

School Board Meeting May 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday May 2, 2016 at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to approve the amended minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2016 and Work Session Meeting April 4, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Ronda Toth, a community member commented to the school board as to her disappointment for the lack of progress towards reaching a contract settlement with the teacher and support unions. Scott Sherry, a community member commented on the school musical and dissatisfaction of the auditorium sound system and the need for a teacher and support contract. Jenean Smith of the RVEA also commented on the lack of progress stating that 672 days have gone by without an agreement between the professional and support staff. Kara Raybuck, a community member spoke to the school board of the teacher's commitment to students and community. She asked the school board get back to the bargaining table and negotiate a contract settlement.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. Mr. Kirkpatrick commented that the Junior/Senior Prom activities, New York City 911 Memorial Trip and the musical Sound of Music performed last month. Mr. Sheffer commented on the athletics for the spring which are underway this month.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley in writing. Mrs. McCauley is attending the Federal Programs Conference this week.

The Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported PSSA testing has been completed.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported on the Awards Banquet which will be on May 16th, 2016. The Driver Competition in which Redbank Valley will send a student to the State Competition on May 11-12, 2016 and finally Mrs. Rupp has begun the scheduling process for 2016-17.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that at the Primary School a water leak was repair by district staff.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that Senator Scott Hutchinson attended the Superintendent meeting last month. Senator Hutchinson expressed concern that the same challenges for the 2015-16 state budget will likely exist for the 2016-17 state budget. Revenue for the governor's budget is the main obstacle for funding education increases. Mr. Drzewiecki explain to the school board on SB 880 which empowers PDE with developing recommendations on alternative methods for student to show readiness for graduation in addition to the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement. Focus will be on local assessment, college scoring requirements, and vocational readiness.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Koprinsky. Mrs. Koprinsky reported that a new Special Education Director was hired and that IU classroom will be consolidated for the next school year as to need assessment.

The CCAVTS Report was presented in writing.

At this time Mr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place at 7:43 p.m. for personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve Clarion County Career Center 2016-17 Budget of \$3,556,140.00. Motion Failed 0-Yes, 8-No (Copenhaver, Dougherty, Heeter, Kennemuth, Koprinsky, Nair, Reddinger, Shaffer)

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the first reading of the following tax rates for the 2016-17 school year: Armstrong Co. 23.03 Mills; Clarion Co. 32.08 Mills; Rates are increased to the maximum of index of 3.5%. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Nair, Reddinger)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve the first reading of the following tax rates for the 2016-17 school year. Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following township/municipalities \$10.00 per head; Redbank Twp-Armstrong, Madison Twp, Mahoning Twp and Monroe Twp; Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following township/municipalities \$5.00 per head; Hawthorn Boro, New Bethlehem Boro, Porter Twp, Redbank Twp-Clarion and South Bethlehem Boro. Section 679 Per Capita \$5.00 per head; Occupation Tax \$10.00 per head; Earned Income Tax, .05%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%; Rates are the same as prior year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Tina Kennemuth to tentatively approve the General Fund Budget for 2016-17 school year in the amount of \$17,863,989.00. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Kopnitsky, Nair)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by William Reddinger to approve for 2016-17 school year all federal programs and grants as part of the district budget. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Kopnitsky)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the Redbank Valley High School 82 Graduating Seniors, Class of 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve retaining S&T Bank; First United National Bank; Northwest Trust Bank; Clarion Co. Community Bank; Pa. Invest Program; PLGIT; and RBC Dain Rauscher as depositories. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter of accepting the General & Art Supplies Bids for 2016-17 school year in the amount totaling \$51,473.86. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter of accepting the ARIN Xerographic Bids for the 2016-17 school year in the amount totaling \$12,191.85. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter of accepting the Maintenance Supplies Bids for the 2016-17 school year in the amount totaling \$21,733.93. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter of accepting the Industrial Art Bids for the 2016-17 school year in the amount totaling \$12,444.20. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter of accepting the Extra-Curricular Bids for the 2016-17 school year in the amount totaling \$19,136.32. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to sale/dispose of unused equipment. Inventory sheet attached. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to award the district vision insurance package from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018, rates are \$5.25 Single and \$12.77 Family per month. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by William Reddinger to approve the Redbank Valley Comprehensive Plan as presented. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Kopnitsky, Nair)

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

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$3,229,706.74. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the April 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$50,547.40. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded Ann Kopnitsky to approve the 1st Quarter 2016 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger of retaining William E. Hager, III as school district solicitor at an annual retainer fee of \$2,200.00. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky of retaining James Kifer, as school district treasurer for the 2016-17 school year. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair of retaining Dr. Stephen Jaworski as school district dentist for the 2016-17 school year at a rate of \$4.00, per exam. Rate is the same as in prior year. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve a retro unpaid day for Amy Switzer for March 29, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Brian Dougherty to accept the resignation Tonnia Burkett as JH Cheerleading coach. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Kopnitsky)

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A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Brian Dougherty to hire Tonnia Burkett as Varsity Cheerleading coach at 98 points @ \$44.50 = \$4,361.00. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Kopnitsky)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the 9th Grade Washington D.C. trip on November 2-4, 2016 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve Dennis B. Gold 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 \$1,307.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by William Reddinger to approve Thomas Logan and student to attend the State Driving Competition on May 11-12, 2016 at Camp Hill, Pa. Cost to be incurred \$417.00. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Heeter)

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Donald Nair to approve Joseph Harmon to attend the 2016 Constitutional Scholars Institute on July 17-22, 2016 at Philadelphia, Pa. Cost to be incurred \$498.92. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Brian Dougherty to add William J. Nolf to the substitute custodian list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to add Evin E. Moore to substitute bus/van drivers list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to re-activate the golf program. Motion Failed 1-Yes, 7-No (Dougherty, Heeter, Kennemuth, Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger, Shaffer)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky of retaining Dr. Janice Semeyn as school district doctor for the 2016-17 school year at a rate of \$6.50, per physical. Rate is the same as the prior year. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 2-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth) 1-Abstention (Heeter).

Mr. Shaffer then asked if the public had a concern to address. Deborah Bonanno spoke to the school board on the matter of teacher contract negotiation. Lacy Minich, a community member spoke to the school board as to her satisfaction with teachers instructing her children and the need for the school board and professional/support personnel coming to a contract.

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

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:41 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary