

## Regular School Board Meeting

December 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Chris Merwin, Heidi Byers, Chris Adams, Kevin Johnson, Bill Reddinger, John Kimmel, Matthew Confer, John Sayers, and Brent Wile.

At 6:30pm, President Bill Reddinger called the meeting to order. After a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board Secretary took a roll call. The first order of business was the organizational meeting. John Kimmel made a motion to elect Bill Reddinger as the temporary President to install the School Board Members. All were in favor. Magisterial Judge Jeffrey Miller attended the meeting to swear in the new Board Members. All new Board Members were in attendance and were sworn in. Chris Merwin and William Reddinger were sworn in for Region 1. John Sayers, Matt Confer, and Kevin Johnson were sworn in for Region 2. Chris Adams was sworn in for Region 3.

Following this, John Kimmel nominated Bill Reddinger to serve as the Board President for the 2024 year, and all were in favor. John Kimmel was nominated by Brent Wile to be the Vice President, and all were in favor. Chris Merwin was nominated by John Sayers to be the Legislative Committee Representative, and all were in favor. John Sayers made a motion to have Kevin Johnson be the Career Center Representative for 2024, and all were in favor. Brent Wile motioned for Matt Confer to become the Intermediate Unit Representative, and all were in favor.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Brent Wile to approve the Work Session Minutes on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. Motion Carried Unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Shirey gave the elementary and intermediate report. She stated there were 3 new students entering the district this week. In addition, report cards were sent out at the end of the first quarter and we are now halfway through the second quarter. Saltworks Theater came and did an assembly for the students this past month. Tutoring started up at the elementary schools. There are 10 students being tutored at the primary and 18 signed up at the Intermediate School. Each school had a Veterans Day assembly in November. Grade level meetings for data are being held this week in all of the buildings. The Intermediate Unit TAC team is coming to train the primary school on working with students with autism in the classroom, and the Title One reading program is sponsoring a storytelling event on Tuesday December 12th at 6:00 p.m. No questions.

Mr. Hartle gave the high school report. All of the report cards will be delivered through our online system, which is Synergy. Recently for grade 6, 8, 10, and 12, the PAYS survey was given. This survey

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provides data on at risk behaviors and gives us data to be able to apply for grants in the future. The Juniors visited Penn West University for a Career Options Fair last month. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, there was a faculty meeting for the high school which covered SPMs which is part of the evaluation data. There were also department meetings and goal setting meetings. A representative from PHEAA came and talked about the FASFA form for seniors entering higher education. As far as the monthly awareness themes, November was Armed Forces Appreciation Month. In addition, 9th grade visited the Clarion County Career Center. Grades 6th through 8th are utilizing homeroom time to work with the Freckle program for math and reading. Dr. Rupp is also working with Mr. Hartle and the Math teachers for continuous math meetings. Finally, Mr. Watkins and the tech team received a \$500 Grant to be used for transportation for gifted trips. Students in 11th grade took the ASVAB this past month. In sports, the football team finished up in the western final game. They had a great season. No questions.

Mr. Temchulla gave the Special Education Report. He has been conducting professional development for his special education teachers on the Act 80 day. This is part of the compliance for the audit. The teachers were also instructed in IEP writing going into this school year. Child study meetings have been held at both elementary schools for an early identification of students who may be in need of special education services. Mr. Temuchulla stated that he will continue to complete teacher observations and evaluations for the current school year. No questions.

Mr. Rapp provided the maintenance report. He has been in contact with Johnson Controls regarding all of our heating units. Mr. Sayers, who was a former maintenance supervisor, will come in and work with Gene to answer any questions he might have. Mr. Rapp is currently working with Simplex, the fire safety company, to make sure that all of our fire alarms are in proper order. He also purchased new tools and supplies for the buildings. He is currently looking into key issues and replacing lock sets with key cards. The preparation for snow removal has begun and everything has been serviced and ready for winter. Mr. Rapp is also working with Snyder's to get a clean out for the Hawthorn grease trap from the cafeteria. This is an ongoing issue that is being addressed. No questions.

Mr. Reitz didn't have much to add to his report. He stated that the Produce Auction in Smicksburg is now closed and the kids really enjoyed all the fresh produce he was able to purchase over the last several months.

Mrs. Reitz gave her Business Manager Report. She stated that there was an extension filed for the Annual Financial Report. The auditor will be scheduling a final visit soon. Dale Kirsch from PASBO is still helping with the 2022-2023 Balance Sheet accounts. Megan Hepler, the Business Manager at Union School District, has also volunteered some time with completing the many schedules of the AFR. Mrs. Reitz also stated that she has received a scholarship from PASBO, so there will be no hotel or conference fees for the PASBO Annual Conference she will be attending at the Hershey Lodge from March 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This will be a cost savings to the School District of \$1,000 - \$1,500. She also reported the Revenues and Expenses as of November 30, 2023 in comparison with November 30, 2022. No further questions.

Dr. Rupp gave her Superintendent's Report. She stated that Christmas cards were mailed to all district employees and vendors this week. She will be reading Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree to all elementary

students next week. Dr. Rupp will be demonstrating and guiding students in making caramel apples in the Family Consumer Science classes on December 20th. Mr. Hartle and Dr. Rupp are continuing to meet with the math department to ensure that all students are on a path to success. She stated that since we were able to utilize all of our ARP Homeless Funds, additional funds of \$13,649 were made available to be used for transportation costs associated with homeless students. Currently, there are 19 homeless students in the district and that application is under review. No questions.

The IU Report was provided in writing.

Mrs. Byers had nothing to add to the Career Center Report.

There was no public comment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Brent Wile for the Consideration to approve the second reading of Policies #701-702 and #703-710, 716, and 718 as presented. Motion carried unanimously

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Kevin Johnson for the Consideration to approve the first reading of Policies #801.1-812 as presented. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Brent Wile for the Consideration to approve one annual advertisement notifying the public of all board work sessions and board meetings for 2024. Motion carried unanimously

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A motion was made by Brent Wile and John Kimmel for the consideration to approve the November 2023 Treasurer's Report, the November 2023 monthly expenditures in the amount of \$1,295,869.80, and the November 2023 Cafeteria Fund expenditures in the amount of \$38,377.20. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Brent Wile for the Consideration to approve the preparation of an opt out resolution in lieu of creating a preliminary budget. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by John Sayers and seconded by Heidi Byers for the Consideration to approve the overnight field trip request from FFA to the Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA on January 8-9 2024. Total cost to the district is \$318.96. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Chris Merwin seconded by John Sayers for the Consideration to approve Tara Hinderliter as a volunteer for Girls Basketball. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Brent Wile for the Consideration to approve JP Kirkpatrick as a volunteer for Girls Wrestling. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by John Sayers for the Consideration to approve Aidan Gardner as a volunteer for Boys Wrestling. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Brent Wile seconded by Chris Merwin for the Consideration to hire Ben Carillo as the Girls Wrestling Head Coach for 99 points at \$43.50. Total cost to the district is \$4,306.50. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Brent Wile for the Consideration to hire Kristie Draa as a cafeteria worker pending receipt of clearances. Total cost to the district is \$10,257.66. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS :** There were no additional items.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by John Sayers and seconded by Brent Wile to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rochelle Reitz*

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