

## School Board Meeting August 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, August 4, 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 Chad Shaffer at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the minutes for the Work Session Meeting, July 7, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Rachelle Kirkpatrick talked to the school board about her concerns of the school district continued use of professional development for the staff of Redbank Valley. Mrs. Kirkpatrick expressed the need for teachers to be exposed to course offerings in technology. The use of technology are all becoming an effective tool for teachers to expand student's education. With the right kind of teaching and the right kind of apps, and the selective process of using technology with traditional teaching methods our students would be able to achieve more than what they have in the past. Mrs. Kirkpatrick expressed to the school board that she is excited in returning for the new school year knowing that from her experiences she can do a better job in teaching our students.

Mr. Shaffer thanked Mrs. Kirkpatrick for her concerns.

No Student Representative report was presented due to the summer break.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley informed the board that the Pre-K through Pre-6<sup>th</sup> summer school concluded on July 31<sup>st</sup>. It was a very successful program that helped prepare students to enter their next grade level.

The Intermediate Report was given by Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board that preliminary PSSA scores have been released. The assessments are used to measure a student's attainment of the academic standards while also determining the degree to which school programs enable students to attain proficiency of the standards. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 is assessed in reading and math. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 5, 8 and 11 is assessed in writing. Every Pennsylvania student in grades 4 and 8 is assessed in science.

The Secondary Report was given by Jason Kerr. Mr. Kerr informed the board that preliminary Keystone scores have been released. The end-of-course assessments are designed to assess proficiency in the subject areas of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Literature, English Composition, Biology, Chemistry, U.S. History, World History, and Civics and Government. The Keystone Exams are one component of Pennsylvania's new system of high school graduation requirements.

The Maintenance Report was presented by John Sayers. Mr. Sayers stated that the sports boosters will be repairing the advertisement signs at the football field. Mr. Sayers also reported that the sewage line for Hawthorn project is progressing and work is taking place on district grounds as to date.

Michael Drzewiecki presented the Superintendent Report. Mr. Drzewiecki informed the school board that a job description is included in their packets. Deadline for application is August 8<sup>th</sup>. The same protocol will be used to fill the position with final interviews scheduled in an evening for school board participation. Question as to PSSA and Keystone Exam preliminary results were discussed as to diagnostic benchmarks and as to development of a quantified plan for addressing scores. Additional information as to these question would be forth coming at later board meeting by the administration.

The IU#6 report was presented by Mrs. Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky commented there was no meeting in July but the next scheduled meeting would be on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Shirley Pastor. Mrs. Pastor commented there was no meeting in July.

Mr. Shaffer announced at 7:34 p.m. that an executive session would take place now for personnel and negotiations matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve textbooks for grades 7-12 math classes. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve the memorandum of understanding with Indiana University of Pennsylvania to establish a dual enrollment program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the July, 2014 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the July, 2014 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$804,226.41. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the July, 2014 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$19,235.96. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to approve bus/van drivers list pending receipt of all necessary clearances. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absentation (Bell)

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Barbara Orange as Family Consumer Science teacher at BS Step 1 ½ \$41,057.00 according to expired RVEA contract salary for 2013-14. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to hire Leslie Minich as a caller for elementary substitute teachers @ 2 hours per day at current hourly wage.

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to amend the prior motion to read as follows: Consideration to hire Leslie Minich as a caller for elementary substitute teachers @ 2 hours per **week** at current hourly wage. Motion Carried Unanimously

An amended motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to hire Leslie Minich as a caller for elementary substitute teachers @ 2 hours per **week** at current hourly wage. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absentation (Pastor)

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Adam Barrett to accept the resignation of Jacob Smith, JH Assistant Football coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Adam Barrett to accept the resignation of Kellen Fierst, Band Front Director. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Chelsea Buell as Band Front Director at 77 [points@\\$42.50=\\$3,272.50](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Michael Dawson as Head JH Soccer coach at 50 [points@\\$42.50=\\$2,125.00](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Jay Sager as Assistant JH Soccer coach at 40 [points@\\$42.50=\\$1,700.00](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Jenna Merrell, Edward Wasilowski and Kathy Snyder to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to reassign R Dawn Davis to the 4 ½ hour cafeteria aide position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to reassign Amy Leasure to the 4 hour cafeteria aide position. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Justin Dawson as a volunteer JH Soccer Assistant coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve creating Athletic Trainer position as defined in Memorandum of Understanding contract. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Bell, Kopnitsky)

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Sally Miller as athletic trainer according to Memorandum of Understanding contract at \$30,000.00 pending receipt of all necessary clearances. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Roddy Hartle as interim Athletic Director effective August 11, 2014 at a stipend prorated as to the number of days in that position with up to 8 additional per diem days if necessary. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Assistant High School Principal position. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Bell, Nair, Pastor)

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

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary