

School Board Meeting June 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday June 6, 2016 at 7:40 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, and Chad Shaffer. Wendy Heeter was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to accept the resignation of Wendy Heeter, School Board Director due to health reasons. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to accept the list of candidates for the vacant school board director seat in contemplation of election to include, Glenn Watson, Darren Bain and Eric Gourley. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Tina Kennemuth to have the remaining School Board Directors vote for their preferred candidate from the nomination pool to fill the vacant seat. (By raise of hand when candidate is named) Glenn Watson (Bell, Reddinger, Nair, Dougherty and Kennemuth): Darren Bain (Shaffer): Eric Gourley (Kopnitsky, Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Brian Dougherty to appoint Glenn Watson as School Board Director to fill the unexpired term of Wendy Heeter through December 3, 2017. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 2-No (Kopnitsky, Copenhaver)

At this time Mr. Hager, District Solicitor administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Watson. Mr. Shaffer then asked Mr. Watson to take his seat among the board members and thanked the nominated candidates for their interest in serving the Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 2, 2016 and Work Session Meeting of May 2, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer then asked for public concerns. Brandon Shaffer, a student of Redbank Valley High School commented on the need for the school district to update the audio system for the auditorium. Mr. Shaffer spoke as to the difficulties surrounding the production of the musical in April. Mary Jane Zewe of the RVEA also commented on the lack of progress

stating that 707 days have gone by without an agreement between the professional and support staff.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. Mr. Kirkpatrick commented on the conclusion of the school year. Mr. Sheffer commented on the athletics concluded during the school year under baseball, softball and track.

The Primary /Director of Education report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported attending the Federal Programs Conference in May. Preliminary Title I allocation have been released for 2016-17 school year. Redbank Valley will receive a reduction of \$16,819 in Title I funds whereas Title IIA allocation have not be released to date. Mrs. McCauley reported that the kindergarten and first grade teachers wrote a grant to place a buddy bench in the Primary playground to help eliminate loneliness and to foster friendship on the playground. Finally Mrs. McCauley commented that the registered kindergarten enrollment is currently 85 students for 2016-17 school year.

The Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Sue Ann Boyles. Mrs. Boyles reported that four students participated in Special Olympics last month. The whole Intermediate student's body sent them off by cheering and then welcomed the students back from the competition. Mrs. Boyles commented that Mission Transition for the sixth graders was held last month along with a third grade presentation from Officer Phil on safety.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that 82 students received diplomas from Redbank Valley graduation ceremony. Mrs. Rupp commented that schedules for 2016-17 and report cards will be mailed this week and that physicals for fall sports are scheduled for June 13th.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that work has begun for the summer cleaning and waxing of floors in all buildings.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported on the policies included in the school board packet for Hiring Practices and Employment of Professional Employees at the school board request. Mr. Drzewiecki further reported that a policy for Bully/Cyberbullying must be reviewed by the school board every two years which is required under school code. No revisions are necessary it is consistent with the current PSBA model conformed to school code. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the student bus ridership tracking software was piloted at the Primary school in May on one specific bus route. The teacher components of students getting on the bus worked fine. The bus component of students on and off the bus did not function effectively as the bus moved in and out of cell service. An App to correct the problem can be developed with an estimated cost of \$8,000.00 with a recurring annual fee of \$2,400.00 for 20 buses. Mr. Drzewiecki

commented on the student course enrollment requested by the school board which identifies high school course enrollment from 2013-2016 and includes student course request information for the 2016-17 school year.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported on events that took place with IU personnel last month, Superintendent Summit held at Grove City, IU Legislative Meeting and IU6 and 2016-17 projection changes.

The CCAVTS Report was presented in writing. Mr. Bell was unable to attend last month meeting.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve the second reading of the following tax rates for the 2016-17 school year: Armstrong Co. 23.03 Mills; Clarion Co. 32.08 Mills; Rates are increased to the maximum of index of 3.5%. Motion Failed 4-Yes, 5-No (Dougherty, Kennemuth, Nair, Reddinger and Watson)

Real Estate tax rates will be adjusted for equalization under the current assessed value.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by William Reddinger to approve the second reading of the following tax rates for the 2016-17 school year. Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following township/municipalities \$10.00 per head; Redbank Twp-Armstrong, Madison Twp, Mahoning Twp and Monroe Twp; Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following township/municipalities \$5.00 per head; Hawthorn Boro, New Bethlehem Boro, Porter Twp, Redbank Twp-Clarion and South Bethlehem Boro. Section 679 Per Capita \$5.00 per head; Occupation Tax \$10.00 per head; Earned Income Tax, .05%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%; Rates are the same as prior year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the General Fund Budget for 2016-17 school year in the amount of \$17,863,989.00. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Bell, Copenhaver, and Kopnitsky)

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Glenn Watson to adopt the resolution for the General Fund Designation for the school year 2016-17. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Bell, Copenhaver and Kopnitsky)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution for the school year 2016-17. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Kopnitsky, Dougherty)

At this time Mr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place for litigation matters at 9:12 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- #123.1 Programs, Hiring Practices of Coaches/CoCurricular Advisors/Posting Positions.
- #404AR Professional Employees, Employment of Professional Employees
- #626 Finances, Federal Fiscal Compliance
- #626.1 Finances, Travel Reimbursement Federal Programs
- #808 Operations, Food Services
- #827 Operations, Conflict of Interest

Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Tina Kennemuth approve the review of policy #249 Pupils, Bullying/Cyberbullying. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve for the district to fund an appraisal of the Broadwood Towers property in support of the litigation concerning the Broadwood Towers Tax Assessment appeal. Said funding to be proportional to the taxing entities' percentage share of the tax revenues generated by the property, and the district's outlay not to exceed \$2,000.00". Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the challenge to the eminent domain action of the Hawthorn Redbank Redbank Municipal Authority for the waterline project. Motion Carried 8-Yes, 1-No (Dougherty)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the May, 2016 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to approve the May, 2016 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,068,584.21. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the May, 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$59,739.71. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Tina Kennemuth to retro-hire Amy D. Smith as a paid ticket taker. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to retro approve unpaid days for Kimberly Constantino for May 2, 13, 19, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by William Reddinger to retro approve unpaid days for Pam Liberato for April 4, 20, and May 19, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Sarah Williams as Stage Manager. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Sarah Williams as March Band Director. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Tina Kennemuth to accept the resignation of Sarah Williams as Jazz Band Director. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Glenn Watson to advertise for vacant administration/professional/support/extra-curricular position(s) as they may arise during the summer vacation break. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve up to an additional 10 per diem days for Amy Switzer, Guidance at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Kennemuth, Nair)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve up to an additional 10 per diem days for Roddy Hartle, Athletics Director duties at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Kennemuth, Nair)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve up to an additional 7 per diem days for Thomas Logan Dean of Student duties at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 3-No (Kennemuth, Kopnitsky, and Nair)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by William Reddinger to approve up to an additional 10 paid days for Sandy Truitt at the current pay scale at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 2-No (Kennemuth, Nair)

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to hire William Weaver as Co-Student Council advisor at 30points @\$42.50 = \$1,275.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Carrie McIntire as Stage Manager. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Eli Terwilliger as Stage Manager at 50 point @ \$42.50 = \$2,125.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Eli Terwilliger as Marching Band Director at 114 points @ \$42.50 = \$4,845.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Eli Terwilliger as Jazz Band Director at 39 points @ \$42.50 = \$1,657.50. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to hire Andrew Dukovich as Assistant Marching Band Director at 80 points @ \$42.50 = \$3,400.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Michael Dawson as Head JH Soccer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Dee Bell to hire Michael Dawson as Varsity Girls' Head Soccer coach at 90 points @ \$42.50 = \$3,825.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by William Reddinger to hire Michael Dawson as Junior High Boys' Head Basketball coach at 70 points @ \$42.50 = \$2,975.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to hire Matt Darr as Varsity Volleyball Head coach at 120 points @ \$45.50 = \$5,460.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Pre-K thru Pre-6th summer school teachers as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Pre-K thru Pre-6th summer school aides as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Donald Nair for the administration to provide a report on the number of per diem days used during the summer for duties of personnel at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary