

School Board Meeting August 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday August 8, 2016 at 7:15 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Auditorium. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger, Chad Shaffer and Glenn Watson.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 11, 2016 and Work Session Meeting of July 11, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Jennifer Wyant spoke to the school board of a bussing concern to bus the high school students from and to South Bethlehem Borough. Edward Wasilowski spoke to the school board of his concern to hire an athletic trainer. Rhonda McMillian-Toth expressed her concern to have the athletic trainer position reinstated. Ruben Carrillo commented also to have the athletic trainer position reinstated. Lisa Goth expressed her support for the reinstatement of the athletic trainer position.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Colin Sheffer. Mr. Sheffer commented on the summer activities and the gearing up to attend school in the fall.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that kindergarten orientation is scheduled for August 23, 2016. Mrs. McCauley stated that elementary enrollment is currently at 634 students.

Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. McCauley. No additional information from the primary report was offered for the intermediate report.

The Secondary Report was presented by Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that Impact Testing has been conducted by the school nurse and athletic trainer for the fall sport participants. Mrs. Rupp made a proposal for the Driver Theory to be offered and not to be a required course needed to graduate due to choice and scheduling conflicts.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers commented on the excellent work the support staff is doing at all the buildings for the preparation of the new school year. Mr. Sayers explained the refinishing of the gym floors at the high school. Dr. Nair questioned the agenda item for advertising to bid a district truck. Mr. Sayers reported that the age, mileage and equipment failures that the truck was having to the school board.

The Superintendent report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki presented revised options attached to his report identifying potential options for fulfilling the responsibilities of the Intermediate Principal/Special Education Supervisor recently vacated. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the updated bus ridership student conduct, changing bus route request and day requests to ride an unassigned bus protocol. The protocol will be provided to students, parents, contractors and drivers prior to the state of the new school. Dee Bell questioned the bussing of South Bethlehem students as to the Penn Dot report that was mentioned earlier.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the IU approved transportation contract and a supplement agreement for CRNP services.

The CCAVTS Report was not available due to the July meeting was cancelled as reported by Mr. Bell.

Mr. Shaffer then asked as to the status of the committees that were last formed at the July school board meeting.

Budgetary Issues Committee – No report

Referendum Committee – No Report

Music Committee – No Report

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the first reading of the following policy. #247 Pupils, Hazing. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Glenn Watson to make available Student Accident Insurance for the school year 2016-17 at no cost to the district. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to renew the agreement upon the review of the solicitor with Clarion Area School District for School Psychologist Services. Approximate cost to district \$52,399.49. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Bell, Nair, Shaffer, Watson)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to advertise for bid a district pickup truck.

A motion was then made by William Reddinger to withdrawal the motion, no second was made.

A motion was made then to move forward then motion by Chad Shaffer seconded by Tina Kennemuth to advertise for bid a district pickup truck. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 4-No (Dougherty, Nair, Reddinger, Watson)

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A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the July, 2016 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the July, 2016 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,036,443.41. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Dee Bell to approve the July, 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$16,463.27. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve the 2nd Quarter 2016 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Donald Nair to approve the resignation of Jennifer Rankin, child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Koprinsky seconded by Tina Kennemuth to add Theresa Manners and Ciara Irons to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Kristin Hurrelbrink, high school chemistry teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Glenn Watson to approve medical leave for Amy Milanovich. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Ann Koprinsky to approve Amy Rupp, Joseph Harmon and Michael Fricko to attend the PASCD 66th Annual Conference at King of Prussia, Pa. November 13-14, 2016 as presenters at a cost to Title IIA of \$1,272.78. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Nair)

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to hire Dani Emings as Assistant Varsity Volleyball coach at [80points@\\$42.50=\\$3,400.00](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by William Reddinger to approve Gregory R. Campbell and Logan Zamperini as volunteer Varsity Girls Soccer coaches. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to hire Justin Dawson as Head Junior High Soccer coach at [50points@\\$42.50=\\$2,125.00](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by William Reddinger to hire Ty Scott as Assistant Junior High Soccer coach at [40points@\\$42.50=\\$1,700.00](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Glenn Watson to hire Kristie Priester as Assistant Girls Soccer coach at [60points@\\$42.50=\\$2,550.00](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve the bus/van drivers list. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Bell)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth to add Tracy Stitt to the substitute aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Donald Nair to fill the vacant maintenance/custodial position. Motion Failed 3-Yes, 6-No (Dougherty Kennemuth, Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger, Shaffer)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to hire Gregory Campbell Sr. as Head Boys Soccer coach at [90points@\\$45.50=\\$4,095.00](#) Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to hire Ryan Radaker as Assistant Boys Soccer coach at [60points@\\$42.50=\\$2,550.00](#). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to hire Craig Hibell as full-time elementary physical education teacher for the 1st semester of 2016-17 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Chad Shaffer to rescind or annul the recorded vote of July 11, 2016 which resulted in the failure to the motion made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Glenn Watson to fill the athletic trainer position. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Kennemuth, Nair)

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Chad Shaffer to direct administration to proceed with Option B or Option D for the assignment of elementary principal responsibilities as presented. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Reddinger)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to assign Cheryl McCauley to additional elementary principal responsibilities as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Dee Bell to direct administration to find ways to reducing the athletic budget in the approximate amount of \$50,000.00 Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Copenhaver)

Mr. Shaffer then asked if any public concerns wished to be expressed. Kristen Young spoke to the school board for the need for transportation in the South Bethlehem area. Lacy Minich spoke to the school board of the principal concerns addressed at tonight meeting.

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

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary