

## School Board Meeting November 5, 2007

The Regular monthly meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday November 5, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Louise Clemens, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor, Glenn Watson, and Lou Ann Williams. Randy Frampton, Vince Markle and Kim Walls were absent from the meeting.

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. and an executive session at 6:38 P.M. for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting, October 1, 2007. Motion Carried Unanimously

Theodore Minich then asked for any Public Concern from the audience. Diane Brothers spoke to the board as to her concerns with the Senior Project grading system and evaluation of the student's presentation of the project. She and other individuals in the audience spoke up as to how this project was preparing our students for the future life endeavors.

Mr. Minich stated that the parent concerns would be addressed later in the meeting.

Student Representatives Briana Fierst and Gale Garmong presented their report commenting on the extracurricular events for the past month and plans forth coming month.

The Elementary Report will be included with the Superintendent report.

Cheryl McCauley presented the Director of Education Report. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members of the new teacher webpage core group. The 25 teachers are developing their own classroom web pages with the help of Mrs. Landers. Mrs. McCauley stated that preparations are being finalized for the next Act 80 day on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be instructed on WAN and Internet2 use as well as online resources in the morning and legal updates, grade and department level meetings in the afternoon. Mrs. McCauley presented information that teachers are using data from the first round of 4Sight assessments administered in September to determine student growth and pinpoint necessary areas of remediation. Mrs. McCauley also included in her packet results from Act 48 professional evaluation summary sheets from August 31<sup>st</sup> program.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky first introduced Kate Gruver FFA sponsor and the students who recently returned from the National FFA convention meeting held in Indianapolis IN. The students informed the board members of the activities and events they participated in during the week. The students thanked the board

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for allowing them to go to the convention and experience a once in a lifetime event. Mr. Dobransky also informed the board that report cards have been distributed this evening to students. Mr. Dobransky stated that PSSA retests have been administered in writing, reading and math to students. The Academic Sports League has begun and the Hometown High-Q competition on KDKA begun this past weekend. Mr. Dobransky noted that in sports the Volleyball team won its first match in district IX playoffs, the varsity football playoff game will be November 9<sup>th</sup> and the girls' soccer team was defeated in the second round by Elk County Christian 5 to 0. Mr. Dobransky enclosed in his report the enrollment figures of the month of October.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by presenting plaques to the board members Louise Clemens and Kim Walls who are not seeking another term on the board and expressed thanks to them for serving on the school board. Dr. Cornish introduced the following teachers in attendance; Debbie Bonanno and Jamie Bowersox. Also in attendance are bus contractors Jerry and Edward Barrett, Barrett Busing Co. and Dane and Dorothy Minich Bus Company. Dr. Cornish asked the board member to review the Cafeteria report presented in writing. Items may come forward concerning the operation of the cafeteria in the near future. Dr. Cornish reported that the school district does have a confirmed case of MRSA. The student is home and under a physician care. Finally Dr. Cornish enclosed an elementary report with enrollment and calendar date of events for November.

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 revised transportation contracts for the school year 2007-08. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to approve reinstating bus #121 and have runs the same as last year. Motion Failed 3-Yes, 3-No (Minich, Watson, Williams) 3-Absent (Frampton, Markle, Walls)

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the first reading of the following policies, #626 Finances, Federal Fiscal Compliance; #103 Programs, Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practice; #209 Pupils, Health Examination/Screenings. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Act 1 resolution. Motion Failed 4-Yes, 2-No (Bell, Watson), 3-Absent (Frampton, Markle, Walls)

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A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to reconsider Act 1 resolution. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Act 1 resolutions. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Glenn Watson to approve first reading of policy #906 Community, Public Complaints. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve October, 2007 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the October, 2007 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,913,470.21. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded Glenn Watson to approve August and September, 2007 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$89,506.48. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Lou Ann Williams to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2007 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to accept the resignation of Heather Bish, Junior High Assistant Girls Basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Dr. John M. Cornish to attend the I.U. Legislative Trip, January 27-30, 2008, Harrisburg, Pa. and Washington, D.C. Cost to be incurred by district \$700.00.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve David Bish and students to attend District Band Festival, January 9-12, 2008 at Indiana Area High School, Indiana, Pa. Approximate cost to be incurred by district \$450.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve David Bish and students to attend District Jazz Band Festival, January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at Penns Manor High School, Heilwood, Pa. Approximate cost to be incurred by district \$450.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to David Bish and students to attend Regional Band Festival, February 20-23, 2008 at Marion Center High School, Marion Center, Pa. Approximate cost to be incurred by district. \$450.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Jessica Mamrose to assume full responsibilities and pay as Junior High Assistant Girls Basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to declare vacant, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball coaching position, due to present coach relocating. Motion Carried Unanimously

No motion was made concerning the hiring for Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball coach.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to retro approval for Girls Volleyball team to stay overnight at St. Mary's, Pa. for district finals. No cost to the district. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to accept the resignation of Glenn Watson, school board CCAVTS representative. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Shirley Pastor to form a review committee for the senior project. Discussion as to the senior project program were addressed by administrators, board members and parents attending the meeting as to student presentation and teachers evaluation.

Motion to form a review committee for the senior project Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich then asked for public concern before the meeting went to executive session. A comment from Mrs. Debbie Bonnano concerning the possible shortened educational time of the day by 10 minutes for the dismissal of students. Mrs. Bonanno stressed that shortening the day by 10 minutes would cause problems in the elementary seeing that the elementary day is so structured for the teachers as it is. Having 10 less minutes would have a adverse effect on the day.

Mr. Minich then announced an executive session for personnel matters at 8:10 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Shirley Pastor to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:27 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary