

Regular School Board Meeting

June 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance, Jason Barnett, Dee Bell, Mitchell Blose, Heidi Byers, Ann Koprinsky, Don Nair, and Bill Reddinger. Absent: John Kimmel, Brent Wile

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Koprinsky to approve the Work Session Meeting, May 10, 2022 and Regular Board Meeting, May 17, 2022. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mrs. Shirey had nothing to add to her report. She has selected data that Mr. Barnett requested, she is working on completing the report.

Mr. Hartle added that he is looking at PSSA data. Graduation is tomorrow. Any board member that is attending is to be at the office at 6:30. He is looking at PSSA data. Graduation is tomorrow. Any board member that is attending is to be at the office at 6:30. Graduation will be outside. If it is storming it will be in auditorium. Water will be provided and it is online.

Mr. Temchulla had nothing to add to his report.

Mr. Jones spoke on the truck and tractor bid, Curtis Ray from Knox, PA won the bid.

Mr. Reitz had nothing to add his report.

Ms. Motter offered some information on basic education and special education. Poverty levels came out on June 6, we are no longer are in the high poverty range and as such we are no longer in the lowest 100 schools.

Mrs. Rupp spoke on data crunching, based on last several years. Working on goals, action steps and time lines to meet goals Math Scores 3, 4 5, 7 giving a year to meet state average. Overall Attendance we have quite a few absences.

Ann Koprinsky had nothing to add to her IU 6 report.

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Mitch Blose had nothing to add to his Career Center report.

Board Committee Reports: There were none

Public Concerns: Hillary Elliott spoke on the concerns about bullying issues that plagues the high school. Would like to work together with the community and school to help this

Laura Neiswonger spoke on reopening the library program and the importance for the students.

Matt Darr spoke on the good things that happening at Redbank Valley School District. Athletes, Coaches, Administration support, Cafeteria support and community support, fire departments escorting students through town. Giving to poor people in the community. Raising money. Redoing homes in are and selling to bring people into the town. Should 6th grade be at high school? His opinion it was a good move. Bringing arts back to district.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Jason Barnett to approve the second reading of policies 000 as presented with corrections as discussed including keeping policy 004 instead of retiring it. Motion Carried Unanimously

New Business:

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Heidi Byers to renew the contract with Key Solutions Staffing for a Behavioral Specialist total cost to district \$62,391.52 and renew the contract with Key Solutions Staffing for aide positions at a rate of \$24.00/hour. 5-2(Bell, Blose)

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Jason Barnett to approve the agreement between Redbank Valley School District and Spero Group for Behavioral Health Services. 6-1(Bell)

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A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve PSBA Membership/policy Maintenance Renewal in the amount of \$5,636.92. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Mitch Blose to approve the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools Membership Renewal in the amount of \$890.00 and to approve Riverview Intermediate Guest Teacher Consortium at a cost of \$625.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Don Nair to approve the job description for the Title 1 Coordinator and to approve the job description for the Federal Programs Coordinator. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Heidi Byers to approve Special Education Plan as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the first reading of policies 100-125 as presented with agreed upon edits and to approve the first reading of policy 913 as presented with agreed upon edits. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Don Nair to approve the first reading of policy 823-Naloxone. Motion Failed. 1-6 (Bell, Barnett, Byers, Nair, Reddinger, Blose)

A motion was made by Heidi Byers seconded by Mitch Blose to approve the Elementary Handbook changes as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Mitch Blose seconded by Dee Bell to approve the Secondary Handbook changes as presented. Motion Failed. 2-5 (Bell, Byers, Kopnitsky, Nair, Blose)

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the May 2022 Treasurers Report, General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,864,269.75. , Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$36,183.88, and approve monthly budgetary transfers. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to approve the Special Education Settlement Agreement as presented total cost to district \$8,125.00 plus RV attorney fees. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to approve entering into agreement with Allegheny County Schools Health Consortium as presented with a total in amount of \$298,480.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the bid for the truck from Curtis Wray in the amount of \$5,555.00 and the tractor in the amount of \$3,200.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve the bid from Caliber Construction in the amount of \$171,000.00 to fulfill the work orders for the auditorium project. (This amount to be paid from ESSER funds) Unanimously Postponed

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the hiring of Jordonna Bowser as musical director for Redbank Valley High school 70 points @43.50 = \$3,045.00 Total cost to the district is \$3,109.46. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the hiring of Jacqueline Hunt as an art teacher K-12 beginning at the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$48,399.00. Total to the district is \$78,538.14. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the hiring of Corbin Anderson as a Physics teacher beginning at the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$51,822.00. Total cost to the district is \$67,702.94. 6-1 (Nair)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Mitch Blose to approve Michael Troup s a bus/van driver for Barrett Busing. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the MOU with the Teachers' Association as presented. Withdrawn

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded Mitch Blose by to approve Amy Rupp to attend the Synergy Connect Conference 2022 November 3-4, 2022. Total cost paid by Title II funds \$1,816.89. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded Ann Kopnitsky by to approve granting permission to the Superintendent to advertise and post vacancies as they become available over the summer. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the MOU with the Redbank Valley Education Support Personnel Association for summer custodial help as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to hire Cari Darr as Title 1 Coordinator at a cost of \$2,400.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

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Addition Board Items :

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

Mrs. Rupp is forming a task force for the bullying. What are we doing what can we do better. To do what is best for Redbank Valley.

Discussion on cell phone use. Use in hallways and between classes, not at lunch.

A motion was made by Don Nair and seconded by Ann Kopitsky to reconsider the motion of approving the secondary handbook. Motion Carried 5-2 (Reddinger, Blose)

A motion was made by Heidi Byers and seconded by Dee Bell to amend the secondary handbook for cell phone use to exclude during lunch time and to state that it may be used prior to the morning late bell. Motion carried 5-2 (Reddinger, Blose)

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Motter

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