

School Board Meeting August 7, 2006

The regular board meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, August 7, 2006, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Chorus Room. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Louise Clemens, Vince Markle, Jeffrey Merwin, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor and Lou Ann Williams. Kim Walls was 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 7:08 P.M. for personnel matters. Dr. Cornish introduced the following teachers in attendance Deborah Bonanno, D. M. Sarachine, Kristen Landers, Joseph Harmon, Jessica Minich, Julie Aaron, Phyllis Howard, Denise Troupe and Molly Greenawalt. Dr. Cornish also recognized Gregory McLanahan from Public Financial Management and Wayne Gerhold Esq. who will speak to the board concerning its consideration on a bond resolution.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting July 10, 2006 and Work session meeting August 2, 2006.
Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. There was no comments

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. Mr. Knisely stated that Elementary summer school ran smoothly with no disruptions from the renovation projects at New Bethlehem or Hawthorn Elementary. Mr. commented that there should be no problems for the beginning of school year due to the renovations.

Mary Wolf presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. Wolf reminded the board members that in September consideration of approving the Strategic Plan will be recommended and that concerns should be forwarded from board members should be forwarded to her office. Mrs. Wolf commented that interviews were held for computer lab aide and recommendations for hire will be later addressed in the meeting. Mrs. Wolf stated that unofficially the district has met AYP in all target areas of the PSSA scores. Mrs. Wolf informed the board that with increase funding in Accountability Block Grant this year mobile labtop carts for New Bethlehem and Hawthorn Elementary have been purchased and mini-lab of 4 computers will be installed in all 5 kindergarten classrooms.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky informed the board that 25 new replacement computers have been added to the high school labs. Mr. Dobransky highlighted from Mrs. Wolf report that high school math scores were up

30 percent from the previous year, he attributed these increases to the PSSA preparation time that teachers were helping students with before and after school. Mr. Dobransky stated that upgrades have been made to room 144 computer lab which will allow computers to be connected without cables or extension cords. Finally enclosed is a calendar of events for August and enrollment numbers to date for 2006-07.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began with the unofficial PSSA scores from Mrs. Wolf report and the success the school district has achieved in meeting AYP since the introduction of these standards. Dr. Cornish stated that the achievement in meeting these standards are directly related to the staff commitment in helping our students succeed in their education. Dr. Cornish announced that PSBA will conduct a workshop on Act 1 (Property Tax Relief) at IU6 on September 14, 2006 and invited all board members to attend. Dr. Cornish reminded the board that Act 1 requires school district to approve a Local Tax Study Commission by September 14, 2006 and action will be scheduled for the next board meeting. Dr. Cornish stated that additional aide staffing maybe needed for students in the elementary schools due to the individual student needs for the new school year, he will keep the board informed as evaluation are performed. Dr. Cornish commented with the start of the new school year transportation needs are being addressed, Christ Dominion Academy has a new location, 3 bus contractors have sold to existing district bus contractors and fuel pricing may again become and issue for the board to consider. Dr. Cornish thanked the board members for attending the facilities tour and hope that questions they may have of our buildings were addressed. Mr. Watson thanked the administration for conducting the tours.

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

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve the second 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

At this time Dr. Cornish introduced Gregory McLanahan from Public Financial Management. Mr. McLanahan explained that the sale of bonds took place on August 4th and that it went extremely well due to the excellent financial condition of the school district. An average rate of 3.77% was obtained over a 5 year period for a bond issue of \$1,000,000.00.

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Wayne Gerhold, Esq. then explained the next step for the board was to adopt a resolution agreement for the bond issue whereas the school district assumes the debt service for this bond sale and that Mr. Gerhold would be the bond counsel for the sale.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Jeffrey Merwin to approve Bond Resolution for Micellaneous Improvments thru State Public School Building Authority for \$1,000,000.00. 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 8- Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent (Walls)

At this time a short recess occurred at 7:35 p.m. to sign all documentation from Bond Counsel.

At 7:50 p.m. the regular meeting reconvened.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to retro approve sales of used/disposed equipment to Louise Smith, Tracie Bonfardine, and Wayne Boozer. Motion Carried Unanimously

At this time Mr. Watson left the room.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve the extended student education trip request of Mr./Mrs. Bob Gourley. Motion Carried Unanimously 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent (Watson).

At this time Mr. Watson returned to the meeting.

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the elementary report card format for grades 1-2 and 3-6 and envelope for school year 2006-07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve July, 2006 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Dee Bell to approve the July, 2006 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,996.190.68. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the June, 2006 Milk & Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$30,957.92. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the bus driver and substitute drivers as per attached list for 2006-07 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens of request for unpaid leave of absence for Shirley McDonald and Debra Boozer. Motion Denied 0-Yes, 8-No (Bell, Clemens, Markle, Merwin, Minich, Pastor, Williams)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Jessica Minich and students to attend the PSBA School Leadership Conference at Hershey, Pa. October 11-13, 2006. Cost to be incurred by district \$890.00. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Randy Bowser as Head JH Soccer coach at 50 points @ \$32.00 = \$1,600.00. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Pastor, Minich)

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Jeffrey Merwin to hire J.D. Cherby as Assistant JH Soccer coach at 70 points @ \$32.00 = \$1,280.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Ken Bowser as volunteer coach for JH Soccer. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Louise Clemens to hire Jason Kundick as Head JH Football coach at 70 points @ \$2,240.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Thomas Wagner as Assistant JH Football coach at 57 points @ \$32.00 = \$1,824.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Jason Fox as a volunteer coach for JH Football. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Heather Herd as JV Volleyball coach at 54 points @ \$34.00 = \$1,836.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve Cari Bonnett and Jamie Rex as volunteer coaches in volleyball. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Heather Herd as Head JH Volleyball coach at 30 points @ \$34.00 = \$1,020.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Jessica Mamrose as Assistant JH Volleyball coach at 25 points @ \$32.00 = \$800.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the resignation of Heather Dzikiy, Band Front/Colorguard. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Andrea Dieble as a volunteer for Band Front/Colorguard. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Jane McCauley volunteer Varsity Cheerleading assistant. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Glenn Watson to add the following names to the substitute teacher list, Amy Seliga, Angela Boyer, Hope Neal, Jayson Waugaman, Heather Herd, Gretchen Kacmar, David Katzman, Jeremy Borkowski, Erich Zaun, Marcie Lyle and Deborah Green. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Williams)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Susan Sherman as computer lab aide according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Joy Horner as computer lab aide according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Louise Clemens to hire Jessica Minich as Senior Class Advisor at 25 points @ \$32.00 = \$800.00. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Minich).

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to grant tenure to Cheri Hornberger, Jessica Minich and Andrew Rex. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Minich)

Louise Clemens asked a question regarding high school guidance counselor assignment for students, Mr. Dobransky answered that a rotating cycle is used by the guidance counselor from year to year.

Dr. Cornish commented that a Disaster Drill will be conducted at the Redbank Valley High School on August 12, 2006. Various emergency departments from throughout the county will participate in the event and that they are looking for volunteers to assist in the success of training emergency personnel in a mock disaster. Joseph Harmon a teacher and

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EMT in the Redbank Valley area commented also that 45 students and staff will be helping in the drill but more volunteers are needed and encourage all present to attend.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary