

School Board Meeting April 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Tuesday April 7, 2015, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Adam Barrett, Brian Dougherty, Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Shirley Pastor and Chad Shaffer. Dee Bell was absent.

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

Mr. Shaffer then asked if the public had a concern to address. Cindy Morgan from the American Legion Auxiliary thanked the school board for allowing the local American Legion to conduct an Essay Contest, the American Legion awarded several prizes to Redbank Valley students. Eighty five students completed essays to showcase their talents and abilities in English by using originality, accuracy and research as evidence, while learning that the responsibilities and duties of good citizenship can be both rewarding and fun. Mrs. Morgan stated that awards will be presented during Awards Day on May 18th to the students selected as winners.

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the Regular meeting minutes on March 2, 2015 and the Work Session Meeting minutes on March 2, 2015 and Executive Session held on March 17, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Student Representative was unavailable.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented in writing by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley who was absent. The report commented on preparations for PSSA for grades 3-8 to be held later this month. Mrs. McCauley reported that the mid-year federal programs funding levels were reduced by the following; Title IIA \$-103 and Title I \$-2411. Finally the kindergarten pre-registration counts are at 86 students for 2015-16.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board that Title I Game Night was a great success for students and parents who attended. Several parents commented how nice the evening was and how much they are using the games at home. Mrs. Boyles reported that the STEM competition was held last week with the Intermediate team taking 3rd place for Overall competition. Intermediate students also were awarded for Best Teamwork and Best Narrative.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board that on April 10th and April 11th the school play will be presented “Just Another High School Play” at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Mrs. Boyles also reported that the FFA conducted a blood drive on March 26th collecting 30 units from students/faculty and

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members of the community. Finally the Robotics team traveled to California University of Pa. where they finished 4th out of 54 teams competing.

The Maintenance Report was presented in Mr. Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported as to the repairs conducted throughout the month of March.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked the school board members to register for the National Honor Society dinner to be held May 18th prior to the NHS ceremony. All others items were addressed at the work session prior to the regular meeting.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky commented on the staff retirements for the IU.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Shirley Pastor. Mrs. Pastor that the CCAVTS 2015-16 budget was passed by the CCAVTS board member for school districts considerations.

At this time 7:23 p.m. Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session will take place for personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the second reading of the following policy: #201 Pupils, Admission of Students. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to approve the Clarion County Career Center 2015-15 Budget at \$3,497,339.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Shirley Pastor to award Constellation the electric supplier at a quoted price of \$5.797 for 30 month period from June 2015 to December 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Shirley Pastor to Redbank Valley Special Education Plan Report from July, 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the first reading of the following policy: #317.1 Employee, Education Misconduct. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve that all volunteers be required to acquire all clearances under Act 34, Act 151 and Act 168. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Barrett),

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the March, 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,566,004.94. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Dougherty)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to approve March 2015 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$68,308.57. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett for Cheryl McCauley to attend the PAFPC 2015 Annual Federal Programs Coordinator Conference May 3-6, 2015 at Seven Springs, PA. Cost to be covered by Title II A of \$1,185.30. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Ann Kopnitsky for Julie Aaron to attend the AP Summer Institute on June 22-26, 2015 at South Fayette High School in McDonald, PA. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA of \$1,107.55. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Chad Shaffer to retro-approve unpaid day for Julie Veronesi for March 30, 2015. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Angela Lufsey to the substitute secretary/aide list.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Shirley Pastor to amend the previous motion to be separated for secretary list and aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Brian Dougherty of the amended motion to add Angela Lufsey to the substitute secretary list. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter of the amended motion to add Angela Lufsey to the substitute aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Kirsten Huffman to attend the KTI Star Summit on July 30-31, 2015 at Kutztown University, PA. Cost to be covered by Title 11A and \$100.00 and Keystone Stars. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth)

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to accept the resignation of Blaine Gold as JH Boys/Girls Assistant Basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Adam Barrett to place Jessica Minich on paid Administration leave retroactive to March 16, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Donald Nair to move that, as of April 8, 2015, Redbank Valley High School member, Jessica Minich be placed on "Leave without Pay" and, that the school district begin immediate action to initiate her dismissal as a member of the Redbank Valley School District Faculty. Motion Failed due to No Second.

Mr. Shaffer then asked if the public had a concern to address. Jack Gareis announce an invitation to the school board members to attend the High School Play "It Just Another High School Play" for April 10th and 11th at 7:00 p.m.

At this time Mr. Shaffer announced that an executive session will take place for personnel matters immediately following adjournment.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary