

## School Board Meeting April 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday April 4, 2016 at 7:02 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger and Chad Shaffer. Dee Bell was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the minutes for the Meeting March 7, 2016 and Work Session Meeting March 7, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Tina Moore, a member or RVEA made a commented to the school board as the lack of progress towards reaching a contract settlement. Kimberly Magagnotti, a member of the RVESP also commented on the lack of progress stating that 643 days have gone by without an agreement between the professional and support staff.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that the student council is making plans for Teacher Appreciation Day. Students involved in Clarion County Youth Council meet with a quest speaker Runks Runkles who made presentation on "Making Good Choices". Mr. Sheffer commented on the Athletics for the spring and the Talent Show and the All-School Play "The Sound of Music" will be presented this month.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that 87 students have registered for kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. McCauley commented that 17 students have been identified as in need of the Pre-K summer school program prior to the start of their kindergarten year.

The Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported that Marley Best was selected the winner of the American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest, her essay will be submitted for the next round of competition. Students from the STEM team placed first and qualified for the state competition to be held in Harrisburg. And finally PSSA testing will be starting the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-6 on English/Language Arts.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that FFA career development events were held at the Redbank Valley High School. Three

others school district participated. Five students from Redbank Valley will advance to the FFA Western Regional at Cranberry Township. Blaine Gold a teacher at the high school made a presentation for the Search for Work Day. Forty seven companies participated by interviewing seniors for job placement training. Mr. Gold presented a 5-minute video showing the day's events which was constructed by students monitoring the day's events. Representatives of companies spoke as to the day's preparation for students being interview and the excellent opportunity this program gave seniors looking for employment.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that all district building boilers were inspected and had warranty work done on them last month by Fulton Boiler Company.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that Pa. State Budget for 2015-16 was enacted but that the distribution of funds for school districts was vetoed by the governor. By vetoing the funding bill the distribution to school district remains unclear as to the amount of state revenue each would receive. If hold harmless levels would remain Redbank Valley should anticipate from the state receiving \$3.2 million in BEF funding from what it has already received in January. Mr. Drzewiecki informed the school board that the Comprehensive Planning Committee is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the high school library. The preliminary plan is posted on the district web-page. Mr. Drzewiecki then presented an offer from Clarion Area School District to contract school psychologist services to Redbank Valley. The district currently contracts with IU6. Changing services would provide significant cost savings to the district. The proposal would have a transitional period in May 2016 with the intent to start the shared service with Clarion Area starting the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Drzewiecki then informed the school board that in the primary school is in need of an additional long-term substitute for a special education certified teacher due to significant increase of student in need of services compared with the beginning of the school year. This would be reevaluated before the start of the 2016-17 school year depending on the number of students. Finally Mr. Drzewiecki commented on a Prom request for a local cyber student to attend the RV High School Prom. PDE has notified the school district that school code requires LEA's to provide opportunities for cyber students to participate in extracurricular activities in the resident district. PDE was notified that the prom is not considered an extracurricular activity by the Redbank Valley.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kohnitsky. Mrs. Kohnitsky reported that the IU meeting is later this week.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Wendy Heeter. Mrs. Heeter reported that the CCAVTS is developing with Penn College a dual enrollment program for students to earn credits towards a degree at Penn College or any post-secondary program that accepts credits from Penn College.

Heath Copenhaver excused himself from the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

At this time Mr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place at 7:36 p.m. for personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the Agreement for the Formation and Operations of Redbank Valley RV Funds with Bridge Builders Community Foundations as presented. Motion Carried 4-Yes, 3-No (Kennemuth, Nair, Reddinger)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to approve the Waiver of Account, Receipt, Release Indemnification Agreement and Acknowledgement of Chartable Use regarding the Gwendolyn Smith Scholarship Fund. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the Agreement with Clarion Area School District to share in providing services for school psychologist services. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Elementary Summer School as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve the administration to explore the possibility of outsourcing District cafeteria and/or custodial services. Motion Failed 3-Yes, 4-No (Heeter, Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the change in the school board meeting date for June 13, 2016 to June 6, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve the March 2016 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by William Reddinger to approve the General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,746,403.29. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the March 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$57,532.22. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded Donald Nair to accept the resignation of Dianna Bain as Co-Student Council advisor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Brittany Gauger as long-term substitute special education teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to hire Sandro G. Cserr as ½ time technology maintenance technician at 5 hours per day @\$15.57 per hour. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve Kathy Wright to attend the AP Summer Institute 2016 on June 27-30, 2016 at South Fayette Middle School, McDonald, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA of \$1,415.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to accept the resignation of Stacey Ishman and Holly Bish as Co-Head Varsity Cheerleading coaches. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Lee Miller as Head JH Boys Basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve the following mentor: Jane DiGiammarino for Cassandra Wensel prorated at \$125.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Greg Campbell as Varsity Girls Soccer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by William Reddinger to hire Chris Edmonds as co-assistant coach for JH Girls Basketball at 28 ½ points @ \$42.50=\$1,211.25. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to add Lucy J. Kirk to the bus/van substitute driver list. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstained (Nair)

Mr. Shaffer then asked if the public had a concern to address. Jack Garies made an invitation to the school board to attend the All-School Play of "The Sound of Music" on April 15 and 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School auditorium. Deborah Bonanno spoke to the school board and asked for clarification on the presentation of Mr. Drzewiecki earlier

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concerning the district retirement cost. Mrs. Bonanno asked if the retirement figures presented was the net cost to the district. The cost is the full cost to the school district before the receipt of revenue from the state for reimbursement.

At this time Mr. Shaffer announced that an executive session will take place for security and legal matters immediately following adjournment.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by William Reddinger to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:27 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary