

School Board Meeting November 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday November 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger and Chad Shaffer and Glenn Watson.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve the amended minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2016 and the Work Session Meeting October 3, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Jennifer Wyant spoke to the school board on a bussing concern to bus high school students from and to South Bethlehem Borough. Ms. Wyant asked the school board if another Penn Dot Website sidewalk study could be done in the near future.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffler. A mock election was held on October 26, 2016 offering students a realistic voting experience. The Robotics team placed 3rd overall at their competition in Dubois earning a bid to travel to Fargo ND for their next competition. Fall sports are wrapping up with football playoffs beginning and Winter sports practices will begin in November.

The Elementary Report report was presented in writing by Sandra Shirey. Mrs. Shirey reported that due to ongoing issues and parent reports of inappropriate pictures and texts circulating on sixth graders telephones. Mrs. Constantino has setup a program for both parents and students to address these issue through PASSAGES and Mark Aaron Clarion County DA informing parents about the “Hidden Dangers on their Child’s Phones” and give them strategies and apps to become aware and stay informed of their child phone usage. Mrs. McCauley also reported that Mrs. Kristen Landers DonorsChoose.org project for sets of Breakout EDU Kits was completely funded. These kits will allow students to participate in team problem solving activities that can be customized to classroom unit studies.

The Secondary Report was presented by Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported on Mock election held at the high school on October 26, 2016. ABC News visited the high school as part of a story involving how schools in swing states prepare for the election. Dr. Harmon was highlighted in his classroom while Mr. Gold’s mock election was featured. The story aired on ABC Nightline on October 27, 2016.

The Maintenance Report was presented in writing by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers was absent from meeting.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on PDE releasing the annual school performance profiles to the public last week. Mr. Drzewiecki provided a copy of each schools score and a summary page interpreting the scores. This will be the first year the school scores are used as 15% of the teacher's annual professional assessment. Both the High School and Intermediate schools met the PA standards for academic growth. The Primary school did not meet the standards for growth. Both the staff and administration will continue to review the data the scores are based on and set goals for maintaining and improving performance. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the RV Education Foundation steering committee has been finalized and a meeting will held in the near future to develop by-laws for the foundation.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the IU Executive Director contract has been renewed.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Donald Nair. Dr. Nair reported that the graduating class is the largest in sometime. Dr. Nair stated that students completed the Pre-NOCTI testing and 123 seniors or 92% scored as advanced or competent on the written test.

Mr. Shaffer then asked if Committee Reports were available. Tina Kennemuth from the budgetary committee reported that the committee is reviewing extra-curricular activities. It had been asked to look into the elimination of Junior High sports. This elimination of Junior High sports would save the district approximately \$45,000.00. The committee is also looking into the reduction of options available to students as electives.

Mr. Watson from the Referendum committee presented information to the school board on recommendations. The committee outlined a timeline and provided information if the school district wished to pursue submitting to PDE exceptions under retirement, special education and debt service under Act 1. These exceptions if approved by PDE would give the school district the ability to exceed the Act 1 index of 3.6% by 1.73 mills. The index increase and 1.73 mills would raise the present millage by 2.5 mills in total for each county. The district would also place on the ballot a non-legal interpretive statement, this question would need to be formalized by the school board as to raising taxes beyond the above allowable tax rates

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the transportation contract for 2016-17 for Valley Lines. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Bell, Kennemuth)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the creation of the SPARKS Club. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the Water Bottle Procedures to the high school handbook. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Reddinger, Bell, Dougherty)

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the 2016 Treasurers Report. Motion Carrier Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,537,931.68. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Watson)

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to approve the October 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$57,912.31. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to accept the 3rd Quarter 2016 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Lisa Bowersox, kindergarten aide. Motion Carrier Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to reassign Crystal Over as kindergarten aide. Motion Carrier Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve, Clinton C. Hetrick and Conan Colwell as substitute bus/van driver. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to add Patricia Henry to the substitute aid list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to add Holly Kijowski to the substitute LPN/aide list. Motion Carrier Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to add Terry Downs and Carolyn Husted to the substitute custodial list. Motion Carrier Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve Travis Anthony as Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball coach at 80 [points@\\$42.50](#)=\$3,400.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell for Joseph Harmon to attend the SAS Institute Conference on December 5, 2016 as a presenter in Hershey, Pa., Cost to Title IIA is \$441.81. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Dee Bell to approve Laura Heasley, Jill Boyles and student to attend the B.E.S.T Robotics regional Competition on November 30-December 4, 2016 at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND. Cost to the school district is \$574.38. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Reddinger)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Michael Fricko, Joseph Harmon, Blane Gold, Kristen Landers, Jamie Bowersox, Debra Dinger and Lila Rummel to attend the PA Educational Technology Exposition and Conference (PETE&C) in Hershey, Pa. on February 12-15, 2017. Cost to Title IIA \$4,540.33. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth, Reddinger, Watson)

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Jack E. Loughner, Jr. Business Manager effective January 31, 2017. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Reddinger, Kopnitsky, Copenhaver, Bell)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:39 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary