

School Board Meeting
September 5, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:40 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Auditorium. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Heath Copenhaver and Glenn Watson.

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

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve minutes for the Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 7, 2017 and Work Session Meeting, Monday, August 7, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. They reported that there was no report submitted for this month.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that Back to School Night was well attended. There have been several schedule changes to accommodate the requirements of last year's Compliance Monitoring.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that there have been 21 new students enrolled this year. She also reported on the Beginning of the Year Assembly, handbook review, CDT's and the Principal's Blog.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that the freezers are being monitored daily.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the school year is off to a good start. Other items reported on were the Channel of Communication Flow Chart, ethics hotline, traffic control at the high school, PSSA testing to be reduced in grades 3 through 8, nursing staff updates, collection of RFP's for outsourcing food services is moving forward, finalizing RFP for custodial services.

Discussion took place regarding replacing outdated furniture on a gradual purchase plan, freezer repair cost, storage concerns and placing an air conditioner in a small classroom that has no ventilation.

The IU report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Intermediate Unit's next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

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The Career Center Report was presented by Mr. Bill Reddinger. Mr. Reddinger reported that the representatives did not attend the Career Center's meeting due to the fact that Redbank Valley's meeting was the same evening.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. Dr. Shaffer gave an update on Policy changes for voting at tonight's meeting; such as, eliminating the inclusion of athletic director benefits from the sport teams' budgets, changing the due date of funds to the end of the school year and decreasing the first year's requirement to 10% as opposed to 15%. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Bulldog Alliance will be participating in the Peanut Butter Festival parade. Mr. Bell announced that the 6th Grade Committee will meet on September 26, prior to the Work Session.

At 8:25 p.m. Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place for legal advisement reasons. The regular meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve Board to School Community Members Communication Flow Chart. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the Board Work Session Calendar for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to direct Boenning and Scattergood to retrieve a credit rating for Redbank Valley School District. Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to ask the administration to adjust Board Policies #122 and #123 as applicable to eliminate the inclusion of Athletic Director benefits in the overhead calculation for fund raising requirements. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to ask the administration to adjust Board Policies #122 and #123 as applicable to adjust the fund raising requirement for year one of implementation, 2017-2018, to 10%; the following year will be 15% with coaches' signatures verifying they are in acknowledgement. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Copenhaver).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to ask the administration to adjust Board Policies #122 and #123 as applicable to adjust the due date for fund raising to 30 days past end of school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Bill Reddinger, the Board of Directors hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release ("Agreement") regarding the provision of special education to a student, said Agreement attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein. The Superintendent is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Bell).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve the August, 2017 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the August, 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,722,563.56. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the August, 2017 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$33,993.27. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve a medical sabbatical leave for Laura Heasley for the 2017-18 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to add Kathy Durschlag to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Dee Bell, to accept the resignation of Jami Simpson as a child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Lyndsay Blystone as a long-term substitute guidance counselor for the 2017-18 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Dee Bell, to hire William Weaver as a half-time long-term substitute English teacher for the 2017-18 school year, in addition to his half-time World Language teaching responsibilities. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to hire Kayla Kunselman as a full-time nurse aide at \$10.28 per hour, 35 hours per week. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Watson, Dougherty).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to change Nichole Allshouse from part-time to full-time nurse aide. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Watson, Dougherty).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to retro-approve Haley Barrett as a van driver. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Ashley Anderson as assistant varsity volleyball coach at 80 points @ \$42.50 = \$3,400.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Carolyn Walker to attend Pennsylvania Art Education Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on October 19-21, 2017. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$825.50. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Rebecca Baum as a volunteer volleyball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Chris Shaffer as a bus/van driver. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to retro-approve Megan Shaffer as Band Front Advisor at 77 points @ \$42.50 = \$3,272.50. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to ask administration to adjust custodial hours on home varsity football days to assist custodial/maintenance staff. Motion Failed 4 Yes, 5 No (Kennemuth, Dougherty, Watson, Nair, Reddinger).

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Donald Nair, to direct the Superintendent to make a recommendation to the Board next month on the issue of maintenance/custodial additional time needed, schedule changes or additional hours, whether to assist on home football days or hire additional staff. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to ask administration to look into adjusting and evaluating the budgeting process. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items and public comments. Collin Sheffer spoke regarding the condition of the furniture at the high school.

Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place after the meeting for personnel reasons.

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A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherri McGinnis".

Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary