

School Board Meeting
October 1, 2018

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Cafeteria. The following members were in attendance: Linda Ferringer, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Ann Kopnitsky, Darren Bain, Carrie Adams and Jason Barnett. Dee Bell was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve minutes for the Special Board Meeting, Monday, August 27, 2018, Work Session Meeting, Thursday, August 30, 2018 and Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer noted that executive sessions for personnel matters were held on September 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; September 24, 2018, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and September 27, 2018, 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments and stated that the first segment of public concerns is for agenda items. There were no public comments.

Mini-burst presenters for the evening were Mr. Mike Fricko and Mrs. Debbie Dinger. Their students provided each Board member virtual reality glasses to view a tour of the high school and surrounding areas. Mr. Fricko and Mrs. Dinger were contacted by the Intermediate Unit regarding a Google expedition project for high school students that involved obtaining a 360 degree camera. Eleven students took part in the project titled #lovewhereyoulive.

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported on the Character Counts Program at the Intermediate School, 4th grade choir has been added this year, honors choir and art clubs have begun, Robotics and GEMS starting soon, PASSAGES program schedule included with written report. Redbank Valley Intermediate School was named as a Title I Distinguished School for the 2017-18 school year.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp gave an update on school safety and security, emergency drill timeline was included with written report, substitutes and coaches will be informed and trained on drills, 504 plan training, the second of three school safety grants has begun, which will aid with funding the school police officers.

The Maintenance Report was submitted in writing by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Dan Hawkins reported that the track is finished but a piece of concrete needs repaired in a drain, an end of play horn was installed, working with insurance company to repair fence, new phone system will be included in the safety grant.

The Superintendent's Report was submitted by Mr. Dan Hawkins, Acting Superintendent. Mr. Hawkins reported that he spoke with Mount Aloysius College and 12-15 credits have been approved for Dual Enrollment. Mr. David Reitz presented information on the cafeteria and the cafeteria aide changes on the agenda for approval.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky stated that the report was submitted in writing and that the next meeting is scheduled for October 3.

The Career Center report was presented by Mrs. Linda Ferringer. Mrs. Ferringer stated that the minutes were included in each Board member's packet.

Dr. Shaffer asked for committee reports.
Bulldog Alliance – Peanut Butter Festival Parade, fall activities
Finance – met October 1, received information to study
Sixth Grade – redistribution of staff/rooms, middle school wing, cost estimates
Security – none
Maintenance – meeting October 4 at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve transportation contracts for the 2018-19 school year, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve September, 2018 Treasurers Report, General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,248,004.87 and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$59,800.65. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Lyndsay Blystone to attend ECYEH Meeting the Challenge Conference in Harrisburg, PA on October 24 & 25, 2018. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$612.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Ferringer, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve Debra Dinger to attend 2018 PAGE Conference in Cranberry Township, PA on November 29 & 30, 2018. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$751.46. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to accept the resignation of Andrew Dukovich, assistant marching band director. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve sabbatical leave request for Katherine Kronen for the first semester of the 2018-19 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to hire Adam Myers as assistant marching band director at 80 points @ \$42.50 = \$3,400.00. Total pro-rated cost, \$1,160.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Linda Ferringer, to approve field trip request for Dr. Joseph Harmon and students to U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on March 29, 2019. No cost to District. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to move Amy Leasure from 4 hour cafeteria aide to 4.5 hour food handler. Total increased cost \$1,941.00; move Erika Anthony from 2.5 hour cafeteria aide to 3 hour cafeteria aide. Total increased cost \$944.00; move Jeri Skinner from 2.5 hour cafeteria aide to 4 hour cafeteria aide. Total increased cost \$3,057.00; move Kelly Minich from 2.5 hour cafeteria aide to 4 hour cafeteria aide. Total increased cost \$2,721.00; hire Janet Yarger as a 2.5 hour cafeteria aide. Total cost \$4,747.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Sarah Williams to attend AOSA Annual Conference in Cincinnati, OH on November 7-10, 2018. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$1,465.74. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to advertise for a full-time school psychologist. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items and announced that a Special Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hiring a superintendent.

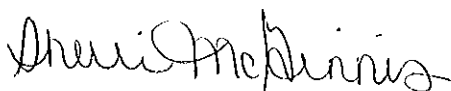
Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments.

Joe Belfield – commended Mrs. McCauley, elementary staff and School Board

Mr. Hawkins reported that he has received a quote for cyber school curriculum.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary