns. Dr. Cornish finally reported to the board members that bus routes for the 2007-08 school year will be modified and the possible elimination of a bus or two due to declining enrollment. Dr. Cornish stated the PennDot has given notice to the school district that the Kohlersburg Bridge near South Bethlehem Borough has a revised weight limit of 5 tons causing the school district to revise the use of the road for transportation. Dr. Cornish has notified the bus contractors involved and with their help a equitable solution to these modifications should be obtained satisfying all.

Randy Frampton presented the IU#6 Report. Mr. Frampton informed the board as to the IU#6 agenda which is included in the board members packets.

Dee Bell and Glenn Watson presented the CCAVTS Report. The July meeting was cancelled but 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 Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the second reading of the following policies #103 Programs, Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices, #104 Programs, Nondiscrimination in Employment/Contract Practices, #248 Pupils, Unlawful Harassment, #348 Administrative Employees, Unlawful Harassment, #448 Professional Employees, Unlawful Harassment, #548 Classified Employees, Unlawful Harassment. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Vince Markle to approve a contribution to the New Bethlehem Little League at 75% of cost for improvements to the New Bethlehem field. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Kim Walls to approve the first reading of the following policy; #604 Finances, Budget Adoption. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Wilson Construction Co. Inc. for General Construction for Fitness Center Addition, Heating System Replacement and Miscellaneous Improvements at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$1,879,200.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Wilson Construction Co. Inc. for Alternate G-1 Parking Area at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$38,000.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Mervac Plmbg. & Htg, Inc. for Heating and Ventilating Construction for Fitness Center Addition, Heating System Replacement and Miscellaneous Improvements at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$1,510,000.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Mervac Plmbg. & Htg, Inc. for Alternate H-1 New Unit Ventilators at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$182,000.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Mervac Plmbg. & Htg, Inc. for Alternate H-2 New DDC Controls at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$83,000.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Mervac Plmbg. & Htg, Inc. for Alternate H-3 New Unit Ventilators at Hawthorn Elementary in the amount of \$185,000.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Mervac Plmbg. & Htg, Inc. for Alternate H-4 New Unit Ventilators at New Bethlehem Elementary in the amount of \$231,000.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award DASCO Plumbing, Inc. for Plumbing Construction for Fitness Center Addition, Heating System Relacement and Miscellaneous Improvements at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$201,640.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Penn-Ohio Elect. Constr. for Electrical Construction for Fitness Center Addition, Heating System Relacement and Miscellaneous Improvements at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$185,300.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Penn-Ohio Elect. Constr. for Alternate E-1 Electrical work for New Unit Ventilators at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$5,385.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Penn-Ohio Elect. Constr. for Alternate E-2 Deduct from Electrical work for existing ATC air compressor at Redbank Valley High School in the amount of \$2,415.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Penn-Ohio Elect. Constr. for Alternate E-3 Electric work for New Unit Ventilators at Hawthorn Elementary in the amount of \$6,020.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to award Penn-Ohio Elect. Constr. for Alternate E-4 Electric work for New Unit Ventilators at New Bethlehem Elementary in the amount of \$7,415.00. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Watson)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the adoption of Riverview IU#6 policies and procedures under Federal requirements 34 CFR 300.101 – 300.211. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve the Freshman Trip to Washington D.C., November 7-9, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Louise Clemens to advertise the sale/disposal of equipment as per attached listing. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the July, 2007 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$704,412.45. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to accept 2nd Quarter 2007 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Vince Markle to approve Section 356 Agreement for Tax Year 2005 with Central Tax Bureau of Pa. Inc. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Randy Frampton to approve the July, 2007 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$7,214.78. Motion Carried Unanimously

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Minich announced that an executive session for personnel and student matters would take place at this time. The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Kim Walls and Glenn Watson excused themselves from the remainder of meeting.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the Elementary School Nurse job description. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Valerie Steffy for the position of Elementary School Nurse at BS Step 2 \$34,017.00 according to RVEA contract and pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Julie Burkhouse for the position of K-12 Gifted teacher at BS Step 1 \$32,436.00 according to RVEA contract and pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Randy Frampton seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Patty Troup for the position of Crossing Guard for 2007-08 school year at a rate of \$1,500.00 and pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve D.M. Sarachine to attend PA Science Teachers Convention at Hershey, Pa. on December 5-7, 2007. Cost to be incurred by district \$715.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve mentor's for 2007-08 as follows; Russ Reefer/Scott Kemerer; Debra Boozer/Lauren Snyder; D.M. Sarachine/ Leslie McCullough; Pamela Hawk/Gifted Education teacher; Shirley McDonald/Elementary School Nurse. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Sheena Shirey as JH Cheerleader coach at 50 points @ \$33.50 = \$1,675.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Vince Markle to hire Jessica Lencer as long-term substitute physical education/drivers education teacher for Megan Harmon who is on leave. BS Step 1 per diem rate of \$177.25 plus benefits. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Title II Instructional Aide job description. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to hire Heather Mann as 7th grade Title II Instructional aide according to RVSSPA contract pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve bus driver and substitute drivers as per attached list for 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

Item #47 consideration to hire child specific aide was removed.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to add Lori Garmon and Susan Huber to cafeteria substitute list. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absentation (Bell)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Randy Frampton to grant the transfer between Karla Hilliard and Margaret Bell an 8-hour custodial position to a 4-hour custodial position as requested. Motion Carried Unanimously

Item #50 consideration to add Leda Slaughenhou to substitute secretary/aide listing did not receive a motion.

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens to hire Mary Mauk for the position of LPN/Aide according to RVSSPA contract pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Joan McCauley for the position of Kindergarten Aide according to RVSSPA contract pending receipt of all clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

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A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:42 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary