

## School Board Meeting March 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday March 2, 2015, 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 President Chad Shaffer at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the Regular meeting minutes on February 3, 2015 and the Work Session Meeting minutes on February 3, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Student Representative was reported by Shannon Sager. Ms. Sager spoke to the school board about the fundraiser efforts by the students for next year's Homecoming by selling hoagies and also students selling fudge for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Junior High Dance.

The Primary /Director of Education report was given by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley informed the school board of the Title I Fun Night activities for March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for parents and students to come together in resolving educational literacy, math and critical thinking games from a program call the Thinking Cap. Mrs. McCauley reported that early kindergarten sign-ups show 82 students to be enrolled for 2015-16. Mrs. McCauley also commented that the Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies (BABES) program which is a primary prevention program for children K-2<sup>nd</sup> for substance abuse and student awareness.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board that a new program will be starting in the Intermediate building as to student peer tutoring for math under the direction of Title I teacher, Julie Veronesi. Peer tutoring is a setting in which two or more students work together in order to comprehend material or to complete tasks such as studying, reviewing concepts or finishing homework.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles informed the school board that on March 6<sup>th</sup> the Bible Club will be sponsoring "Comedy Club". Tickets are available through Bible Club leaders. Mrs. Boyles reported that for the first time both the boys and girls basketball teams have advanced to District 6 Class AA finals and that six wrestlers advanced to Regional Wrestling. Mrs. Boyles further commented that gifted students in the President Competition held at the IU6 placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in last month's competition.

The Maintenance Report was presented in writing. No comments were presented.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked the school board for comments on the agenda item to share in the cost for the pitching mound for the Redbank Valley High School and New Bethlehem Little League. No comments were made by the school board members. Mr. Drzewiecki informed the school board that 12 Principal applications have been received to date. The posting due date is March 6, 2015.

At this time Dr. Shaffer asked school board members to volunteer for a search committee to review the application along with teaching staff members. Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Shirley Pastor and Tina Kennemuth agreed to service on the committee.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky commented on the General Operating Budget for 2015-16 which will be voted on later this evening by the school board. The district shared cost under the GOB will decrease from 2014-15 by \$137.00.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell announced that Shawn Algoe from Keystone will served as the new Superintendent in Charge replacing Michael Stahlman from Clarion. The CCAVTS is preparing the 2015-16 budget and it will come before the board sometime in April.

At this time 7:20 p.m. Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session will take place for personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve 2015-16 Redbank Valley School District calendar with 3 1/2 Act 80 days including the following Section 1502 five district holidays; November 27, 2015, November 30,2015, December 4, 2015, December 31,2015 and March 25, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve the Riverview Intermediate RIU6 Operating Budget for School year 2015-16 in the amount of \$1,296,131.00. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Dougherty)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to award natural gas contract for the supply of natural gas to UGI Energy Service LLC from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to advertise for electric bids. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to share the cost for a portable pitching mound between Redbank Valley High School baseball team and New Bethlehem Little League not to exceed \$1,343.00 of district shared cost. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the second reading of the following policy #201 Pupils, Admission of Students. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the donation by the High School Softball Boosters of a shed at no cost to the school district to be located at the New Bethlehem field. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to have the administration respond to the memorandum for the High School Agriculture program and report its finding to the school board. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the February 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve February 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,957,124.92. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Donald Nair to approve the February 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$49,534.48. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to approve Single Audit and General Purpose Audit as of June 30, 2014 submitted by Troese & Associates as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Sally Ryan as Child Specific Aide pending receipt of all necessary clearances according to RVESP contract in place. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Amy Switzer to attend Marines Educator's Work at Parris Island, SC on March 9-13, 2015 at no cost to the school. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to add Betty DeSantis to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to add Natalie Copenhaver to substitute cafeteria aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Shirley Pastor to hire Lindsay Ferringer-Smith as Head Junior High Volleyball coach at 70 points @ \$44.50 = \$3,115.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Brian Dougherty to hire Matt Darr as Assistant Junior High Volleyball coach at 57 points @ \$45.50 = \$2,593.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Michael Rearick as volunteer softball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

Dr. Shaffer then asked the board members if they had additional comments. Shirley Pastor asked the administration with all the 2 hour delays and school cancellation days where does the Vo-Tech students stand in meeting the required hours. Mr. Drzewiecki commented that the students must have 360 hours but at this time in the school year we may get additional time off due to weather.

Dr. Shaffer then commented as to the ruling of the tuition reimbursement grievance to the school board members whereas the district will pay those employees for the course as to meeting the requirements of grade and payment made.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Shirley Pastor to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:53 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary