

School Board Meeting September 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 7:40 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, and Chad Shaffer. Donald Nair and Shirley Pastor were absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the minutes for the Meeting August 3, 2015, Work Session Meeting August 3, 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 commented to the school board about the startup of school and activity period for the various clubs and remediation classes. Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned the activities planned for the month of September of the Powder Puff Game and Homecoming.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley commented to the school board of the August 24th In-Service day with renowned speaker Dr. Zacharie Clements leading the morning session. The afternoon session was led by a presentation from Mrs. Boyles on Questioning Strategies for teachers assessing their students and Mrs. Rupp on curriculum. Finally Mrs. McCauley asked school board members to review their packets with the information on prevention programs offered to our K-6 students through the Elementary Counseling Program.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles introduced Mrs. Christie Schwilm new elementary learning support teacher. Mrs. Boyles commented on the Find Your Room Night/Open House on August 25th. Well over 215 families attended the event.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp commented on the 7th Grade orientation on August 24 with 95 percent of the students attending. Mrs. Rupp informed the board members on Activity period which started today. Activity period will be used for club meetings and remediation for students.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers stated that the custodial staff went above and beyond in assisting the other staff in the preparation of having the buildings cleaned and ready for the 2015-16 school year and he wished to

commend them for all their efforts. Mr. Sayers informed the school board that the Intermediate building sewage lines were installed and running well. To this point no problems to report. Finally Mr. Sayers asked the school board if he could ask for quotes for replacement of the high school auditorium curtains. No objections were stated for his request.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki introduced Trent Moulin and William Kauffman from Bridge Builders Community Foundation. Questions were asked by school board members from his previous presentation in April. The assistance in foundation documentation, PHEAA scholarships assistance, fee schedules for foundation management and the Rural School District Cooperative were questions by school board members answered by Mr. Moulin. Mr. Drzewiecki then asked Mrs. Boyles and Mrs. Rupp to present their presentation to the school board on PSSA vs Pa Common Core assessments. The principals' began stating that the new standards call for a lot of topics to be taught one grade earlier than before; for example, what had been 8th-grade material was moved to 7th grade, and 9th-grade material to 8th grade. In addition, the testing questions were substantially different, especially in math. For instance, instead of abstract math problems with multiple-choice answers, students are asked to solve word problems that anchored the math in real-world scenarios and then explain how they got the answers. Preliminary data does point to the possibility of some significant shift in the scores compared to prior years. It is important to remember that Redbank Valley students haven't changed, the assessment has changed. Due to the increased rigor of the standards a dip in scores is anticipated. Finally Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the Security & Risk Evaluation. At the present moment Redbank Valley is on the list for evaluation by the PA State Police, but the district has not been giving a scheduled date. The school board questioned if another agency could do an evaluation. Mr. Drzewiecki replied that there is but the cost for evaluation could range anywhere between \$25,000 to \$50,000. The board asked to be kept updated on the issue.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kohnitsky. Mrs. Kohnitsky reported that the IU will explore the need to pursue a line of credit with S&T Bank for a RAN loan. This line of credit is necessary for operations due to the lack of a state budget funding.

The CCAVTS meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kohnitsky to approve the first reading of the following policy: #006.1 Local Board Procedures, attendance at meetings via Electronic Communications. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Bell)

A motion failed was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Tina Kennemuth to retro approve contracting with J&J Snyder for sewage connection at the Redbank Valley Intermediate Building at a cost of \$14,850.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve a contract with Reschini Group for reporting requirements mandated by Affordable Care Act (ACA) under Internal Revenue Code for IRS forms 1094 and 1095 at \$6.00 per 1095 form. Estimate cost total of \$930.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the formation of a Redbank Valley Foundation in partnership with Bridge Builder Community Foundations. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the August 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Dee Bell to approve August, 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,258,058.21. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the August 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$30,317.19. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to accept the resignation of Jody Minich, child specific aide/LPN. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Adam Barrett to accept the resignation of Janice Snyder, secretary. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Adam Barrett to accept the resignation of Julie Smith, high school physics teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Hale, high school English teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Dee Bell to hire Mary Jo Bettwy to the substitute nurse list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Crystal Over as a child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Brian Dougherty to retro add Larry Gourley to substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to add Jamie Minich to the substitute aide listing. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire John Bish to fill the 12 month custodial position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to approve mentors: Eric Yoder for Christie Schwilm and Lynn Pollock for Mindy Traister. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Wendy Heeter seconded by Dee Bell to add Alexis Adams to substitute cafeteria aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to extend to a second term of sabbatical leave of absence for Molly Greenawalt effective September 8, 2015 through end of 2015-16 school year. Motion Failed 0-Yes, 7-No (Barrett, Bell, Dougherty, Heeter, Kennemuth, Kopnitsky and Shaffer)

A motion was Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Lyndsay Blystone to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Tonnia Burkett as JH Cheerleading coach at 50 points @42.50 = \$2,125.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Gregory Bean as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Kody Wolff as high school physics teacher at MS Step 6 of \$50,101.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any public concerns. No concerns were presented.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an Executive Session would take place immediately after adjournment for personnel matters.

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:07 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary