

School Board Meeting January 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Thursday, January 9, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair Shirley Pastor and Chad Shaffer. Dee Bell and Brian Dougherty were absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the minutes for the Reorganization Meeting December 5, 2013, Work Session Meeting December 5, 2013 and the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2013. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any public concerns.

The Student Representative Report was not available.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that students from kindergarten and second grade spent time prior to the holiday break singing and reading to local senior citizens at Edgewood heights and Broadwood Towers. Mrs. McCauley reported that seven district from both elementary and secondary building have requested to attend the PETE & C conference. All of these teachers are first time participants. Each of these teachers will supply information to their peers upon return and Title IIA funds will cover all cost.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported about workshop she attended last month at the SAS Institute. Mrs. Boyles reported as to range of topics from educator effectiveness to an overview of the testing landscape under PSSA, Keystones, and Project Based Assessments.

The Secondary Report was given by Mr. Jason Kerr. Mr. Kerr introduced Dennis B. Gold, 11th grade Social Studies. Mr. Kerr commented on a proposed addition to the high school curriculum AP English Literature and Composition for 2014-15. This course is designed to engage students in close reading and critical analysis of literature from the 16th century to modern day.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that a scheduled meeting with sewage architects will be attended by Mr. Drzewiecki and himself as to the proposed right away in front of the high school for the proposed sewage line to the car wash.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked the school board as to earlier presentations for a PIMS clerical position. Discussion from the school board members centered on a ½ time Technician Assistant position with PIMS responsibilities. It was agreed by the school board to advertise for the position as a ½ time Technician Assistant position. Mr. Drzewiecki than reported on his findings for a school board IU representative whereas all current board members are eligible to serve on the school board.

The IU Report was presented by Donald Nair. Dr. Nair commented on the action taken at the December 11th meeting concerning the resolution to conduct a forensic audit and changes in the healthcare for retiree's.

The CCAVTS Report was as presented by Shirley Pastor. Mrs. Pastor reported on staff changes in the practical nursing program and the automotive competition to be held in Pittsburgh.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to appoint Ann Kohnitsky as the IU school board member. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the Act 1 Resolution that Redbank Valley School District will not increase tax millage at a rate that exceeds 3.1 index for school year 2014-15. 5-Yes, 2-No (Nair, Pastor)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to advertise for natural gas bids. Current pricing is \$4.67 dth. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Adam Barrett to authorize and direct the Superintendent to (a) Study student enrollment trends for past years as well as the projected enrollment for the upcoming school year; (b) Study past and current curriculum and course offerings to overall staffing needs of the School District for the upcoming school year; and (d) make recommendations to the Board of School Direction concerning staffing, curriculum and program needs for the upcoming school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kohnitsky seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the addition of A. P. Literature and Composition to be offered in the 2014-15 school year High School curriculums. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to postpone the first 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 Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to approve the December, 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve December 2013 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,448,010.09. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the November, 2013 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$68,555.37. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Barbara Sayers as Greenhouse aide at 390 hours @ \$7.31= \$2,850.90 and no benefits. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to add Kathy Harmon to the substitute custodial list. 6-Yes, 1-No (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Kimberly Braugher to the substitute cafeteria aide list. 6-Yes, 1-No (Kennemuth)

A motion was made Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Sue Ann Boyles to attend PDE Annual 2014 Conference for Educational Practices that Work (Special Education) at Hershey, PA, February 5-7, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve, Dianna Bain, Karen Dawson, Dave Eggleton, Lila Rummel, Valerie Sloan, Dennis B Gold and Julie Smith to attend Pennsylvania Educational Technology Exposition and Conference, Hershey, Pa., February 10-12, 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Julie Smith, chaperones and students to attend Physics Fun Day (Cedar Point) at Sandusky, OH in May 2014. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Brent Wile as a volunteer baseball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Dustin Huffman as a volunteer wrestling coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Mike Drzewiecki to attend the IU Legislative Trip January 20-22, 2014 Harrisburg, PA. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to advertise for an ½ time Technician position. 5-Yes, 2-No (Nair, Pastor)

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. No comment was made.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that after adjournment that an executive session would take place for negotiations matters.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary