

School Board Work Session Meeting
September 10, 2007

A Work Session Meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, September 10, 2007, 6:30 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Chorus Room. The following members were in attendance Dee Bell, Louise Clemens, Randy Frampton, Vince Markle, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor, Glenn Watson and Lou Ann Williams. Kim Walls was absent.

Mr. Minich opened the meeting by stating that this work session was for open discussion by the board members on the transportation issue confronting the board at Mahoning elementary.

Dr. Cornish introduced to the board representatives from Valley Bus Lines, Bill Clepper and Marsha Clepper and from Barrett Busing, Edward Barrett and Jerry Barrett. Dr. Cornish also introduced Sherri McGinnis who assists him in transportation rosters and schedules.

Item discussed are as follows:

A. Transportation

Dee Bell presented to the board from the committee which comprised of Mr. Knisely and Louise Clemens. Mr. Bell committee reviewed routes to see if the committee could help alleviate the late dismissal time for Mahoning Elementary. Mr. Bell commented that the main issue is the 45 minute gap between dismissal and pick-up times. Mr. Knisely in a written statement addressed the concerns of the parents from the last meeting as to students being on the bus to long, insufficient student supervision during the evening monitoring before bus pickup and the lack of teacher prep time caused by the evening monitoring. Several parents spoke out to the board concerning this issue in favor of the following to help fix the problem: adding back the eliminated bus, to create a transfer stop whereas students from one bus, stop at South Bethlehem and are allowed to walk across the bridge to Kohlersburg Rd to catch another bus. Another suggestion was to shift the time schedule for Mahoning elementary to begin and end 10 minutes earlier. Dr. Cornish stated that changing the work schedule of the district teachers is written into their contract and all of the faculty and association would have to approve any change in the work day.

Recommendation: It was determined that the board would review the options discussed at tonight meeting and report at the next board meeting as to alternatives solutions of the Mahoning bus issue

The work session adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Secretary