

Special School Board Meeting
June 9, 2017

A special meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Auditorium. The following members were in attendance: Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Glenn Watson, Dee Bell and Heath Copenhaver.

The special school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Kara Raybuck, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the sports and academic cuts, cost savings, fund balance, budget deficit and leadership skills. Rhonda McMillen-Toth, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the athletic program per student expenditures, stating that the numbers were inaccurate due to the fact that the information provided was for a year in which new uniforms were purchased. She encouraged everyone to support their local organizations. Dr. Farley addressed the Board regarding the District's fund balance and a way to save money on bussing. Bruce Gundlach, a district resident, spoke regarding cost savings within the athletic programs by non-league and night game elimination and purchasing equipment in the off-season. Cole Wolbert, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the academic cuts and Career Center students not being able to take elective courses, due to time constraints. He also mentioned that the baseball team has excelled in recent years and asked for cost cuts to be made within athletics without elimination of sport teams.

A motion was made by Heath Copenhaver, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to resolve that the School Board directs the Superintendent to revise the curriculum to reduce the number of courses offered in the Business Education Department. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 3 No (Copenhaver, Kopnitsky, Watson).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to resolve that the School Board directs the Superintendent to revise the curriculum to reduce the number of courses offered in the Technology and Engineering Education Department. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 3 No (Kopnitsky, Watson, Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to resolve that professional employee Bryan Provance is suspended effective July 1, 2017 pursuant to Section 1124 (2) of the Public School Code. The Superintendent is directed to notify the employee of this action. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 3 No (Kopnitsky, Watson, Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Donald Nair, to resolve that the School Board approves the reassignments of the professional staff as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Watson, Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to resolve to allow the district extra-curricular activities and interscholastic athletic policies to be amended to make the existence of a district-funded extra-curricular activity/sport, those identified with a pay to participate fee, dependent upon that activity/sport raising funds equal to 15% of that

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activity's/sport's annual general operating cost with said funds applied to the budget of that activity. The budget of that activity is to be set by the District annually, with notification of the maximum financial responsibility of the activity/sport at the July Board meeting. The manner, method and schedule of raising those funds to be approved by the District. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Copenhaver).

Dr. Shaffer asked for additional board items. Mrs. Kennemuth asked if the public could be provided with more information so that they are aware of how the Board makes decisions. Mr. Watson thanked the residents for speaking and attending the meeting and asked that they contact state legislators and congressmen regarding public education.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



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Superintendent