

Regular School Board Meeting  
July 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, July 6, 2015, 6:30 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, and Chad Shaffer. Shirley Pastor was absent from the meeting.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made Adam Barrett seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the Regular meeting minutes on June 8, 2015 and the Work Session Meeting minutes on June 8, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked if the public had a concern to address. No concerns were brought to the school board attention.

The Student Representative report was unavailable.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Mrs. McCauley. Mrs. McCauley informed the school board that summer school for Pre-K through Pre-6<sup>th</sup> has started with 41 students attending. The new elementary math materials are arriving and the two teacher trainings have been scheduled. Mrs. McCauley informed the board members that the district will be transition to Google Docs, which include a word processor, a spreadsheet and a presentation program respectively, all part of a free, web-based software office suite offered by Google within its Google Drive service. The suite allows users to create and edit documents online while and store created documents for free to Google Drive.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported that the special education plan submitted in May had 3 small revisions that were requested. Those including adding more information to the behavior plan, correcting a positions time with students and adding a clarifying statement to the professional development section. The correction was submitted on June 26<sup>th</sup>. As of today, everything has been submitted and is up-to-date.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp informed the school board that Faculty/Staff and Student handbook has been updated and await final approval. Question as to the criteria for Valedictorian and Salutatorian was made as to the hand-out enclosed in the Secondary Report. Board members asked for an explanation as to the weighting of courses to determine valedictorian and salutatorian.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that summer work on the classroom are proceeding well. A question as to the use of custodial staff under the facility use form. It was explained by the administration as to the use of staff under the facility use requirements.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked the school board members as to the presentation made by Building Bridges to assist in the district in the formation of a Foundation. School board members needed additional information before making a decision and asked the administration to invite Mr. Moulin for additional discussion on the topic. Mr. Drzewiecki commented that 36 applications have been received for the hiring of an elementary/special education teacher. Mr. Drzewiecki asked if the same review process as the hiring of the high school principal would accommodate the school board members. It was agreed that the process worked to the board's satisfaction. Three board's members were asked to volunteer to service on the interview committee. Adam Barrett, Donald Nair and Ann Kopnitsky volunteered. Mr. Drzewiecki commented to the board as to the question raised from the last meeting on the program, Alice Training which is a program designed to supplement current "Lockdown" procedures used frequently in our public schools and workplaces as a stand-alone defensive strategy for an event. Mr. Drzewiecki also referenced that school district is scheduled to be evaluated under the initiative of the Pennsylvania State Police, which is offered free of charge. Assessments provide comprehensive examinations of physical facilities and operational procedures; identify critical assets, threat potential and vulnerabilities; and offer recommendations to improve security in the early fall.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky informed the board members that the IU has settled Act93, Professional and Support contracts for the period of 2016-2020. Mrs. Kopnitsky stated that IU contracts represented a 2.75% increase in salaries.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell reported that the modular home was sold and that purchases for lighting fixtures were awarded.

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve changes to Elementary Parent Student Handbook as presented. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Dougherty)

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Donald Nair to remove the Valedictorian – Salutatorian section from the Secondary Parent Student Handbook. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to change the third-nine week to forth-nine weeks in High Honors & Academic Honor Society section from the Secondary Parent Student Handbook. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Adam Barrett seconded by Donald Nair to approve changes to Secondary Parent Student Handbook. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 3-No (Dougherty, Kopnitsky, and Nair)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to award Student Accident, Football and Sport Insurance for the school year 2015-16 to Liberty Mutual for

2015-16 of Football at \$1,280.00 and student accident rate of \$34.00 school time, \$110.00 24-hour coverage. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Shaffer)

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A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to award district auditing services for a 3-year period to Henry Troese and Associates as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the first reading of the following policy #819 Operation, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response. Motion Carried Unanimously

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

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve the June, 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$3,832,509.27. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Adam Barrett to approve the June and, 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$29,576.69. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Kevin Crissman as Redbank Valley Primary crossing guard at \$1,500.00 for the 2015-16 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approval maternity leave for Leslie Lightner beginning of the December 21, 2015 to the end of school year 2015-16 with 80 days unpaid days. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire William Weaver as Assistant Girls' Track coach at 60 points@\$42.50=\$2,550.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Adam Barrett to retro-hire Darwin Barrett to the substitute custodian list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Brian Dougherty to add Craig M. Wonderling to the substitute bus/van list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded Wendy Heeter to have the administration present a policy on Remote Meeting Attendance. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked school board members who would like to serve on a committee to review the calculation for the Valedictorian – Salutatorian. Donald Nair, Tina Kennemuth and Dee Bell elected to serve on the committee.

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

Mr. Shaffer then announced that following adjournment that the school board would meet for an executive session for a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Donald Nair to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:23 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary