

School Board Meeting June 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, June 9 2014, 7:19 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, Dee Bell, Brian Dougherty Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Shirley Pastor and Chad Shaffer.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President, Chad Shaffer at 7:19 P.M. due to the work session running over its period.

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the minutes for the Work Session Meeting, May 5, 2014, Work Session Meeting, May 19, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. The following people spoke to the school board staffing concerns. Ann Callenburg as to the increasing the half time positions for physical education and music to full time positions. Katlyn Gareis as to staff assignments between the high school and elementary buildings. Ruth Kesphler also as to staff assignments between the high school and elementary buildings. Amy Milanovich as to a lowering the retirement qualified years under the current contract. Mr. Shaffer thanked all who spoke to the board.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place now for personnel and negotiations issues at 7:35 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Due to the summer recess no student representative report was available.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley stated the 2nd graders transition day was a big success as 2nd graders toured the intermediate school and the functions they must do when they arrive next year. Mrs. McCauley informed the school board that information has been given as to the district allocation for next year Title funds. Redbank Valley will have a reduction in funding of Title I and Title IIA compared to 2013-14 funding. With these reductions staffing will be changed from 4 to 3 Title I teachers and the 4th teacher being assigned to a classroom left vacant by a retiring teacher.

The Intermediate Report was given by Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles thanked the PTO for providing funds for the elementary field trips taken this year and by honoring the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. The PTO also provided the students with the annual Spring Fest on May 22nd. Mrs. Boyles ended her report by saying the school year ended very

well and that report cards were distributed on the last day of school and that class lists will be published in August.

The Secondary Report was given by Jason Kerr. Mr. Kerr informed the board that that he was very pleased with the senior graduation ceremony and the Honors Banquet. All the May events were without incidents.

The Maintenance Report was presented by John Sayers. Mr. Sayers stated that the summer cleaning and repairs are well underway by the staff.

Michael Drzewiecki presented the Superintendent Report. Mr. Drzewiecki first began by congratulating David Eggleton, Megan Hammond and Valerie Sloan for obtaining tenure. Mr. Drzewiecki notified the board that Derek Bracken, trainer has accepted another position as a trainer in the Pittsburgh area. Champs will be interviewing for a trainer that can be assigned to the school district for the next school year over the summer. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the state budget. He expects no budget until the end of the month with the biggest issue being state retirement. There are two proposals at the legislature table as to pension reform. Support seems to be centered on a plan that affects only the new hires. This plan would proposed a hybrid plan to addresses reform which creates long-term savings and shifts the risk from taxpayers. The plan establishes that all new employees who enter the state systems would be enrolled in a combination of 401(k)-type and traditional pension plan. In doing so, this plan is estimated to save between \$11 billion and \$15 billion over a 30-year projection period while leaving existing PSERS members plans alone. More information will be available when the legislatures get back in session.

Mrs. Kopnitsky presented the IU #6 report. Mrs. Kopnitsky noted items as to the agenda presented in the board packet.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell noted items as to the the minutes presented in the board packet.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the reading of the following tax rates for the 2014-15 school year: Armstrong Co. 21.56 Mills; Clarion Co. 30.42 Mills; Rates are changed to due to equalization formula for each county. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the second reading of the following tax rates for the 2014-15 school year. Section 679 Per Capita, \$10.00 per head; Section 511 Per Capita \$5.00 per head; Occupation Tax \$10.00 per head; Earned Income Tax, .05%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%; Rates are the same as last year. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Bell)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to approve the General Fund Budget for 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$16,523,003.00. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Bell)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to adopt resolution for General Fund Designation for school year 2014-15. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution for school year 2014-15. Exclusion will be \$112.64 per approved parcel. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to award the district insurance package bid to Burns and Burns Associates, Inc. for a 3 year period under the proposal of PSBA products with an AmeriHealth Workers Compensation policy totaling \$105,758.00. Tabulation enclosed. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Bell, Kopnitsky, Nair)

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve textbooks for grades 3-6 social studies classes as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to deny the appeal of the RVEA on tuition credit reimbursement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Shirley Pastor to retro actively deny the grievance on tuition credit reimbursement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve for the sale of unused equipment as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve course offering of Keystone Algebra, Keystone Biology, Algebra 2A and 2B for high school curriculum for 2014-15 school year. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Kopnitsky)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to tentatively agree to the formation of a rifle team contingent upon agreement of a facility use with Hawthorn Rod and Gun Club and agreement with RVEA establishing coach's points and stipend along with District 7 & 9 approval. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Kopnitsky, Nair, Shaffer)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded Wendy Heeter to approve May, 2014 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to approve the May, 2014 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$3,850,149.59. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the April, 2014 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$61,942.21. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Chad Shaffer to accept the resignation of Marcy Wile, cafeteria aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Brittany Walters, Jean Musser, Jessie Brocius, Jaylene Smith and Cheri Hornberger as Pre-K thru Pre-6th summer school teachers at a rate of \$23.00 per hour. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Tina Kennemuth to hire Joan McCauley and Lisa Bowersox as Pre-K thru Pre-6th summer school aide as per RVESPA contract hourly rate. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to advertise for vacant administration/professional/support/extra-curricular position(s) as they may arise during the summer vacation break. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Deanna Sebastian as an Extended School Year aide personal aide as to student's IEP as per RVESPA contract hourly rate. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve an additional 7 per diem days for Amy Whitling, Guidance for 2014-15 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to hire Craig Hibell as Head Junior High Football coach at 70 points as to RVEA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to approve Ruben Carrillo as a volunteer Junior High Football coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to accept the resignation of Jessica Minich as Senior Class Advisor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Julie Aaron to attend AP-Literature and Composition Workshop on June 23-26, 2014 at South Fayette High School in McDonald, Pa. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the reassignment of Linda Willison from 4.5 hour secretary to 7.5 hour secretary for 230 days. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Kopnitsky, Pastor)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to accept the resignation of Thomas Logan as Dean of Students/Athletic Director as of July 1st, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. No comments were made.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place immediately after adjournment for personnel reasons.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:32 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary