

School Board Meeting April 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday April 7, 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, and Chad Shaffer. Shirley Pastor 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 Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the minutes for the Work Session Meeting March 3, 2014, and the Regular Board Meeting of March 3, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any public concerns. Julie Evans spoke to the school board as to a request by the school district tax collectors for the district to make assistance in a payment of \$100.00 towards software for each tax collector that will be/using for maintaining the tax collection files. Mrs. Evans stated that the counties and municipalities of each tax collector contribute a \$100.00 share towards the \$300.00 annual software cost. The software would assist in the management of Real Estate and Per Capita and Occupation taxes by providing uniform reporting, DCED reports and delinquent reports. Mr. Shaffer thanked Julie Evans and the tax collectors present for their presentation and the item would be discussed in the future.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Gabe Troup. Mr. Troup reported on the progress of musical, Suessical the Musical which will be presented on April 11th and 12th.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that kindergarten registration on March 18-20 had 93 students of that 28 students have been identified as in need of the Pre-K summer school program prior to the start of next school year.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported that students completed the Reading and Math testing for PSSA during March. Make-up tests for those absent will continue through April 11th.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mr. Jason Kerr. Mr. Kerr reported that PSSA testing starting March 28th as well as the preparation for the Keystone Exams to be held in May. Mr. Kerr made a presentation as to Scope and sequence of science and math proposed curriculum changes. These proposed changes will occur in the deliverance of Algebra I as Algebra 1A, 2A and 2B complete course description will be forthcoming in the future for board review.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported of an electrical lost to the high school for 3 hours was due to a blown fuse in the transformer outside the boiler room. West Penn Power is investigating what caused to occur.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the handout provided in the school board member's packet that was requested earlier on athletics/co-curricular activities including the number and cost of coaches and student participation. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that a survey by Mr. Gold social studies class indicated that 65 students out of 80 student feel that Redbank Valley has had a positive impact on their lives. Mr. Drzewiecki asked the school board members if they planned to attend the PSBA Spring Legislative Meeting on May 1st at the Riverview IU and if so to let the school district know so that we can register them for the event.

The IU Report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky commented on the Riverview IU General Operating Budget for 2014-15. The overall budgeted expenditures have decreased 7.70 percent mostly due to personnel changes from the prior year.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell commented on the approval for a policy for the disposition of surplus equipment and supplies for the Career Center. Mr. Bell also reported that testing under NOCTI has 92 percent of the students have been advanced in the written portion of the test.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the Riverview Intermediate Unit RIU6 Operating Budget for school year 2014-15 in the amount of \$1,299,400.00. 5-3 (Dougherty, Kennemuth, Nair)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to award the natural gas contract for the supply of natural gas from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 to South Jersey Energy (Open Flow) at \$4.61 based on today's pricing. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the first reading of policy #810.21 Operations, Transportation-Video/Audio/Recording. 7-1 (Nair)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the March, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve March 2014 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,567,389.10. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the February 2014, Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$47,676.82 Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to approve Single Audit and General Purpose Audit as of June 30, 2013 submitted by Troese & Associates as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Adam Barrett to accept Lori Gareis letter of resignation due to retirement effective at the end of the school year 2013-14. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Adam Barrett to accept Kathy Durschlag letter of resignation due to retirement effective at the end of the school 2013-14 year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Adam Barrett to accept Gary Sproul letter of resignation due to retirement effective at the end of the school year 2013-14. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to hire Roddy Hartle as interim Athletic Director effective February 24, 2014 for 77 days prorated due to medical leave of Thomas Logan. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded Ann Kopnitsky to hire Lara Wagner as a child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to add Angela Liberato to the substitute cafeteria list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Cheryl McCauley to attend the PAFPC 2014 Annual Federal Programs Conference on April 27-30 at Seven Springs, PA. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve Laura Heasley, chaperones and student to attend Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on May 6, 2014 at Cleveland, OH. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to accept the resignation of Stacy Ishman, JH Cheerleading coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to hire Stacy Ishman as Varsity Cheerleading coach at 98 points @ \$44.50=\$4,361.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

Dr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns comments. There was no comments offered.

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

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary