

School Board Meeting November 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday November 3, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, 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 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the minutes October 6, 2014, Work Session Meeting October 6, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked if there was any public concern to present to the school board. Scott Sherry and Erin Schultz spoke to the school board as to a proposal for a memorial to Russell Reefer on behalf of the alumni of Redbank Valley Schools for the school board to formally recognize and officially rename the auditorium at high school as the “The Russ Reefer Auditorium”. Mr. Sherry also commented on the planned Memorial Concert to be held on November 16th, 2014 with 80 musicians from past alumni that have signed up to play for the evening event. Mr. Sherry and Mrs. Schultz have been made aware of the school district policy on Facilities Naming/Sponsorship and asked that the school board change the policy to allow for the renaming of the auditorium during the memorial concert. Mr. Shaffer thanked Mr. Sherry and Mrs. Schultz for their presentation.

Mike Fricko asked the school board for consideration to share in the cost for the replacement of the little league mound with a portable mound. Mr. Fricko noted that due to PIAA rules a flat surface must exist for girls’ softball games and since the league little and school district girls’ softball games are played on the same field the RV Little League is asking if the school district would share in the cost estimated at \$2,000.00- \$3,000.00 to purchase a mound for the little league play. Questions from school board members as to the removal of the mound and the installation of a replacement mound responsibilities were asked.

A Student Representative was not available.

The Primary/Director of Education report was presented by Mrs. McCauley. Mrs. McCauley commented as to last month’s handout to the school board on AIMSWEB. At the Primary school all students are screened three times per year to determine benchmark scores using the early literacy assessments. At the intermediate school students receiving Title I and Learning Support services are screened using reading and/or math assessments. Students are then monitored throughout the year using the progress monitoring material on a scheduled based on their benchmark scores. Mrs. McCauley’s final comment was that the primary school will do a service project to benefit our military members and veterans to collect both

aluminum can pull tabs and manufacturer coupons to be used for college scholarships for sons and daughters of deceased or totally disabled veterans and the coupons can be used by our military families serving overseas at either the BX/PX or the commissary stores.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles spoke on the Intermediate Remediation Plan. When PSSA scores were received in July Mrs. Boyles reviewed the data for all students. Teachers then met with their grade level teams and reviewed where students did well in and the areas for more attention. Student groupings based on their needs were created to begin the year for remediation and interventions groups. Once PVASS scores are received each team looks at the growth of students. Teachers in each grade level work to keep curriculum aligned and to meet the new standards. Monitoring is done through Computer Diagnostic Test (CDT). The CDT is not a benchmark test it shows the concepts that the students are not achieving. It indicates where the holes in learning are occurring so that those benchmarks can be taught further. Following the CDT, teams meet often to look at the data from the test. They plan what needs to be covered in the remediation period and discuss how to flex their groupings. Communications among the teachers are often done regarding specific student needs. Common terminology is thought out the grade levels. As the teachers use phrases in their classrooms throughout the year the strategies stick with the students and help during the test phase. After school tutoring is provided focusing on reading and math concepts that students are deficient on to increase their skills. The Intermediate plan relies on using the data that we receive throughout the year, meetings by teams discussing the data and possible movement of students between groups as needed and keeping communication lines open. The teachers are constantly adjusting their instructions for what is best for the students.

The Secondary Report was presented in writing. No comments were presented by the school board.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported about installation of five new school bus stop signs.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki commented that a quarter of the school year is completed and that he has noticed a very positive setting in all buildings.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kohnitsky. Mrs. Kohnitsky stated that the next IU meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell commented on the collaborated use of the Career Center LPN and the IU Clarion Nurse for the coordination of health services for the Career Center.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place for personnel and negotiations issues at 7:55 p.m.

The regular school board meeting reconvened at 8:45p.m.

Mrs. Kopnitsky then excused herself from the meeting at this time.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the amended transportation contracts 2014-2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the resolution as to SEC Non-Compliance Disclosure. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve DAC Agreement for SEC Post-Issuance Compliance Services at \$4,000.00 for the 1st year and an annual maintenance fee thereafter of \$1,500.00 per year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded Dee Bell to approve the formation of the Broadcast Journalism Club. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the October 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve October 2014 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$3,644,410.90. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the October, 2014 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$77,308.86. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the 3rd Quarter 2014 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to add Kevin Neal to substitute list pending receipt of all necessary clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to retro hire Dennis B Gold as Assistant Varsity coach. The two assistant football position will be split into 3 positions. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to hire Amy Twigg as Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball coach at 80 Points @ \$42.50 = \$3,400.00.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Brian Dougherty to table the hire of Amy Twiggs as Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball coach at 80 points @ \$42.50=\$3,400.00.
Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the following volunteers, A.J. McCrea and Michael Dawson, Boys Varsity Basketball, Anthony Adams and Willie Gruver Wrestling pending receipt of all necessary clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the extension of Julie Veronesi unpaid leave. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to add Emmanuel Marshall as a volunteer for boys' basketball. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the request of leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act received 10/30/2014 for Jason Kerr. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary