

## School Board Meeting October 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday October 3, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger and Chad Shaffer. Glenn Watson was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:07 p.m.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the minutes for the Regular School Board Meeting, September 6, 2016; Work Session Meeting September 6, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Jennifer Wyant spoke to the school board on a bussing concern to bus high school students from and to South Bethlehem Borough. Ms. Wyant also spoke on the number of unassigned seats on buses traveling thru South Bethlehem and the incident report from Penn Dot in which she was unable to retrieve. Rachelle Kirkpatrick spoke to the school board on water issues within the Hawthorn area. She asked the school board to look into Primary and Intermediate building for water containments concerns. Mindy Prociuous spoke to the school board concerning the Redbank Valley teacher's negotiations. Mrs. Prociuous asked for the school board and teacher to continue negotiating in good faith towards a settlement.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffler. Activities and Fall Sports are in full swing. The marching band performed at the Autumn Leaf Festival parade and the Robotics team will participate in the annual Boosting Engineering Science and Technology (BEST) competition at Penn State, Dubois.

The Elementary Report /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that Title I held informational meeting for parents of students in grade K-5 to explain how their child qualifies for Title I program. Presently there are 75 students in the program. Mrs. McCauley commented that PASSAGES from Clarion is presenting the Safe/Unsafe Touch program with our K-3 students. The program offers information to students on personal safety issues, violence, coping skills and decision making. A completed schedule has been prepared by Mrs. Constantino and enclosed in Mrs. McCauley report for the entire school year.

The Secondary Report was presented by Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported on the Anti-Bullying Project. Posters are lining the hallways and students are beginning to speak up against bullying. Instances are reported and swiftly acted upon according to student handbook. Mrs. Rupp reported that students have been identified for remediations in Algebra, Biology and Literature. Monday thru Thursday during activity period and some

other periods as student's schedules permit, students are remediating through computer programs, test prep booklets and direct instruction. Students can make a second attempt in January. Students who are attempting for the third time are working on the Project Based Assessments (PBA). Once they pass the PBA they will have met the school requirements for Keystone proficiency.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that the Primary Building 4 inch sewage line has been repaired under the kitchen.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the information Penn Dot uses in developing its hazardous walking route information was retrieved as requested. Penn Dot officials include data collected from police department reports from incidents occurring during the time period students are in route both to and from school. Mr. Drzewiecki included in his packet a copy of the memorandum of agreement with the Redbank Valley Education Association (RVEA) to establish a federal programs coordinator stipend position. The agreement provides the opportunity for a teacher to develop and submit the federal grant applications to PDE along with accompanying responsibilities. Mr. Drzewiecki commented that the district will meet with the Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce Board in October to solicit input regarding participation on the Redbank Valley Education Foundation. Further information will be provided on finalizing the membership on the steering committee.

The IU Report was provided in writing. Mrs. Kopnitsky was unable to attend the meeting.

The CCAVTS report was presented by Donald Nair. Mr. Nair reported that the Career Center will be undertaking an electrical audit on the building at no cost.

A Budgetary Committee report was presented by Tina Kennemuth with the next meeting for October 11, 2016.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to award District Truck bid to Nolf Dodge at the price of \$30,955.79. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Nair)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve transportation contracts for school year 2016-17 as presented. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstained (Bell, Kennemuth)

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place at 8:20 p.m. for litigation items. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

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A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the settlement with Armstrong Memorial Hospital tax appeal. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Shaffer)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve a Robotic/STEM Team club as amended. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Redbank Valley School District and Redbank Valley Education Association to establish a stipend position for Federal Programs Coordinator. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to approve administration to proceed with water bottle policy. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Bell, Reddinger)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Donald Nair to approve the administration inquiry into doing an electrical energy audit report on all buildings. Motion Carrier Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the 2016 September 2016 Treasurers Report. Motion Carrier Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the General Fund Expenditures amounting of \$2,048,306.27. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the September 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$52,937.70. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Patricia Henry, child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by William Reddinger to approve Rueben Carrillo as JH Assistant Football coach. One Assistant Junior High football position will be split into 2 positions.  $57 \text{ points} @ \$44.50 = \$2,536.50$  each receiving \$1,268.25. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Jenna Doverspike as Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by William Reddinger to approve Hannah Stewart as volunteer Varsity Cheerleading coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to hire Cari Darr as Federal Programs Coordinator at an annual stipend of \$4,300.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Tina Kennemuth to assign Sandy Shirey as interim elementary principal from November 1, 2016 until the return of Mrs. McCauley from medical leave of absence. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Nair)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to hire Justin Dawson as Assistant JH Boys Basketball coach at 57 points @ \$42.50 = \$2,422.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve Ty Scott as volunteer JH Boys Basketball Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve Tina Lipps as volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked if any public concerns wished to be expressed. No comments were made.

Mr. Shaffer then expressed the school board condolence to the James Gourley family. Mr. Gourley had served on the Redbank Valley School Board many years ago and his service to the school district should be not go unnoticed.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:58 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary