

School Board Meeting January 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday January 4, 2016, 7:30 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger and Chad Shaffer.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:30 p.m.

Brian Dougherty excused himself from meeting at 7:33 P.M. but may return.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the amended minutes for the Meeting December 7, 2015 and Work Session Meeting December 7, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer each reported about student active and the alumni survey.

Board members then had discussion as to the Student Representative policy. A board committee was selected of Donald Nair and Tina Kennemuth to review the policy.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported on the Federal Programs Consolidated Review for 2014-15 school year. The school districts Title I and Title IIA program are in complete compliance with all current laws, statutes and regulations.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported that the 6th graders are starting a campaign to recycle aluminum cans. Which will provide environmental savings to the 6th grade class and in-turn earmark a project for spending such funds at the end of the school year.

Mr. Bell excused himself from the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

The Secondary Report was provided by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported on the recommended course and elective changes beginning with the 2016-17 school year with board approval. The electives are Modern History, Western Civilization, Sociology, Psychology, Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights and Career Options. Course additions are AP Statistics and AP US Government and Politics.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported on the replacement of floor tile in the Primary building classroom and gym repairs at the high school.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked board members to contact his office if they wished to attend interviews for the reading specialist and custodial positions. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the options for the music department for staffing which were discussed at the prior school board meeting. Information as to course coverage was discussed as to the present reconfigured staffing by the music department. Board members asked for additional information as to student participation and if any students were hurt by the reconfigure. Board members also questioned administration as to their building operations as to the reconfigure.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported on the Robotics presentation from IU #4. Whereas teachers and special needs students are using robotics in the classrooms for educational enhancements use.

The CCAVTS Report was presented in writing.

Mr. Shaffer then announced at 8:20 p.m. that an executive Session would take place personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to approve a Resolution for Emancipation of 18 years old. Motion Failed 3-Yes (Heeter, Nair, Reddinger) 4-No (Copenhaver, Kennemuth, Kopnitsky, Shaffer)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Heath Copenhaver to approve the Act 1 Resolution that Redbank Valley School District will not increase tax millage at a rate that exceeds the 3.5 index for school year 2016-2017. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 2-No (Kennemuth, Nair)

Brian Dougherty returned to meeting at 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve the Resolution Authorizing Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note upon the administration determination and need for funds. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to advertise for natural gas bids present pricing is \$3.190dth. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by William Reddinger to authorize and direct the Superintendent to: (a) Study student enrollment trends for past years as well as the projected enrollment 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 school year; and (d) make recommendations to the Board of School Directors concerning staffing, curriculum and program needs for the upcoming school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

The consideration to approve the first reading of policy #004.2 Local Board Procedures, Student Representative to the School Board failed due to the Lack of Motion.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to add AP Statistics and AP Government and Politics courses as per course outline for 2016-17 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to revise high school Social Studies curriculum to include the following courses: Modern History (1980-today), Western Civilization, Sociology, Psychology and Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights as per course outline for 2016-17 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to add the high school Business Education the following course: Career Options as per course outline for 2016-17 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve December 2015 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the December 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$50,979.24. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to hire Barbara Sayers as Greenhouse aide at 390 hours @\$7.31= \$2,850.90. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve Ryan Sherry, Kristen Landers Blane Gold, Annette King, and Mike Fricko to attend the PETE & C Conference on February 21-24, 2016 at Hershey, PA. Cost to Title II A to be incurred \$3,733.95. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by William Reddinger to approve Dianna Bain, Kelly Ripple, and Eric Yoder to attend the PDE & Special Education Annual Conference on February 10-12, 2016 at Hershey, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA is \$1,969.87. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Dougherty, Nair)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by William Reddinger to add Jordan Popolis to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to reduce the vacant high school secretary position from 230 days to 200 day position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to reassign Marti Snyder to the high school secretary position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to reassign Kathy Sturgeon to the high school guidance secretary position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve stipend for substitute teacher calling at the high school at (2 hours per week @ \$17.10 per hour for 39 weeks = \$1,333.80). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Heath Copenhaver seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Taylor Neal to the substitute secretary/aide list. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Nair)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to hire Leslie Minich as high school substitute teacher caller. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public comments. No concerns were expressed.

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

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:19 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary