

Special School Board Meeting March 22, 2017

A special meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Glenn Watson and Dee Bell. Heath Copenhaver was absent.

The special school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President.

Mr. Drzewiecki presented information to each board member regarding maximum real estate tax projections. A discussion followed as to the exact wording of the consideration in place.

Under the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act, a local school board is prohibited from increasing the rate of school property taxes by more than a certain percentage – called the “index” – established each year by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In order for a local school board to raise school property taxes by more than the “index” amount, the local school district must first request approval of that tax rate increase by the voters of the school district.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Donald Nair to submit a referendum question seeking voter approval of a tax rate increase in excess of the index to both the Armstrong and Clarion County Board of Elections for all of the exception requests submitted to and denied by the Department of Education. (After discussion on the motion.)

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Donald Nair to amend the original motion. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Dougherty, Kennemuth)

Motion amended to read: Consideration to submit a referendum question seeking voter approval of a tax rate increase in excess of the index **up to 6.4%** to both the Armstrong and Clarion County Board of Elections for all of the exception requests submitted to and denied by the Department of Education. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 3 No (Dougherty, Kennemuth, Kopnitsky)

Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place immediately after conclusion for personnel and legal matters.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger to adjourn the special meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary