

School Board Meeting  
October 2, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Heath Copenhaver and Glenn Watson. Brian Dougherty was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve minutes for the Work Session Meeting, Monday, August 28, 2017, Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

As part of the Bulldog Alliance, teachers presented the first session of "mini-bursts". The presenters and topics were as follows: Dr. Joe Harmon - student ed. camp and civic engagement project; Mrs. Tina Moore - buddy bench; Mrs. Rachelle Kirkpatrick - bike club.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick. This month's activities were the music program held a vendor fair as a fundraiser for the department, ensemble will travel to Pittsburgh to see Beauty and the Beast, band night will take place with six county school districts participating, art students are painting a Penn DOT plow, sports teams are working toward playoffs, Bible Club is starting a new program to provide meals for varsity teams before or after one of their games, Robotics/STEM Club will compete in BEST competition and student council homecoming activities were a success.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was submitted in writing by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Discussion regarding grants took place.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that the district will have student teachers in math, social studies and special education in the fall. Other topics reported were CDT exams have been given, the Principal's blog and high school teachers will be having parent/teacher conferences prior to Open House. The Board mentioned that they would like to see a discipline report each month.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that the lighting project is complete and the district should soon begin to see the improvement in the electric bill. The controller in the press box was overheating and causing the

scoreboard to malfunction. Mr. Sayers also provided a list of maintenance and repairs recently performed.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Michael Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the district received an A+ rating from Standard and Poor's for bond refinancing. Jim Summerville, PSBA representative, will be present at the October 31, 2017 work session to provide an overview of services and Board member development programs. Also, there was a brief discussion of the nurse's office staffing plans.

Dr. Shaffer requested hearing from the IT department regarding what measures the district has in place to secure personal information.

The IU report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the report was submitted in writing and that the topic of discussion at the meeting was shared services and upcoming summer programs.

The Career Center Report was presented by Dr. Donald Nair. Dr. Nair reported that both August and September, 2017 minutes were included in each member's packet. Also, the date of the September meeting was the first day for the new director.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky reported that the Bulldog Alliance completed the landscaping project at the high school and participated in the Peanut Butter Festival Parade. Mr. Heath Copenhaver reported that the Foundation Committee has received information regarding guidelines to receive state funded grants, brochures have been created and the possibility of creating a Facebook account and using the district's account to make individuals aware of the Foundation. Dr. Chad Shaffer reported that the Music Committee has heard back from other districts regarding materials, scheduling and cultural aspects. The Middle Grades Committee met and discussed the structural aspect of the high school to accommodate the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Teachers from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades provided input and expressed their concerns. One option discussed was the addition of two modular classrooms at the Intermediate School.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the first reading of revised Redbank Valley School District Board Policies #122, Extra-Curricular Activities and #123, Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the first reading of revised Administrative Regulation #122, Partial Self-Funding of Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve transportation contracts for the 2017-18 school year, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Stephanie Smith, Business Manager (IU 28) and Cliff Geary, Director of Finance (IU 28), as authorized signers for Redbank Valley School District's banking/financial transactions with Clarion County Community Bank and Board approved banking institutions. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the September, 2017 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve the September, 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,706,634.09. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the September, 2017 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$52,080.76. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to retro-approve Charles Huber as a van driver. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Bell).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to retro-add Brittany Zucco to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Sarah Williams to take nine 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Elementary PMEA District III Chorus Festival at a cost of \$262.00 plus sub rate. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to add Alana Watson to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Watson).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to retro-hire Megan Harmon as junior high assistant soccer coach at 40 points @ \$45.50 = \$1,820.00. Stipend to be prorated as of 9/11/2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve Debra Dinger to attend PA Science Olympiad Coaches Clinic on October 28, 2017 at Mount Nittany Middle School, State College, PA. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$261.38. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve Debra Dinger to attend 2017 PAGE Conference on November 16-17, 2017 at Mohegan Sun Convention Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$696.13. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Shannon Hawkins as a Title I kindergarten aide, 4.5 hours per day at an annual cost of \$7,952.49. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Justin Dawson as junior high head boys' basketball coach at 70 points @ \$44.50 = \$3,115.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Ty Scott as junior high assistant boys' basketball coach at 57 points @ \$44.50 = \$2,536.50. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items. Board members requested the total cost of coaches' salaries, game manager job description and compensation and discipline report resolutions. They also discussed ticket takers and game managers donating their time to offset the partial self-funding costs.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. There were none.

Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place following adjournment for personnel reasons.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Glenn Watson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis  
Board Secretary