

School Board Meeting

March 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Jason Barnett, Carrie Adams, Linda Ferringer, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, and Chad Shaffer. Absent: Darren Bain

An executive session was from 6:32 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. for personnel.

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Carrie Adams to approve Work Session Meeting, February 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes, February 8, 2021. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Reddinger stated that there will be an executive session after meeting for personnel.

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented Mrs. Shirey. Mrs. Shirey had two teachers reach out to commit to tutoring, one primary and one at the intermediate school. She is waiting to see if anyone else is interested before scheduling. She asked if the board would you like a presentation on ESL program, to familiarize yourself and to see what her role is at the April Meeting.

The Secondary Report had nothing to add.

The Special Education Report was presented by Justin Karam. Mr. Karam had nothing to add to his report.

The Maintenance report was given by Jim Jones, had nothing further to add to his report.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz, nothing to add to his report.

The Business Manager Report, was presented by Cheryl Motter. Ms. Motter put reports on the desks with tax projections from July to December, last year to this time the EIT comparison from last year to this time, down 18,000.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Dr. Mastillo, had nothing to expand on.

Riverview IU 6 reports. Had meeting Wednesday night, advertised for Program specialist, for STEM. Approved salaries increases for the non-act 93, for the secretaries and the operating budget.

Career Center Report had nothing to offer at this time.

Board Committee Reports: None

Public Comments: Bree McDonald Stewart from Mahoning Township, to talk about concern nurse staff, son has Type 1 diabetes. Nurses are great, there are 3 full time nurses. The Nurses have to juggle between buildings, where there is no nursing coverage. Her opinion a nurse should be there at schools at all times, for any student. Please find a solution for this. When nurses are not there it is on the teachers and they are not trained. She is willing to sit at table to see what we could do.

Heather Truitt, spoke on Type 1 diabetes, she has a son as well with diabetes. One week into school he was required to be given glucagon, someone should be in building at all times. She realizes there were cuts, and the safety to the children is not the answer. Not comfortable to not have nurse in building is safe. Nurses are doing a wonderful job but stretching them to deal at each school is not the best scenario. Can you look into a part time nurse?

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve an updated job description of Secondary School Counselor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shafer seconded by Carrie Adams to approve IU 28's Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program at a cost of \$ 900.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve February 2021 Treasurers Report, approve February 2021 General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$ 1,795,959.36, to approve February 2021 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$ 22,483.70, to approve monthly budgetary transfers. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve amending the Special Education Director position to be a 12 month, 260 day position with a negotiated salary applied to the Act 93 Agreement. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve entering into an agreement with Key Solution Staffing for the purpose of supplying the District with highly qualified aides. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Carrie Adams Consideration to approve the resignation of Kady Schmidt, Speech and Language Therapist, effective 60 days from February 25, 2021, of when a replacement can be identified and hired and to approve the advertising for Speech and Language Therapist job position. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve Angela Stewart as a mentor teacher for Carlee Boyer at \$700.00, to approve Amy Switzer as a mentor teacher for Kyle Hicks at \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Jason Barnett to hire Barbara Sayers as greenhouse aide not to exceed 390 hours at a rate of \$7.31/hr. for a total cost of \$ 4,007.83.
Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made seconded by Don Nair seconded by Chad Shaffer to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Motter
Board Secretary