

School Board Meeting May 5, 2014

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday May 5, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, Dee Bell, Brian Dougherty Wendy Heeter, 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 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the minutes for the Regular School Board Meeting April 7, 2014 and Work Session Meeting April 7, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any public concerns. Jodie Walter spoke on the concern of Food Consumer Science Program and what benefits it give students in preparation of everyday life skills, budgeting practices, nutritional preparation and child bearing. Mrs. Walters asked the school board to consideration the value the program gives to everyday students.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Gabe Troup. Mr. Troup commented on the sixth grade Mission Transition experience and the upcoming awards ceremony to be held at the high school.

The Primary/Director of Education report was presented in writing by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley presented the outlines for the Title I Summer School Program in writing whereas 28 students have been identified “at risk”. These students will be invited to participate in the program from July 7th through July 31st from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Depending on enrollment the program will need 7 teachers and 2 classroom aides. All program cost have been budgeted through Title I funding this year.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported that the sixth grade Earth Day project to beautify the school building by clearing, replanting and re-mulching the flower beds at the front of the building and also repainting the basketball court. Mrs. Boyles commented on the students’ participation in the Math 24 tournament and the Elementary County-Wide Reading Competition.

The Secondary Report was presented by Jason Kerr. Mr. Kerr reported to the school board about the Keystone Exams end-of-course assessments that were developed to measure a student’s level of proficiency in core subjects, such as Algebra I, Biology and Literature. Each module is organized around specific assessment anchors and eligible content within a content area. Assessment anchors and eligible content are statements that clarify the standards assessed on each Keystone Exam and serve as one tool to align curriculum,

instruction, and assessment. Mr. Kerr reported on students below proficient level in the areas of literature 16, Algebra 77 and Biology 121. Remediation and course realignment in algebra are being developed to improve the students in meeting proficiency.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that the air conditioning system in the computer technology room is being repaired which falls under warranty and that the security door latch at Intermediate school has been replaced.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that a cooler has been donated to district for the outdoor concession by Beverage-Air Corporation. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the local legislator meeting at the IU6. Redbank Valley was well represented by school board members. Topics of discussion were increased cost to PSERS, special education funding, 2014-15 state budget funding, school choice and Plancon revisions.

The IU Report was not available.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell reported that the CCAVTS budget has been approved by the JOC and that the item has been placed on the school board agenda for approval. Mr. Bell also reported that a new education contract agreement has been approved which will run from 2014-16.

Dr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place now for personnel, litigation and negotiations at 7:52 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the second reading of policy #810.21 Operation, Transportation-Video/Audio//Recording. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Pastor, Nair)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Donald Nair to consider the first reading of the following tax rates for the 2014-15 school year: Armstrong Co. 22.59 Mills, Clarion Co.32.25 Mills; rates are increased to the maximum index of 3.1%. Motion Failed 2-Yes, 7-No (Barrett, Dougherty, Heeter, Kennemuth, Kopnitsky, Nair and Pastor)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Adam Barrett to read 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 Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$17,314,199.00.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to postpone the vote on the Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$17,314,199.00. Motion Failed 2-Yes, 7-No (Kennemuth, Heeter, Bell, Pastor, Kopnitsky, Barrett, and Shaffer).

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$17,314,199.00. Motion Carried 8-Yes, No-1(Dougherty)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Adam Barrett to approve for 2014-15 school year all federal program and grants as part of the district budget. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the Redbank Valley High School 91 Graduating Seniors, Class of 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Elementary Summer School as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to renew district vision coverage plan with Vision Benefits of America at following rates \$5.10 Single and \$12.40 Family for period of 2 years. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the renewal PSBA Unemployment Compensation Program BUCS under the option of BUCS Comprehensive program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to retain S&T Bank; First United National Bank; Northwest Trust Bank; Clarion Co Community Bank; Pa. Invest Program; PLGIT; and RBC Dain Rauscher as depositories. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 0-No, 1 Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the General & Art Supplies Bids for 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$42,462.40. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the ARIN28 Xerographic Bids for the 2014-15 school year in the amount totaling \$16,231.93. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the Maintenance Supplies Bids for the 2014-15 school year in the amount totaling \$22,639.28. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the Industrial Art Bids for the 2014-15 school year in the amount totaling \$11,555.73. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the Extra Curricular Bids for the 2014-15 school year in the amount totaling \$26,777.35. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the Clarion County Career Center operating Budget for 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$3,636,614.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the April, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve April 2014 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,932,872.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the March 2014, Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$70,233.68. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the 1st Quarter 2014 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to retain Troese & Associates as school district auditor for 2013-2014 school year, \$8,140 regular audit; \$4,150 single audit and tax collectors \$6,700. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to retain William E Hager, III as school district solicitor at an annual retainer fee of \$2,000.00. 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Don Nair to retain James Kifer as school district treasurer for 2014-2015. 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to retain Dr. Stephen Jaworski as school district dentist for the 2014-15 school year at a rate of \$4.00, per exam. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Todd Todorov to the substitute custodian list pending receipt of all necessary clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded Ann Kopnitsky to hire Lara Wagner as a child specific aide according to the RVESPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to accept the resignation of Edward Wasilowski, high school social studies teacher due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the resignation of Kathy Snyder, high school home economics teacher due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the resignation of Darla Minich, custodian due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Cheryl Griffin to the substitute teacher list pending receipt of all necessary clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Brian Dougherty to hire Amy Himes as library aide according to the RVESPA contract. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to accept the resignation of Jackie Kunselman secretary due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to accept Cheryl Fuller child specific aide, resignation due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Redbank Valley School District to pay \$100.00 per tax collector for software for the 2014-15 school year. Motion Failed 3-Yes, 6-No (Barrett, Dougherty, Kennemuth, Nair, Pastor, and Shaffer)

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A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Redbank Valley Education Support Personnel Association as to the part time Technology Maintenance Technician position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Donald Nair to hear the appeal of the RVEA on tuition credit reimbursement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to postpone to the June school board meeting the consideration of the RVEA tuition credit reimbursement appeal request. Motion Carried Unanimously

Dr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns comments. There was no comments offered.

Dr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place immediately following adjournment for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary