

Re-organization School Board Meeting December 7, 2015

The annual re-organizational meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, December 7, 2015, 7:00 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty, Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger and Chad Shaffer.

Dee Bell nominated Donald Nair as Temporary President seconded by William Reddinger. Brian Dougherty asked for the nomination to be closed.

The Board Secretary cast of 9 votes unanimously for Donald Nair as Temporary President.

William Hager, Solicitor installed newly elected School Board Members; Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair and William Reddinger.

Temporary President Donald Nair asked for nomination for President of the School Board.

Brian Dougherty nominated Dr. Chad Shaffer, for President of the Redbank Valley School Board seconded by William Reddinger.

Brian Dougherty asked that the nomination for President be closed seconded by Ann Kopnitsky. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board Secretary cast of 9 votes for Dr. Chad Shaffer as President. Donald Nair announced that Dr. Shaffer is elected President, Redbank Valley School Board.

Dr. Shaffer then asked for nomination for Vice President.

Tina Kennemuth nominated Brian Dougherty, Vice President of the Redbank Valley School Board seconded by Wendy Heeter.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by William Reddinger that the nominations for Vice President be closed. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board Secretary cast 7-Yes, 1-No 1-Abstention votes for the position of Vice President. Dr. Shaffer, President announced that Brian Dougherty is elected Vice President, Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Wendy Heeter that the school board meetings dates be approved as amended. The regular school board meetings will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The meeting dates are as follows:

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January 4, 2016; February 1, 2016; March 7, 2016; April 4, 2016; May 2, 2016; June 13, 2016; July 11, 2016; August 8, 2016; September 6, 2016; October 3, 2016; November 7, 2016; December 5, 2016. Work Session will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty to nominate Donald Nair as Legislative representative. Donald Nair declined the nomination.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve Heath Copenhaver as the Legislative representative. Motion Carried Unanimously

Chad Shaffer announced that two Career Center Representatives needed to be appointed.

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Brian Dougherty asked that the nomination for Career Center Representatives be closed seconded by Ann Kopnitsky. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board Secretary cast of 9 votes for Dee Bell and Wendy Heeter to be the Career Center Representatives.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to adjourn at 7:13 P.M. the reorganization meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary

Regular School Board Meeting December 7, 2015

The Regular school board meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, December 7, 2015, 7:15 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty, Wendy Heeter, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger and Chad Shaffer.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President at 7:15 P.M.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the minutes for the Work Session Meeting, November 2, 2015, Regular Meeting of November 2, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

Chad Shaffer then asked for any Public Concern from the audience. Scott Sherry spoke to the school board as to the music program at Redbank Valley School District. As an alumni he asked the school board to make a commitment to seeing that the music program at the school district be giving every opportunity to succeed in growing student's appreciation for music as well as student participation in music. Brandon Shaffer spoke to the school board as a student in the music program. Mr. Shaffer told the school board of the strides the music program has made during his student involvement at the high school and asked that the school board support the music program. Blaine Gold a teacher at the high school invited the school board to the Search for Work Day program. The day's program allows seniors to participate in job interviews by employers throughout the area preparing the seniors after graduation of what may be expected of them while searching for employment.

Mr. Drzewiecki then introduced Kody Wolff as the new high school physics teacher. Mr. Wolff spoke to the school board of his experiences at Redbank Valley and was pleased to be a staff member of the school district.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. Mr. Kirkpatrick spoke the school board on the Teacher of the Year conference he attended and the opportunity while attending to see other teachers speak of their experiences while educating today students. Mr. Sheffer spoke to the school board on the activities of the high school which included Alumni Day and the FFA Fund Drive.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley informed the school board of the Veterans Day activities at the Primary School and expressed her gratification to the various churches and organizations in the area providing gifts for our needy families during the holidays.

The Intermediate Report was given by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported on the Intermediate School Veterans Day activities where veterans shared their experiences to students in the classroom. This personal approach was a very positive interaction with

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students and staff. Mrs. Boyles commented on members of the local VFW working with sixth grade students on flag etiquette and folding. Sixth graders now work as teams to raise and lower the American flag outside every day.

The Secondary Report was presented in writing. Board members questioned the child study team listed in Mrs. Rupp report who was absent from the meeting. Information will be provided at the next board meeting.

The Maintenance Report was presented in writing by Mr. John Sayers. No comments were made.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported to the school board on the Transportation Tracking Systems reviewed by the administration. Cost for a system is projected at approximately \$30,000 with renewal fees of \$3,000 to \$4,000 not including equipment replacement. Four companies were reviewed and the information provided in the school board packet as to the options included from each vendor. The school board asked the administration for additional options to better insure a student tracking system from the time they get on/off a bus and the time they are in school for the next school board meeting. Mr. Drzewiecki then asked Mr. Loughner to give an overview on the draft budget presented in the school board packets. Mr. Loughner explained that the budget is tabulated based on a 2.5% increase in salary, 10% increase in healthcare premiums, a retirement rate of 29.27% vs 25.84% for the current year, a IU cost increase due to direct billing changes from the previous billing year of a 4-year average cost, a increase in the cyber/charter school and Vo-Tech enrollment rates. Mr. Loughner explained that the school board will need to act at the next meeting whether or not the school board wishes to go above the Act 1 index. Redbank Valley index is set at 3.5% of its current millage approximately an additional \$87,000.00 in tax revenue. Mr. Loughner informed the school board that the budget is based on the most current information available to the administration. These factors project the 2016-17 budget with a \$1,500,181.00 deficit. Revenue figure were level funded as to last year funding.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky commented on the IU staff along with other superintendents from the Northwest Pa attending the Superintendent Summit. Ninety One (91) schools from IUs 4, 5, 6, and 27 met to discuss solutions for education in Western Pa.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Dee Bell. Mr. Bell reported that he was unavailable to attend the last meeting and that minutes from the meeting is provided in the school board member's packet.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the ARIN28 resolution to participate in Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2016-2017 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve the bidding of General, Arts, Industrial Arts, Extra-Curricular and Maintenance Supplies for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the November, 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve November 2015 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,994,075.63. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve the November, 2015 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$52,536.24. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Emily Fields, Elementary music teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to approve Kimberly Constantino for medical sabbatical leave effective November 20, 2015. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to add Jennifer Bolinger, Jamie Minich and Kayla Raybuck to the substitute teachers list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Wendy Heeter to hire Patricia Henry as child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to hire Jami Simpson as child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve Joe Harmon, Brady Carrier and students to attend a US History Field Trip to New York City, NY on April 22, 2016. Cost to be incurred \$191.46. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Tina Moore and Tammi Starcher to attend the 2016 Conference for Pennsylvania Kindergarten Teachers on February 29-March 1, 2016 at Harrisburg, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title II \$1,654.87. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth, and Nair)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to accept the resignation of Diane Thomas, custodian due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Megan Decker as high school math teacher at BS Step 5 or \$47,182.00. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Reddinger).

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Jillian Potthoff as a long-term substitute for high school biology for the remainder of 2015-16 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to add Chastity Bowser to the substitute cafeteria aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to add Kolbin Altobelli, Cal Haines, KeShon Truitt and Kody Wolff as volunteer wrestling coaches. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Cindy Miller, secretary due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas: The Twenty-sixth Amendment became part of the United States Constitution on July 1, 1971. The Amendment prohibits the states and federal government from denying citizens of the United States eighteen years of age or older, the right to vote in all elections.

Whereas: Along with the right to vote, eighteen years old or older citizens are also empowered, without the approval of a parent or a guardian to: Contract marriage, Commit to binding legal contracts, Join the military.

Whereas: Eighteen years or older citizens of Redbank School District are obligated to pay the per capita school tax.

Be It Resolved: That Redbank Valley School District, in concurrence with the Twenty-sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, recognizes and affirms the emancipation, in all matters, to Redbank Valley student citizens, eighteen years old or older.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Donald Nair to postpone voting on the resolution until the next school board meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. No comments were presented.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place immediately after adjournment for personnel matters.

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