

## School Board Meeting October 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday October 5, 2015, 7:18 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. Dee Bell was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting September 8, 2015 as corrected and the Work Session Meeting September 8, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any public concerns. No concerns were brought to the school board attention.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade student's use of Chromebooks that offers their own personal cloud access and to create electronic notebooks as well as other various projects in their classes. Mr. Kirkpatrick also reported on PSSA testing by student's whereas student's said questions were worded poorly and student's expected to do well but their scores showed they performed unsatisfactory.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that several teachers have placed projects on the donorschoose.org website. Last year Mrs. Starcher was chosen by Horace Mann for her project and contributed funds for two I-Pad minis for her classroom. Mrs. McCauley reported that Title I held an informational meeting for parents of students in grades K-6 to explain how their children qualified for the Title I program. Parents who are unable to attend may participate in a telephone meeting or individual parent-teacher meeting at a time that works with their work schedule.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported on the use of Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT) which is used to establish a baseline for reading and math this school year. The assessment is aligned to PA Core Standards and is free of charge to school districts. The CDT is a replacement in benchmarking from the 4-sight test.

The Secondary Report was presented by Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported the activities for Spirit Week and the student use of Chromebooks. Mrs. Rupp commented on a

Visitation by Dr. Doyle Paul from Penn State University. Information was provided to Dr. Paul as to curriculum, enrollment and facility use under the FFA program. Dr. Paul observations and recommendations are included in the school board member's packet for review in order to have a qualified approved Ag program. School board members further questioned the matter as to student tracking that tracking benefits all students by allowing them to proceed at their own rate of learning. They are neither held back by students of lower ability nor left behind by students of greater ability. Board members asked the administration to gather information under the present Ag program in tracking student achievement during and after high school.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported his findings on quotation for replacement auditorium drapes for the high school. Quotation are provided in the school board member's packet for review.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked to move the school board meeting to RV Intermediate School on November 2, 2015. Mr. Drzewiecki informed the school board on information as to the lack of progress by the governor and legislators in passing a state budget. The school district is presently utilizing its fund balance to pay for expenditures. Mr. Drzewiecki further commented that school districts in the state have approached lenders in obtaining line of credit or tax revenue anticipation notes to cover costs. Additional information will be provided on this matter to the school board if no state budget is passed. Mr. Drzewiecki then asked the school board if they wanted to schedule an additional meeting for PSSA score analysis. No date came from the school board members as to establishing a scheduling date.

The IU Report was not available due to the IU board meeting is for October 7, 2015.

The CCAVTS meeting was presented in writing. Mr. Bell was absent from school board meeting to report and Mrs. Pastor was unavailable for the September meeting at the CCAVTS.

Mr. Shaffer then announced an executive session will be held for personnel, litigation and negotiations matters at 8:00 p.m... The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Pastor then excused herself from the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to approve the second reading of the following policy: #006.1 Local Board Procedures, attendance at meetings via Electronic Communications. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Wendy Heeter seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the presented transportation contracts for school year 2015-16. The contract for Valley Lines was not available to be presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve Agreement for the Formation and Operations of Redbank Valley RV Funds with Bridge Builders Community Foundations as presented.

A motion was then made by Donald Nair seconded by Adam Barrett to table the motion to approve the Agreement for the Formation and Operation of Redbank Valley RV Funds with Bridge Builders Community Foundations as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the purchase of auditorium drapes from Beham Custom Canvas as to the quotation as presented for \$9,250.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the September 2015 Treasurer Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve September, 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,412,460.20. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the September 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$57,433.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Adam Barrett to add Erika Brink to the substitute bus/van driver list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Joni Mangiantini as an 8 hour 182 days custodian. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Leslie Lightner and Sandy Shirey to attend the Item Writing/Scoring Training Workshop in Erie, Pa. on October 21-22, 2015. Cost to the district \$382.92 in which it could be reimbursed by PDE. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Thomas Logan to attend the Safe School Conference in Harrisburg, Pa. on October 29-30, 2015. Cost to the district \$924.73. Motion Failed 3-Yes, (Barrett, Heeter, Shaffer), 4-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth, Kopnitsky, Nair)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to hire Jennifer Rankin as child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Wendy Barrett to the substitute secretary list. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absentation (Barrett)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to hire Courtney Harmon as special education 200-day secretary. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Amy Rupp and Rachelle Kirkpatrick to attend the SAS Conference in Hershey PA on December 6-8, 2015, cost to the district and Title II is \$760.33.

Motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to table the approval of Amy Rupp and Rachelle Kirkpatrick to attend the SAS Conference in Hershey Pa. on December 6-8, 2015. Cost to the district and Title II is \$760.33. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to add David Hepler to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve unpaid leave to Molly Greenawalt retroactive from September 8, 2015 to the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Tina Kennemuth to have Kristin Hurrelbrink mentor Kody Wolff. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Jessica Minich, rather than proceed with termination hearing. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No comments were presented.

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

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A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:22 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary