

## School Board Meeting March 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday March 7, 2016 at 7:12 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 7:12 p.m.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to approve the minutes for the Meeting February 1, 2016; Work Session Meeting February 1, 2016 and to be noted that an Executive Session was held on March 2, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Thomas Logan, RVEA President made a commented to the school board as the lack of progress towards reaching a contract settlement. A contract for professional and support staff has gone without an agreement for 615 days and both sides need to continue negotiating in good faith for a fair resolution. Blaine Gold a teacher at the high school is organizing the events for the Search for Work Day. To date 47 companies have agreed to participate by interviewing seniors for job placement training.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. Extra-Curricular information was reported on the Snow Camp Day, the robotics team and an engineering competition attended by students. Under athletics 2 wrestlers placed at Districts and will be advancing to Regionals. The Varsity Girls basketball team made the playoffs but lost in the first round. Brook Hinderliter finished her career as the all-time leading scorer at Redbank Valley with 1,997 points.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported on the Act 80 Day activities which included a Technology Boot Camp designed and presented by district teachers, along with presenters from IU6 and Clarion University. The workshops were focused on Google Docs and Google Classroom. Mrs. McCauley further reported that informational meeting for parents/guardians were held about kindergarten registration process. Currently 76 students are signed up for kindergarten registration.

The Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles in writing. Mrs. Boyles was absent and no comments were made as to the report.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that KDKA television presented Extra Effort Awards to Alex Smith and Brooke Hinderliter for their classroom and extracurricular achievements at an assembly held on February 24<sup>th</sup> by

Bob Pompeani at the high school. Mrs. Rupp commented on the newspaper article for the on-the-job training program through Goodwill Industries. Senior student Jeremiah Wolfe was recognized for participating in the program. Mrs. Rupp further reported that graduation will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and graduation practices will be held on March 23-24, 2016.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that the motors for re-tracking the basketball hoops in gym were replaced and the electric supply for the motors rewired.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the district is investigating a partnership with Clarion Area School District for psychologist services. More information will be presented at the April school board meeting. Mr. Drzewiecki invited school board interested in interviewing for the vacant half-time technology position. Two application have been received and that interviews will be scheduled sometime this month. Mr. Drzewiecki commented to last meeting question by the school board should volunteers be tested for Tuberculosis (TB) prior to working in direct service with students. The Department of Health recognizes persons in direct contact of student of 10 or more hours per week must have up-to-date vaccinations for TB. Information is included the school board packet.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky commented that a 2016-17 General Operating Budget is included in school board member's packet for consideration. The proposed budget in 4.99% less than 2015-16 and that the IU member board has approved it to be passed onto member districts for a vote.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Wendy Heeter and Dee Bell. Information for the need to replace or repair the CCAVTS tractor was discussed. Also the 2014-15 graduate survey follow-up was recently completed with 71 out of 84 students contacted. The number of responses affects the CCAVTS Perkins grant money.

A motion was made by Dee Bell to approve the Redbank Valley Travel Club as outlined in the enclosed by-laws as presented. The motion failed due to a lack of a second to the motion.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the Riverview Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for school year 2016-17 in the amount of \$1,231,426.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Brian Dougherty to award the natural gas contract to UGI Energy for the supply of natural gas from July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017 as presented in the price quotes enclosed. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the revised District calendar for calendar 2016-17 school year as to May 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the addition of the following courses for 2016-17 school year as presented; Environmental Science, Practical Math Skills, Basic Home Repair and Maintenance. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Donald Nair to approve recommendations from Val-Sal Committee as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve February 2016 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,291,113.43. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to approve the February 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$61,756.27. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded Tina Kennemuth to approve the Single Audit and General Purpose Audit as of June 30, 2015 submitted by Troese & Associates. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Cheryl McCauley to attend PAFPC 2016 Annual Federal Program Coordinator Conference at Seven Springs, PA on May 1-4, 2016. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA \$1,187.16. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve Hannah Jenkins to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve Alyssa Wile to substitute secretary/aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to accept the resignation of Lindsey Smith as Head Junior High Volleyball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Matt Darr as Head Junior High Volleyball coach at 70 points @\$45.50 = \$3,185.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Brian Dougherty to hire Cari Darr as Assistant Junior High Volleyball coach at 57 points @\$42.50 = \$2,422.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Lyndsey Blystone as long-term substitute guidance counselor at \$219.57 per diem. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to approve the following mentors; Julie Veronesi-Cassandra Faulk and Brittany Weaver-Megan Decker at \$700.00 each. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Garrett Hildebrand and Lynde Edmonds as volunteer track coaches. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve Kody Wolfe as a volunteer baseball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Clifton Sherry to the substitute custodial list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve Sarah Williams to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual Conference at Hershey, Pa on March 31- April 2, 2016. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA \$433.01. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to accept the resignation of Lindsey Smith as Head Varsity Volleyball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Danielle Emings as a volunteer volleyball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked if the public had a concern to address. No concerns were expressed.

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

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary