

## School Board Meeting May 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Tuesday May 4, 2015, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, Dee Bell, Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Shirley Pastor and Chad Shaffer. Brian Dougherty was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to approve the Regular meeting minutes on April 7, 2015 and the Work Session Meeting minutes on April 7, 2015. It is to be noted that an Executive Session was held on April 22, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked if the public had a concern to address. Dr. Rosasti (from Clarion University) wished to address the school board. She was denied the opportunity due to school board policy whereas she was not a resident of the school district. Judy Rupp a parent addressed the school board as to second grade enrollment and staff concerns for 2015-16. Jessica Kirkpatrick a parent addressed the second grade staffing concerns.

The Student Representative report was unavailable.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented in writing by Mrs. McCauley. Mrs. McCauley was absent from the meeting due to her attendance at the Federal Programs Conference.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board of the Elementary Concert held on April 30, 2015 as the students did a fabulous job at the concert and enjoyed the evening. Mrs. Boyles commented on the elementary reading competition held on April 9, 2015. The fourth grade team placed first in the region at the competition.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board that there will be 78 graduates. Mrs. Boyles commented that the annual Mission Transition for 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be held May 11<sup>th</sup>. This annual event gives 6<sup>th</sup> graders a days' experience at the high school level accompanied with a buddy 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported about Cintas's proposal for cleaning supplies.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki informed the school board that the new High School Principal, Amy Rupp will be introduced on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to the High School staff. She will meet and address the staff. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the Basic Education Funding in which that exceeds the 1.9% Act 1 index. Districts

are required to invest in one of 13 evidenced based strategies improving student learning. The proposal exceeding the index for Redbank Valley will be an offset under our full-day kindergarten program as we have in under the Accountability Block Grant funding received in prior years.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky stated that the IU board meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2015. An IU Agenda was provided in the school board member's packet for review.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell commented that the CCAVTS has purchased a Diesel Engine Training System for the next school year. A CCAVTS agenda was provided in the school board member's packet.

At this time 8:05 p.m. Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session will take place for personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the second reading of the following policy: #317.1 Employee, Educator Misconduct. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve the first reading of the following tax rates for 2015-16 school year: Armstrong Co. 22.31 Mills; Clarion Co. 31.93 Mills. Rates are increased to the maximum of index of 2.8%. Motion Failed 2-Yes, 6-No (Barrett,Heeter,Kennemuth,Kopnitsky, Nair, Pastor)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the first reading of the tax rates for the 2015-16 school year. Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following township/municipalities \$10.00 per head; Redbank Twp.-Armstrong, Madison Twp., Mahoning Twp. and Monroe Twp. Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following township/municipalities \$5.00 per head; Hawthorn Boro, New Bethlehem Boro, Porter, Twp., Redbank Twp.-Clarion and South Bethlehem Boro. Section 679 Per Capita \$5.00 per head; Occupational Tax, \$10.00 per head; Earned Income Tax, .05%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Heeter)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the General fund Budget for 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$16,974,394.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the 2015-16 school year all federal programs and grants as part of the district budget. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Wendy Heeter seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Redbank Valley High School 78 Graduating Seniors, Class of 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously  
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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to retain S&T Bank; First United National Bank; Northwest Trust; Clarion Co. Community Bank; PA. Invest Program; PLGIT; and RBC Dain Rauscher as depositories. 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absentation (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the General & Art Supplies Bid for 2015-16 school year in the amount totaling \$42,840.58 Tally Sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the ARIN Xerographic bids for the 2015-16 school year in the amount totaling \$12,544.18. Tally Sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the Maintenance Supplies Bids for the 2015-16 school year totaling \$23,369.83. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the Industrial Art Bids for the 2015-16 school year in the amount totaling \$12,449.73. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the Extra Curricular Bids for the 2015-16 school year in the amount totaling \$36,006.55. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to sale/dispose used equipment. Inventory sheet attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the first reading of the following policy. #815.1 Operations, Social Media. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the April 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to approve April 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,948,464.96. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the April 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$53,862.80. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made Dee Bell Seconded by Shirley Pastor to retain Troese & Associates as school district auditor for 2014-15, \$8,375 regular audit; \$3,925 single audit and tax collectors \$6,700.00.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Donald Nair to table the prior motion. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Tina Kennemuth to advertise for bids of auditing services. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to retain William E. Hager, III as school district solicitor at an annual retainer fee of \$2,100.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to retain James Kifer as school district treasurer for the 2015-16 school year. Motion Carried 7-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 2015-16 school year at a rate of \$4.00, per exam. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to retain Dr. Janice Semeyn as school district doctor for the 2-15-16 school year at a rate of \$6.50 per physical. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to Hire Blaine Gold as JH Girls assistant Basketball coach at 57 pts @\$44.50=\$2,536.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve maternity leave for Amy Switzer starting September 25, 2015 until December 22, 2015 with 31 unpaid days. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Dee Bell to approve an unpaid day for Julie Veronesi for May 15, 2015. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Carrie McIntire, chaperones and students to attend the Broadway Choral Performance Workshop,

Broadway Show, 9/11 Memorial and Museum and Ellis Island on April 28, 2016 to May 1, 2016. Cost to the school will be 2 substitute days. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Emmanuel Marshall as JH Boys Assistant Basketball coach at 57 pts @\$42.50= \$2,422.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to accept resignation of Ronald Wisor as Girl's Head Track Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to accept the resignation of Holly Bish as JH Cheerleading coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Holly Bish as Varsity Cheerleading coach with responsibilities and pay to be split with Head Varsity coach Stacey Ishman. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Jennifer Williams to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to place Jessica Minich on unpaid administration leave retroactive to April 14, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to deny the grievance filed by Jessica Minich. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then announced that following adjournment that the school board would meet for an executive session for a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:09 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary