

School Board Meeting January 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Tuesday January 6, 2015, 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 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the minutes for the Reorganizational Meeting, December 4, 2014, Regular Meeting, December 4, 2014, Work Session Meeting December 4, 2014 and to be noted an Executive Session for Tuesday, December 30, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked if a Public concern was to be addressed. Darren Bain spoke to the school board on behalf of the New Bethlehem Little League. Mr. Bain asked for the school district to purchase of portable pitching mound since the mound was removed by the school district due to not being compliant with District 9 and PIAA rules for girls' softball. Mr. Bain stated that the Little League has always used the girl's softball field in collaboration with the school district and that with the removal of the mound greatly dimensions the significant role in the dynamics of the game. The Little League pitching mound rules is maintained at a height 8 inches. Mr. Bain asked the school board to make consideration in matter.

Sue Gourley then addressed the school board for consideration of having the Dancer Studio located in Clarion, Pa. to use the High School Auditorium for the studio's annual dance recital. The event would take place between May 16-23, 2015. Mrs. Gourley asked the school board to amend the school board policy of #707 Facilities Use to allow a commercial/profit business outside of the school district to use the facilities. Mrs. Gourley referred question as to recital to Ajoie Gallagher the owner of the business. School board members question the number of participates, hours of the event, facility use charges as well as supervision of the practices and recital.

Mr. Shaffer thanked the individual who spoke to the school board as to their issue.

The Student Representative was Emily Kunselman and Becca Dougherty. The student spoke about Student Awareness Day and the Seth Franco Globetrotter Motivational Speaker held last month.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Highlighted was the Christmas event done by students and teachers throughout the community.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. A collaborative project with the high school broadcast journalism class to provide the Intermediate students with morning news announcements of the week thru access of an internet link with high school is being worked on whereas students in the Intermediate relay announcements to Mr. Fricko class to be casted on the broadcast once a week with hopes of adding more days as the glitches are fixed.

The Secondary Report was presented in writing by Mrs. Boyles. Blaine Gold a social studies teacher at the high school spoke to the school board on the planned Search for Work Day to be held on January 22, 2015. Mr. Gold explained the planning of inviting business throughout the area to assisting in interviewing seniors as to their interest of searching for a job. Students are to a resume with a cover letter and recommendation letters to be presented during a mock interview. This will help prepare our students once they graduate from Redbank Valley.

The Maintenance Report was presented in writing by Mr. Sayers who was absent from the meeting.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that game managers have been assigned for winter sports. The game managers assigned to the contest will be announced prior to the contest and that a schedule is posted in the concession stand and coach's office. Mr. Drzewiecki further indicated that responsibilities for game managers have been defined and have been reviewed with each individual and that keys are provided to access the appropriate areas/offices/closets needed. Mr. Dougherty questioned could a time period be incorporated as to when a game manager arrives prior to an event. Mr. Drzewiecki and Mr. Hartle the interim athletic director would work on a time period prior to an event and incorporate in the responsibilities.

The IU Report was presented in writing. Mrs. Kopnitsky was unable to attend the meeting.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Mr. Bell and Mrs. Pastor. Mr. Bell reported that the Career Center is operating as normal and highlighted the conferences that staff and students were attending during the current month.

Mr. Shaffer then announced an executive session would take place for personnel and negotiation matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve the Act 1 Resolution that Redbank Valley School District will not increase tax millage at a rate that exceeds the 2.8 index for school year 2015-16. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Nair, Pastor)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth advertise for natural gas bids. Present pricing is \$4.675 dth. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to authorize and direct the Superintendent to: (a) Study student enrollment trends for past years as well as those for the upcoming school year; (b) Study past and current curriculum and course offerings of the School District, as well as those for the upcoming school year; (c) Study the overall staffing needs of the School District for the upcoming year; and (d) make recommendations to the Board for School Directors concerning staffing, curriculum and program needs for the upcoming school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to rescind the tentatively agreement 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 points and stipend along with District 7 & 9 approval. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was carried by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to the first reading of the following amended policy: #903 Community, Public participation Board Meetings. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the December 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve December 2014 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,774,424.16. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the December, 2014 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$51,714.99. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Barbara Sayers as Greenhouse aide at 390 hours @ \$7.31 = \$2,850.90. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Sarah Williams and students to attend District 3 Jazz Band at Foxburg, PA on February 19-20, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve Will Huebner as Varsity Girls' Basketball volunteer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Donald Nair approve Garrett Hildebrand, Ron Geist, Brandon Baily and Ben Carillo as Varsity Wrestling volunteer coaches. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Megan Hammond and Valerie Jacobson to attend 2015 Pa. Kindergarten Techer Conference at Harrisburg, PA on March 2-3, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to add Teaira Bowers to the substitute secretary list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to accept the resignation of Eli Terwilliger, Assistant Marching Band Director. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve Michael Drzewiecki as Superintendent of Schools for a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018 and that the Board further authorized the President and Secretary to execute on behalf of the District an appropriate employment contract containing the terms that have been agreed upon by the District and the Superintendent. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Heeter, Kopnitsky, Nair, and Pastor)

A motion made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Donald Nair to approve the administration to investigate into the creation of a Redbank Valley Education Foundation. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve the administration to review the status of the athletic track. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would immediately take place following adjournment as to personnel matters.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Donald Nair to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary