

School Board Meeting  
November 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Darren Bain, Dee Bell, Jason Barnett, Carrie Adams, Linda Ferringer, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, and Chad Shaffer

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

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Carrie Adams to approve minutes for the Work Session Meeting, August 29, 2019 and Regular Board Meeting, September 3, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. There were none.  
No Mini Burst

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley she reported that October was sponsored by PTO. They had Fall Fest, drug and alcohol week, book fair. Students walked to New Bethlehem Firehall, had a learning demonstration. Veterans Day program at both primary and intermediate schools. Drug and alcohol, suicide prevention, vaping program. Passage program. ELA and math curriculum meeting, the learning progressions. Goal lining maps and what students are learning is what they are to be learning.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp, Mrs. Rupp reported PSAT, bonus points for school number, threshold was met. School Safety and security grants, 45,000 awarded, wands, Raptor and radios, 24 exterior cameras. School police officer is still under review. If approved, we can have two officers for district for remaining of this year and all of next year. Teacher recognition, Mr. Bundy, took on computer courses and robotics. He has robotics, drones, collaborates activities. Creating backdrops and working with other teachers. Has transitioned well.

The Special Education Report was presented by Mrs. Brittany Nowacki. Mrs. Nowacki reported gifted criteria, law states cannot use IQ alone. Worked as team and coordinated screening, KBIT. Enhancing C outcomes training, Oct 15-18. Look at struggling learners earlier. Restraints, PASA enrollment. 1.5% decrease from last year. Approved with PDE. Nominated Jane Digiammarino as teacher recognized due to such a diverse group of students and made changes to her teaching.

The Maintenance report was given by Jim Jones. Maintenance at New Bethlehem on stage steps. Ball field, fence is up and near done. District truck driver side floor repaired. Closing up field for the winter. Rotor Rooter was called to fix drain, if we take pipe out and replace, it would cost less. Dilution system in for automatically dispensing cleaning material properly.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz reported verification process, had health inspector visit, all well. Applied for USDA equipment grant. Subs and new hires, working well. Average lunch count per day was higher in October than in September.

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The Superintendent's Report was presented by Dr. John Mastillo during discussed that Representative Oberlander will be visiting November 26. Performance Data. Special Education supervisor interviews. Flood Damage reports. Career Center survey. Redbank Valley stands with other districts with testing, some grade levels are doing ok some are not. Diving into student data, comparing benchmarks. Positive dialog.

Amy Rupp and Cheryl McCauley spoke on testing proficiency, standards and goals. Reviewing data. Students will have historical data from year to year.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky report is in google docs, board members not happy with results. No meeting in November.

The Career Center report was presented by Linda Ferringer. Linda Reported about the career center open house was Thursday. Welding instructor resigned. First round interviews.

Board Committee reports, Foundation invited community members, looking for board members, good discussion.

Chad Shaffer steps down from board president.

Executive Session : Personnel 7:58 pm until 8:20 pm.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Linda Ferringer to approve the second reading of the revised Board Policy 425- Professional Employees, Dress and Grooming. In language regarding 1. RVEA Scholarship Jeans Day, the word "polo shirt" shall be replaced with "professional attire containing the Redbank Valley logo that represents the school district or a district club and/or organization." Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the student field trip to Cleveland for May 14-16, 2020 requested by Eli Terwilliger and Carrie McIntire for seniors in band and chorus. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the purchase of flood insurance for Redbank Valley Primary campus from Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest through Charles P. Leach Agency, Inc. at a cost of \$21,505.00 for a policy providing a deductible of \$25,000.00/\$25,000.00. No -Dee Bell

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve October 2019 Treasurer's Report ,General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,105,643.90 ,Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$28,800.35, Activities Fund Report, as presented, Payment for United Valley Soccer Association as per agreement for \$2,000.00, and to approve monthly budget transfers as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve the FMLA request for Employee #258 beginning September 17, 2019. . Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Dee Bell seconded by Linda Ferringer to approve the hiring of Sean Weaver for 260 – day custodial/maintenance position at an hourly rate of \$12.00 for an annual salary of \$24,960.00 for a total cost of \$46,783.00. . Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve the request for medical sabbatical leave for Employee #70. . Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve adding Benny Gundlach to the cafeteria substitute list. . Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve Brittany Weaver as a mentor for David Hepler. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to approve a Robotics overnight trip to State Capital with a cost of a substitute teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously

No public comments.

A motion was made Dee Bell seconded by Bill Reddinger to adjourn at 8:25 P. M.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Motter  
Board Secretary