

School Board Meeting  
April 2, 2018

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Heath Copenhaver, Linda Ferringer, Carrie Adams, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Darren Bain, Dee Bell and Ann Kopnitsky. Student Representative Peyton Kirkpatrick was present.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to suspend the agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Kara Raybuck addressed the Board regarding personnel, special education, administration and grants. Ben Kundick addressed the Board regarding budget, taxes, extra-curricular pay to participate fee, faculty and staff. Ted Wells addressed the Board regarding the budget. Jessie Truitt addressed the Board regarding extra-curricular activities, music programs and reserve fund.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to decrease the extra-curricular fundraising mandate to 5% this year and increase 1% each year up to 10%. Motion Failed 2 Yes, 7 No (Bell, Copenhaver, Ferringer, Adams, Kopnitsky, Shaffer, Bain).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to decrease the extra-curricular fundraising mandate to 5% with no further increases. Motion Failed 2 Yes, 7 No (Copenhaver, Ferringer, Adams, Kopnitsky, Shaffer, Bain, Bell).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Carrie Adams, to set a 5% fee each year and reduce the athletic director's fee from \$39,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in the Boosters' contribution. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 4 No (Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger, Shaffer).

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to instruct the administration to bring forward any policies stating that fundraising activities are on a voluntary basis, for potential removal of "voluntary basis" statement. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to return to the regular agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve minutes for the Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, February 27, 2018, Work Session Meeting, Monday, March 5, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 5, 2018 and Special Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mini-Burst presenter was Carrie McIntire. Mrs. McIntire gave a presentation on the piano class she teaches.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported on the Senator for a Day and second annual Model UN programs at Clarion University, The Addams Family musical and talent show. He also reported that spring sports are underway and the FBLA was awarded second place at the JA Titan Competition and will continue on to the Western PA championship. Other upcoming events are Coffee House Night, Outdoor Club stocking trout with the PA Fish Commission and Clarion County Youth Council's last meeting for 2017-18. A calendar of upcoming events was included in the written report.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Ms. Sandra Shirey. Ms. Shirey reported that she visited Little Bird Preschool, Head Start, Building Blocks Preschool and Pre-K Counts to read to the children and talk about kindergarten and kindergarten registration. Also, a kindergarten parent informational meeting and kindergarten registration were held in March. District-wide staff training on "Stop the Bleed" took place on the March 28 in-service day. Kirsten Wolfe, Special Education Supervisor, had a special education training for learning support teachers. Ms. Shirey included a calendar of upcoming events in her written report, along with various activities that took place during the month of March.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that Search for Work Day was a success. All seniors and ten juniors participated in the event. Seventeen new members will be inducted to the National Honor Society, state testing for grades seven and eight will take place, finalization of teacher evaluations is in progress, scheduling requests and section numbers for next school year are being established during the month of April. Enrollment and discipline numbers were included in her written report.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers gave a demonstration on the security cameras. He reported that some of the items for the security upgrades can be purchased through the COSTARS cooperative purchasing program. A list of recent maintenance and repairs performed at all three buildings was included in his written report.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Michael Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the Resolution Opposing Educational Savings Account Voucher Programs (SB 2) was forwarded from neighboring districts with the request to show county-wide support. The administrative team met with local first responders regarding 911 response protocol and the school security plan. Interviews took place for the part-time school psychologist position, and a quote was received from Intermediate Unit #28 to contract with them three days per week. A recommendation is on the agenda for the classroom aide position needed to support special needs students and staff at the Intermediate School. The district will continue to advertise to fill a

similar position at the Primary Building. Mr. Drzewiecki has scheduled a meeting with two retired Pennsylvania State Police Officers who are interested in providing security for the district. He also addressed his recommendation of hiring a full-time special education supervisor to begin next school year.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that at the next scheduled meeting on April 4, 2018, a date will be set for a meeting regarding shared services. Written information was provided regarding events at the Intermediate Unit.

The Career Center report was presented by Mr. Bill Reddinger. Mr. Reddinger gave a report regarding the Career Center budget.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Board Committee reports. Dr. Shaffer reported that he and Mrs. Adams have assembled a list of things to discuss with surrounding school boards regarding shared services. Mr. Bell reported that the Sixth Grade Committee will set a meeting for April. Mr. Bain reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet April 4. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Bulldog Alliance has scheduled a social for April 27. Mrs. Ferringer reported that the Maintenance Committee is in the forming stages.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to direct the administration to move forward with planning for the summer school program using Title funds, with a minimum of eight students per section. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to purchase door security alarms through MVS Security Service at a cost of \$31,032.78. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to purchase 45 security cameras and one server through Advanced Solutions (ASCC) at a cost of \$30,048.00. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Bain).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to purchase door security screens through Kane Security, pending approval as a Pennsylvania certified COSTARS vendor, at a cost of \$39,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

At 9:07 p.m. Dr. Shaffer asked Mr. Reddinger preside over the meeting.

Dr. Shaffer returned to the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve March, 2018 Treasurers Report, General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,042,922.63, and Cafeteria Expenditures amounting to \$67,665.71. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Heath Copenhaver, to approve Single Audit and General Purpose Audit, as of June 30, 2017, submitted by Troese and Associates, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 and Clarion County Career Center Operating Budgets for the 2018-19 school year, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the 9<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. on November 7-9, 2018, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Darren Bain, to add Corbin Anderson to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Holly Kijowski as a 5.5 hour LPN nurse aide. Total annual cost, \$21,054.03. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Patrick Bundy as musical set design and construction director at 36 points @ \$45.50 = \$1,638.00, total cost, \$2,296.80; accept the resignation of Sarah Williams as vocal musical director; approve Carrie McIntire as vocal musical director at 70 points @ \$45.50 = \$3,185.00, total cost, \$4,466.01. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Linda Ferringer, to approve the revised bus/van driver list; approve Morgan Toth as a volunteer softball coach; add Erika Anthony to the substitute cafeteria aide list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to hire Kelly McElhattan as a 5.5 hour classroom aide at \$10.28 per hour at a projected cost of \$11,371.00.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to amend the previous motion to hire Kelly McElhattan as a 5.5 hour classroom aide at \$9.71 per hour at a projected cost of \$10,740.32. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items. Darren Bain addressed the subject of grant writing.

A motion was made by Darren Bain, seconded by Linda Ferringer, to instruct the administration to explore grant writing options. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Reddinger announced that he will resign as Career Center Representative. Dr. Donald Nair was appointed as his replacement.

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

Dr. Shaffer then asked for public comments. Jeannie Nelson addressed the Board regarding mandatory fundraising, tax increase and high school lobby security. Lacy Minich addressed the Board regarding special education. Rhonda McMillen-Toth addressed the Board regarding mandatory fundraising in policies, grant writing and encouraged attendance at the school play. Ted Wells addressed the Board regarding the projected budget.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:38 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis  
Board Secretary