

## School Board Meeting February 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Tuesday February 3, 2015, 7:05 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.

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

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the minutes Regular Meeting, January 3, 2015 and Work Session Meeting, January 3, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

Public concern were informed by a presentation from Leroy Tabler and Cindy Morgan representing the American Legion post Craig 439. The American Legion offers students to a tuition free opportunity to attend the American Legion Keystone Boys State (KBS) camp. This week long camp conducts a “learn by doing” experience whereby students will have the opportunity to gain leadership skills through a variety of activities and presentations during the weeklong program. The focus of Keystone Boys State is its experientially based government exercise, which spans the city, county and state levels of involvement. Mr. Tabler also commented that the American Legion also offers State Police Youth Week. Cadets (students) participate in a wide variety of instructional sessions with Local, State Police and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. Students will learn how to work as a team and be taught self-esteem, as they will be the future Leaders of our state and nation. Classes in Pennsylvania Vehicle and Crime Codes, forensic sciences, radar, riot control, tactical drug operation through the use of specially trained dogs, weapon firing, and other police related skills. This is a six-day camp is used to introduce students in all procedures of law enforcement. Cindy Morgan representing the American Legion Auxiliary, commented on the patriotic essay for grades third (3) through twelfth (12). The contest has different classifications pertaining to grouping or classes. Essays are completed by students at least 150 to 500 words depending upon which “class” the student falls under. It is a national contest with different levels offering the opportunity to win monetary or bond prizes usually for the top three (3) place finishers on each of these levels.

Darren Bain from the New Bethlehem Little League asked the school board as to the status of last month presentation by him for the purchase of a removable pitching mound. Comments from the RV High School baseball team coaches were heard as to district use of such a mound. Craig Hibell and Blaine Gold remarked as to how the school district could use such equipment during open gyms and practices indoor. Discussion as to prorating the cost between the Little League and school district was a major concern. The total cost of a

pitching mound was questioned. The item will be further discussed once pricing is obtained by the NB Little League.

Adrion Orange an Eagle Scout from New Bethlehem made a presentation to the school board as to performing an Eagle Scout Service Project. Adrion project would be the beautification of the High School Flag pole area. Adrion described the manner in which he would redesign the flag pole area to include lighting, bench seating and hedges. The project would be funded by the public purchasing bricks whereas the individual(s) name or memory of a love one would be etched onto the brick then laid out as to the design to offset the project cost. Adrion is asking the school board permission to conduct the project with the assistance of the administration. The project would be completed before the next school year.

Mr. Shaffer thanked the individuals for their concerns.

The Student Representative students were unavailable for a report, but Dianna Bain, Student Council Advisors presented the following in their behalf. Mrs. Bain commented that plans are underway for fundraising for speakers to speak to the student body on a number of issue confronting students today. Mrs. Bain informed the school board that plans for the JH Fun Night are proceeding and a date will be selected in the near future. Mrs. Bain also commented on the National Honor Society assistance with the Career Option Fair she was pleased with the student participation.

The Primary/Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley informed the school board that early indicating surveys has 70 students to be registered for kindergarten. Registration will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mrs. McCauley was questioned by board members whether or not an exiting survey for parents could be done for Parent Teacher Conference and whether the district could look into have the Parent Teacher Conference earlier in the school year.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles announced the winners who will represent Redbank Valley at the County Spelling Bee. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board that students will be participating in Operation Valentine. Students are making cards and writing letters to military personnel. Burns Funeral Home will be picking up the cards for delivery later in the week.

The Secondary Report was presented in writing. Blaine Gold, High School Social Studies teacher spoke to the school board as to the two session conducted for students under the "Search for Work Day". Mr. Gold thanked Deborah Boozer and Amy Switzer for organizing the morning activities where 26 universities, trade schools and military representatives were available to speak to students in grades 9-12 as to learning/working options after high school. In the afternoon session 48 businesses representative were in

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attendance to conduct mock interviews for seniors. Each student selected 3 business to be interviewed by. Students produced a cover letter and resume to each interviewer as to their qualifications. The experience was getting seniors prepared for the interviews process and working on communication between interviewer and the interviewee. Mr. Gold informed the board that 5 senior where offered jobs after graduation.

The Maintenance Report was presented by John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported as to the electrical phase power outage at the High School. Mr. Sayers also commented that Johnson Control was in and repaired the A/C unit in the computer server room.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki informed the school board as to Act153 requirements for volunteers whereas adults applying for unpaid positions as volunteers in a position responsible for the welfare of a child or having direct contact with children (care, supervision, guidance or control of children, or routine interaction with children) are required to have background checks relating to Act151 criminal history record from the PA State Police, Act34 child abuse report and the FBI background check. Exception to the requirements or waiver would require only the state criminal history information and the child abuse clearance for those prospective volunteers who are (1) applying for unpaid positions, (2) have been residents of Pennsylvania for the entirety of the previous 10 years and (3) swears or affirms in writing that he or she is not disqualified from service pursuant to section 6344(C)(the list of prohibited offenses) nor has he or she been convicted of any offense of a similar nature elsewhere. There is also a provision that permits an individual responsible for the selection of volunteers to allow a volunteer to serve on a provisional basis for a period not to exceed 30 days if the volunteer is in compliance with the clearance standards in the jurisdiction where he or she resides.

Ann Kohnitsky informed the board that the IU meeting is tomorrow night and that she could relay any information at this time.

The CCAVTS Report was presented in writing. Mr. Bell and Mrs. Pastor were not able to attend the meeting due to weather conditions.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the second reading of the following policy: #903 Community, Public Participation Board Meetings. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Wendy Heeter seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the first reading of the following policy: #707 Property, Use of School Facilities. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to approve a Fee Schedule for School Facilities with the following amendments: Auditorium \$1,200,

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Auditorium rehearsal \$500.00, Classroom \$100. Cafeteria \$250.00, Security Deposit 25 % of total amount due. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Pastor, Kopnitsky)

A motion was carried by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve Adrion Orange to do an Eagle Scout Service Project, Flag Pole Beautification Project as presented at Redbank Valley High School with the cooperation of the district staff. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the January 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to approve January 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,229,235.16. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve the January 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$55,447.76. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept the 4th Quarter 2014 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place at 8:18 p.m. due to personnel and real estate matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve Amy Switzer to attend the 2015 PASAP-PAMLE Conference on February 22-24, 2015 in State College, PA Cost \$851.46 Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Sarah Williams to attend 2015 PMEA annual Conference on March 25-28, 2015 in Hershey, PA. Cost \$256.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell approve Laura Heasley to attend the PAGE Gifted Conference on April 30-May 1, 2015 in Villanova Conference Center, Radnor, PA, cost \$825.45. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to approve Sarah Williams and students to attend Conn Selmer Plant and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on June 3-4, 2015 in Cleveland, OH. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Julie Smith and an additional teacher with students to attend Physics Fun Day in May 2015 at Cedar Point, OH. Cost \$191.46. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Donald Nair to accept the resignation Amy Young, Child Specific Aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Shirley Pastor to add Kelly Wyant-Todorov to the substitute Café aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Brian Dougherty to retro approve the mutual agree upon 2015 Superintendent Goals. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would immediately take place following adjournment due to personnel and real estate matters.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary