

School Board Meeting
May 1, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:47 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Heath Copenhaver and Glenn Watson.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 7:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the minutes for the April 3, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Kara Raybuck, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the public having access to the School Board Meeting Agenda prior to the meeting date. She requested the agenda be placed on the Redbank Valley School District website.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. The representatives reported that the prom will take place on May 5 with promenade beginning at 5:30. Spirit week is taking place this week prior to the prom. Executive officers and class leaders were selected for the upcoming school year. On April 21, Earth Day events took place in preparation for Envirothon on May 2. Junior class shields are on display throughout the building. Physics students traveled to Brookville Equipment Company to participate in a tour of the facility as an example of work in the engineering field. The track invitational, Districts and junior high track meet will all take place later this month. The spring band and choral concerts will also take place. Show choir performed at the American Legion dinner.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that invitations were sent to approximately 90 students for the proposed Elementary Summer School program. As of this date, 12 students have been registered, two district teachers, one substitute teacher and one district aide are willing to work for the summer school. Sixth grade students celebrated Earth Day by spending the afternoon maintaining the Redbank Valley Trail where the after school bike club meets each week. Mrs. McCauley also provided information regarding important dates and upcoming events for the month of May at both elementary buildings.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that the Awards Assembly and Senior Awards Banquet will take place on May 15. Ninety nine students will graduate on May 25. Scheduling will be delayed this year due based on the results of the Keystone Exams. Students should receive their schedules by August 1.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported he is waiting on two vendors before the energy assessment can be completed. Concerns regarding main door locks needing repairs at all three buildings and maintaining the road to the Little League field were expressed. Mr. Sayers also provided a list of maintenance and repairs recently performed at all three buildings.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that safe walking routes have been developed and posted on the Redbank Valley website. Moore Physical Therapy has provided athletic trainer services for the past year with all positive comments. Justin Moore has requested that a sign be displayed in the gym indicating sponsorship of MPT, Inc. services. Mr. Drzewiecki also provided updated descriptions of RVSD sports, clubs and activities and identification of those that include a pay to participate fee. The elementary summer school budget, tax rate projections and current federal programs budgets were also provided.

Dr. Shaffer asked if there is any interest in looking into the possibility of de-bulking the Intermediate School, due to the space availability concern, by possibly bringing sixth graders to the High School. A committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Shaffer, Dee Bell and Brian Dougherty (chair) to investigate options.

The IU report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Intermediate Unit's Board Meeting was submitted in writing and that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, May 3. A brief discussion took place regarding approval of the purchase of computers and whether retiring employees were going to be replaced.

The Career Center Report was presented by Dr. Donald Nair. Dr. Nair reported that the pre-sale of the house the students constructed was for \$69,000 and that it will be built to specification.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. Mr. Reddinger reported that the Music Education Committee is formed and starting to gather information. Mrs. Kennemuth reported that emails have been sent out to bring information back to the Budget Committee.

Dr. Shaffer announced at 8:25 p.m. that an executive session would take place for personnel reasons. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the second reading of the following policies: #251 Homeless Students and #255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the first reading of the following policies: #203 Vol II 2017 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases; #204 Vol II 2017 Attendance and #626 Attachment Procurement – Federal Programs. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Glenn Watson, to reschedule May 30, 2017 Teacher In-Service Day to May 26, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Glenn Watson, to retain S&T Bank; First United National Bank; Northwest Trust Bank; Clarion County Community Bank; Pa. Invest Program; PLGIT and RBC Dain Rauscher as depositories. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Dee Bell, to accept the General & Art Supplies Bids for 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$52,030.11. Tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to combine agenda items 15 through 18. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to accept the ARIN Xerographic Bids for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$12,139.60, tally sheets attached; the Maintenance Supplies Bids for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$11,030.97, tally sheets attached; the Industrial Art Bids for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$12,642.18, tally sheets attached and the Extra-Curricular Bids for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$16,407.73, tally sheets attached. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the first reading of the following tax rates for the 2017-18 school year. Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following townships/municipalities \$10.00 per head; Redbank Township-Armstrong, Madison Township, Mahoning Township and Monroe Township; Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following townships/municipalities \$5.00 per head; Hawthorn Borough, New Bethlehem Borough, Porter Township, Redbank Township-Clarion and South Bethlehem Borough. Section 679 Per Capita \$5.00 per head; Occupation Tax \$10.00 per head; Earned Income Tax, .05%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%. Rates are the same as prior year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve all federal programs and grants for the 2017-18 school year as part of the district budget. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve Redbank Valley High School's 99 graduating seniors, Class of 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to direct the administration to move forward with planning for the potential summer school program using general funds.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Donald Nair, to amend the prior motion to read, to direct the administration to move forward with planning for the potential summer school program using general funds, with a minimum of eight students per section. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve the April, 2017 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the April, 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,272,294.43. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Watson).

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the April, 2017 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$48,902.73. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the 1st Quarter 2017 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to retain The Law Offices of William E. Hager, III, LLC to provide school district solicitor services at an annual retainer fee of \$2,200.00. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Nair).

A motion was made by Donald Nair to amend the prior motion by deleting the words "The Law Offices of" and "LLC". Motion Failed, Lack of Second.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Dee Bell, to retain James Kifer as school district treasurer for the 2017-18 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to retain Dr. Stephen Jaworski as school district dentist for the 2017-18 school year at a rate of \$4.00 per exam. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the Athletic Training Agreement, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to hire Chris Edmonds as head girls' varsity basketball coach at \$44.50 @ 120 points = \$5,340.00. Total cost to district \$5,548.53. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to hire Michael Dawson as assistant girls' varsity basketball coach at \$44.50 @ 80 points = \$3,560.00. Total cost to district \$3,699.02. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to retro-approve Ronald Wisner as a volunteer track coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Dee Bell, to accept the resignation of Shirley McDonald, school nurse, effective May 27, 2017, due to retirement. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Jeremy McCullough as a bus/van driver. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve Kristin Huffman as a volunteer girls' varsity basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Thomas Wagner as head junior high football coach at \$42.50 @ 70 points = \$2,975.00. Total cost to district \$3,091.17. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to accept Michael Dawson's resignation as head junior high boys' basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve Ashley Anderson as a volunteer volleyball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve Zachary Huffman as a volunteer varsity football coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Candice Zeigler as a substitute teacher. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, that the Employment Agreement of Superintendent Michael A. Drzewiecki, dated January 5, 2016 is extended for a period of two years, with a new expiration date of June 30, 2020, and that the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to execute an appropriate amendment to that Agreement in the form recommended by the District's legal counsel. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 4 No (Copenhaver, Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger).

Dr. Shaffer asked for any additional Board items. No items were expressed.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. No comments were expressed.

Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place after adjournment for legal matters.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Chad Shaffer, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrri McGinnis
Board Secretary