

School Board Meeting October 2, 2006

The regular board meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, October 2, 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, Shirley Pastor, Lou Ann Williams, Kim Walls and Glenn Watson.

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 Sandra Shirey, Dianna Bain, Jessica Mamrose, Gary Barlett, Gretchen Kunselman, Kathy Otte, Lori Garies and Julie Aaron

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting September 5, 2006 and work session meeting September 13, 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 following events that took place during the month they include Spirit Week, Homecoming, Powder Puff game and Graduation Project.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely commented that Open House was held in all three elementary buildings. Mr. Knisely reported that no major problems are occurring with the renovations at Hawthorn or New Bethlehem buildings as to disruption of classes. Mr. Knisely reported that many of the classes are participating in the "First in Math" website. He stated students are competing to see how many stickers they can earn. Mr. Knisely noted that without the help of Mrs. Wolf in securing funds for this program, First in Math could not be possible. Mr. Knisely informed the board that 2nd Grade teachers have received science kits to help students in the upcoming Science PSSA testing and finally commented on the upcoming October calendar of events.

Mary Wolf presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. Wolf commented on the 4-Sight program that assesses students in grades 3 thru 11 in PSSA reading and math testing preparation. The first assessment had teachers meet after school to score the 3 open-ended essay questions that each student completed then the scoring sheets were processed at a member center. Teachers then learned how to analyze student results to better prepare students for testing. Mrs. Wolf reported that Technology Plan was submitted to PDE on September 30, 2006 and a copy of the plan is included in the board members packet.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky informed the board that High School Open House will be October 10, 2006 parents can visit with student teachers from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Dobransky commented that 12th grade PSSA retest will

be given October 23-27, 2006. Mr. Dobransky stated that the Marching Band took first place at the Peanut Butter Festival Parade and that the Golf team placed 2nd at districts with the whole team qualifying for the next round. Student council will be offering a blood drive on October 20, 2006 and the 2006 Homecoming Court has been selected.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began with informing the board members that October 23, 2006 has been selected for the Local Tax Commission public hearing at the High School auditorium. PSBA will make a formal presentation on the development of a EIT or PIT rate. Dr. Cornish finally commented on the Homecoming Dance that he attended as a chaperone. Dr. Cornish stated that the dance had over 450 students and the students conducted themselves in a well behaved manner.

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

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the transportation contracts for the school year 2006-07. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve for land survey for Hawthorn Elementary. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve High School Renovation Plan. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Kim Walls to approve Change Order for Hawthorn and New Bethlehem Elementaries Renovation – Boilers for \$2,650.00 due to pumps condition and age. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve first reading Policy # 624 Finances, Taxable Fringe Benefits. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve first reading Policy # 717 Property, Cellular Telephones. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve first reading Policy # 828 Operations, Fraud. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve first reading Policy # 217 Pupils, Graduation Requirements. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve first reading Policy # 250 Pupils, Student Recruitment. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve resolution in support of a Technical Community College for Clarion County Career Center. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve September, 2006 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jeffrey Merwin seconded by Dee Bell to approve the September, 2006 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,527,470.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

At this time 7:45 p.m. Mr. Minich called for an executive session for personnel matters. The regular meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Kim Walls to add Michele Kunselman to the substitute cafeteria aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the creation of a 1-year classroom aide position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to hire Cheryl Fuller as classroom aide according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve Kristen Landers and Kathy Snyder to attend the Integrated Learning: School to Work Conference. November 6-8, 2006 in State College, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Tech Prep. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Kim Walls seconded by Dee Bell to accept resignation of David Bish as All-School Play Director. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Jeffrey Merwin to hire Andrea Deible as Band Front Color Guard advisor at 77 points @ \$32.00 = \$2,464.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

No Action was taken on the motion to add William Dubrock, Jr. to the van driver list.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to add Melissa Bruner and Shannon Harmon-Nolan to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the creation of a child specific aide position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to approve Marianne Reynolds, Pam Brandon, Gary Sproul and Sandra Shirey to attend the Keystone State Reading Association Conference at Seven Springs, October 22-25, 2006 in Champion, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Dee Bell to Laura Heasley and Kim McCracken to attend the First Grade Teacher Conference at Harrisburg, Pa. December 4-5, 2006. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minch then asked for public comment. Lisa Yarger a parent from the Mahoning Elementary attendance area spoke to the board on the speculated closing of the school. Mrs. Yarger asked why the board would consider such a move when people are moving into the Mahoning area just for the school.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Kim Walls to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary