

School Board Meeting November 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday November 2, 2015, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley Intermediate School Cafeteria. 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 by Shirley Pastor seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the minutes for the Meeting October 5, 2015, Work Session Meeting October 5, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer asked for any public concerns. Cheri Hornberger addressed the school board on behalf of the Redbank Valley Education Association concerning the stalemate in ratifying a new contract between the school board and RVEA.

The Student Representative Report from Peyton Kirkpatrick. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported on extracurricular activities including Football, Soccer, and Volleyball. Mr. Kirkpatrick commented on the freshman trip which will take place from November 3-6, 2015. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the FFA will sponsor Veterans Day and its activities including a luncheon for our Veteran who attend. Finally Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned the Career Opportunities event and the speakers from Colleges, ex (Penn State University). Mr. Kirkpatrick state that more student awareness is needed of the career objectives and the resources available to student at the Career Resource room in the High School.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented in writing. Mrs. McCauley was absent from the meeting.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported on the Fall Fest activities by the PTO who sponsored the event. Mrs. Boyles reported on State Patrol Officer Jamie LeVier visit to the Intermediate School and his presentation on school bus rules and awareness for students to obey while being transported to and from school. Mrs. Boyles finally commented teacher involvement with the math trainings, and the difficulties being exhibited by students on the new standards and strategies associated with assessment practices.

The Secondary Report was presented in writing. Mrs. Rupp was absent from the meeting.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported on the repairs and cleanings for the month of October as well as the preparation for the winter maintenance at all buildings.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked the school board members if any of them would be interested in attending interviews for the high school math vacancy. If they are resumes would be available for review in his office. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the state budget impasse. Although the current impasse is painful the process needs to play out. Some school districts have contracted with lending institution for Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN) or Lines of Credit in order to continue operating. Seventeen school districts and two intermediate units across the state have borrowed funds to operate and additional 28 are expected to borrow money by the end of this month. Mr. Loughner presented information to the school board on obtaining a line of credit. Five banks were approached as to securing a line of credit. Based on the size of the banks the available funds ranged from \$2 million to \$6 million and the interest rates associated with these funds ranged from 2.13% to 3.5%. The duration of the line of credit would be between 6 to 12 months. Other fees incurred would be for bank setup and solicitor cost. Still, to keep enough cash on hand, some districts have suspended payments to charter schools and other contracted services.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky commented on the approved contracted nursing services that the IU had considered a line of credit for IU but not actions has been taken to date.

The CCAVTS was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell commented on the Executive Director Salary increase of 2 % for 2015-16. Mr. Bell mention that a buyer has been approved to a new modular home and construction will begin immediately.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place immediately at 7:34 p.m. for personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the transportation contract 2015-16 for Valley Lines. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstention (Bell, Kennemuth,)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the October, 2015 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve October, 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,734,104.28. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the October, 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$66,241.42. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to accept 3rd Quarter 2015 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Crystal Over as LPN Aide/Child Specific Aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to hire Melissa Mohney as Child Specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Emanuel Marshall as Varsity Boys Basketball coach at 120 Points @\$42.50 = \$5,100.00. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Pastor)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve Amy Rupp to attend the SAS Conference in Hershey, PA on Dec 7-8, 2015. Total cost to district and Title II is \$474.34. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Joseph Harmon to attend the SAS conference in Hershey PA on December 7-8, 2015 Total cost to district and Title II is \$422.61. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to add Kayla Raybuck to the substitute teacher list.

A motion to postpone adding Kayla Raybuck to the substitute teacher list was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair. Motion to Postpone Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to hire Jessica McCauley at the long-term substitute teacher rate. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Kopnitsky)

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to hire Cherlyn Hetrick at the long-term substitute teacher rate. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Cassandra Faulk at the long-term substitute teacher rate. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to accept the resignation of Emmanuel Marshall as Junior High Boys Basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Robb Lawrence as Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball coach at 80 points @ \$42.50 = \$3,400.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Adam Barrett to hire Michael Dawson as Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball coach at 57 points @ \$42.50 = \$2,422.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

School board members then asked administration as to the progress in obtaining information for bus tracking systems. Mr. Drzewiecki informed the members that information will be provided at the December meeting for review.

Mr. Shaffer then commented that this was Adam Barrett last school board meeting and that he thanked Mr. Barrett for his 8 years of service to the school district.

Mr. Shaffer then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No comments were presented.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary