

## School Board Meeting September 5, 2006

The regular board meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Tuesday, September 5, 2006, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library Room. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Louise Clemens, Vince Markle, Jeffrey Merwin, Theodore Minich, Lou Ann Williams, Kim Walls and Glenn Watson. Shirley Pastor 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. Dr. Cornish introduced the following teachers in attendance Pamela Brandon, Debra Doverspike, Molly Greenawalt, Cheri Hornberger, Gail Johnson, Cheryl McCauley, Roxanne Lewis and Linda Stahlman.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting August 7, 2006. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Kristin Gruver presented the Student Representatives report. She commented on the startup of the school year for student was going well. Ms. Gruver reported on the upcoming events planned for the new school year for students.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely commented that the startup of school was going smoothly. Mr. Knisely reported that kindergarten orientation was well attended and the renovations at Hawthorn and New Bethlehem elementarys posed no problem for staff and students. Mr. Knisely stated that 3<sup>rd</sup> day enrollment stood at 641 students and commented on the upcoming September calendar of events.

Mary Wolf presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. Wolf commented on the turn-over of aides in the last month and interviews are scheduled to fill the vacant positions. Mrs. Wolf stated the official results for PSSA testing are posted and included in board members packets, the district has met AYP in all target areas of the PSSA scores. Mrs. Wolf reported that thru the Accountability Block Grant this year palm pilot handhelds and software were purchased to assist with the DIBELS assessment to monitor student growth and achievement. Mrs. Wolf informed the board members that a letter from PSLA in appreciation for Linda Stahlman participation on the statewide conference was received and that Mrs. Stahlman was present tonight if the board members wished comment to her. Finally Mrs. Wolf stated an Act 80 day schedule is included with her report with the day dedicated to PSSA preparation.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky informed the board that the dual enrollment program will continue to be offered to students at Clarion

University at a reduced cost. Mr. Dobransky commented that PSSA Remediation will be offered to students in the mornings. Dr. Dobransky recognized that Joseph Harmon has been selected as one of two Outstanding Secondary Level Teachers of the Year by the Pa. Council for Social Studies. Mr. Dobransky stated the Graduation Project Program is underway with first meetings scheduled for September 14, 2006 and oral presentations will be held on September 22, 2006. Mr. Dobransky commented that 7<sup>th</sup> Grade orientation was a success and parents, students and teachers took part in a short presentation on internet safety presented by the Clarion County Sheriff's Office. Third day enrollment stood at 652 with 71 students attending the Career Center.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began with informing the board members on information from the Career Center exploring the idea to create a Technical Community College. A presentation and informational meeting will be held at the IU#6 September 25, 2006 and invited the board members to attend. Dr. Cornish next informed the board members of a change order for New Bethlehem Elementary with the roof contractor, this order is due to a roof drain that is blocked and needs to be rerouted. Later consideration will be required of the board of the change order during the meeting. Dr. Cornish commented on the ACT 1 timeline for budget considerations. He reminded the board that the budgetary process has been moved up approximately 3 months with preliminary budget figures due by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and board consideration by January 2007. Dr. Cornish then asked the board for a work session in September to discuss building renovations and ACT 1 constraints. September 13, 2006 was scheduled at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Library. Dr. Cornish finally commented on the policies included in the board members packet for review, these policies will be forwarded to the board for consideration at later a period.

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

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to approve the Chapter 4 Educational Strategic Plan. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Dee Bell to approve the Professional Educational Plan. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to appoint the following to the Redbank Valley Local Tax Study Commission: Ben Carrico, Jack Milliren, Rev. John Phillips, Terry Mateer and alternate Dr. Donald Nair with Glenn Watson representing the board. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absentation (Watson)

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to approve a fuel price adjustment for bus contractors at \$2.55 without taxes with reconciliation between over and under pricing in January and retro payment to begin with 2006-07 year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to approve change order for New Bethlehem Elementary Renovation – Reroofing for \$5,377.00 due to damaged roof drain with labor and materials not to exceed change order amount. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve a bullying letter to student parents be sent by district personnel. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve August, 2006 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve the August, 2006 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,506,389.02. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Merwin)

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Kim Walls to approve the July and August, 2006 Milk & Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$18,611.78. Motion Carried Unanimously

At 8:05 P.M. of the meeting Mr. Minich called for an executive session for personnel and real estate matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:01 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to add Carol Clinger to the bus driver and substitute drivers list pending receipt of clearance. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Joan McCauley, instructional aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to add Joan McCauley and Cheryl Fuller, to substitute aide/secretary list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell hire Marcy Lyle as a 1<sup>st</sup> semester long-term substitute special education teacher for Kelly Ripple who will be on

maternity leave. Salary will be per diem at BS Step 1 for 2006-07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve child rearing leave for Carrie McIntire. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to hire Tina Johnson as a 1<sup>st</sup> semester long-term substitute music teacher for Carrie McIntire who is on leave. Salary will be per diem at BS Step 1 for 2006-07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve Michael Sarachine to attend PSTA Convention, November 29th thru December 1, 2006 in Hershey, Pa. Total cost to district \$710.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve transportation contract with parent due to medical condition. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to hire Michael Sarachine as mentor for Ruben Carrillo for school year 2006-07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to add Sara Adams, Robert Krause, Beverly Myers and Robin Henry to substitute teachers list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to hire Bill Neiswonger as Head JH Girls Basketball coach. Salary to be split three ways for the two positions with each position receiving \$1,392.66. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to hire Heather Herd as Assistant JH Girls Basketball coach. Salary to be split three ways for the two positions with each position receiving \$1,392.66. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve Bree Stewart and Patti Ochs as volunteers for JH Soccer. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve Shelly Miller as an volunteer for JH Cheerleading. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve Brian Doverspike as a volunteer for Golf pending receipt of clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve Tracie Bonfardine to attend Cooperative Education Conference October, 19-20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at State College, Pa. Total cost to district \$575.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve an independent study program for Nicole McGinnis and Tiffany Smith. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Jeffrey Merwin to approve the transfer of Susan Sherman from computer lab aide to kindergarten aide. According to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Kim Walls to re-hire Angie Truitt as a computer lab aide. Seniority will be based on prior employment date 10/05/05. According to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Kim Walls to approve Mary Wolf to attend the PASCD Annual Conference, November 19-21, 2006, in Hershey Pa. Cost of \$620.00 to be incurred by Title IIA funds. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Glenn Watson to approve district to remove hand railing and ladder from rooftop of the press box of the football field. Motion Carried Unanimously

Louise Clemens commended the district personnel in the handling of discipline issues at the schools. She commented on the professionalism in which they were handled.

Mr. Minch then asked for public comment. There were no comments.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Louise Clemens to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary