

## School Board Meeting March 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday March 3, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, Dee Bell, Brian Dougherty Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Shirley Pastor and Chad Shaffer.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the minutes for the Work Session Meeting February 3, 2014, Regular School Board Meeting February 3, 2014 and the Work Session Meeting of February 17, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any public concerns. Lisa Goth from the Charles P. Leach Insurance Agency commented to the school board as to assigning markets to insurance agencies. She distributed folders to the board members as to profile of the Leach Agency for marketing insurance.

The Student Representative Report was provided by Gabe Troup. Mr. Troup reported on the activities planned for the March by the students as to the Options Fair and school musical.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that the pre-kindergarten numbers indicate that 82 students will signed up for kindergarten. Parents of incoming kindergarteners have been invited to an informational meeting on March 4, 2014 about the process of signing up new kindergarten students. Students will visit the kindergarten classrooms, tour the building and participate in a story time, craft activity and snack time. Kindergarten registration will be March 18-20, 2014.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported about Dr. Seuss Day to celebrate Read across America. Students from the High School Library Club and the PTO coordinated the activities and interacted with our students. The PTO donated gift certificates for the upcoming Book Fair.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mr. Jason Kerr. The Options Fair will be held on March 13, 2014 with all day activities planned for the students.

The Maintenance Report was presented in writing by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported revised easement which will be considered tonight.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the Valedictorian plaque has been placed outside the auditorium. A thank you note to Mr. Bundy and his students who worked on the plate inscriptions. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the request a report on athletics/co-curricular activities including the number of coaches, student participants and salaries will be forwarded at the April meeting along with information related to non-athletic co-curricular activities. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the Governor Corbett's proposed state budget funding for school districts. The proposal would increase Redbank Valley funding by \$200,000 including the previous funded Accountability Block Grant funds. The "Ready to Learn Block Grant" is targeted to school districts in 4 Tiers according to School Performance Profile scale. Redbank Valley would be identified in Tier 3 whereas the funding would be designated as to areas listed in the handout attached to the Superintendent Report. The proposed state budget also calls for collar on PSERS increase representing a decrease in the contribution rate of 2% which would equate to a reduction of \$140,000 to Redbank Valley.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kohnitsky. Mrs. Kohnitsky reported on the agenda items in the IU Monthly Meeting provided in the school board members packet.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell and Shirley Pastor. Mr. Bell reported on the CDL simulator which was purchased two years ago. The program cannot be started until the Career Center has a functioning truck to train students. The recently purchased truck for the diesel program is being fitted for this purpose but will not be available until the end to the school year. The plan is to start a CDL program when all the components are available for use. Mr. Bell was pleased to announce that the criteria for the Ron Perry Volunteerism Award was approved and consideration for the award will be made in future.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kohnitsky to approve reading of the following policies: #121 Field Trips, Programs, #210 Medication, Pupils, #210-Attachment Medication, Pupils, #246 Student Wellness, Pupils, #808 Food Services, Operations, #913 Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals, Community. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Kennemuth, Nair, and Pastor)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to grant easement to Hawthorn Redbank Municipal Authority for right a-way for sewage line. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Redbank Valley school calendar for 2014-2015 with 3 ½ Act 80 days including the following Section 1502 five district holidays: December 1, 2014, December 24, 2014, December 26, 2014, January 2, 2015 and April 3, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the assignment of insurance markets to vendors to quote the district insurance package for 2014-15 as provided. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the United Valley Soccer Association agreement. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Barrett, Dougherty)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve the February, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to approve February 2014 General Fund Expenditures amounting of \$2,253,585.70. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the January 2014, Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amended amounting to \$41,986.58

A motion to amend the prior motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to the January 2014, Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures to correctly read \$41,847.03. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve Molly Greenawalt and students to attend Holocaust Museum in Washington D. C. on March 21-23, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Joshua Bridge, Kathy Dinger, Lindsey Strength and Heather Murray to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Julie Veronesi beginning May 15, 2014 until the end of the 2013-14 school year and starting the 2014-15 school year until November 3, 2014 with 24 ½ days unpaid days. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to accept the resignation of Pilar Carrillo as Varsity Cheerleader coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Dana Rudesyle as a 4 hour Technology Maintenance Technician according to RVESP contract pending receipt of all necessary clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to hire Shallah Anthony as child specific aide according to RVESP contract pending receipt of all necessary clearances.

Mr. Shaffer then asked for comments from public. No comments were brought forward.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place immediately after the school board meeting for personnel issues.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary