

School Board Meeting
February 5, 2018

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:10 p.m. in the Redbank Valley Primary School Cafeteria. 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.

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 approve minutes for the Work Session Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2018 and Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Kara Raybuck read a letter from Mawnee Huffman regarding outsourcing. Kara Raybuck then addressed the Board regarding the sixth grade teachers implementing Google Classroom, and asked that parents be kept informed regarding special education and the nursing situation.

There were no mini-burst presentations this month.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Collin Sheffer and Peyton Kirkpatrick. The students reported on the physics class sled riding, FBLA school store opening, ski trip, Bible Club Snow Camp, two students qualifying for PMEA Regional Festival, winter sports wrapping up and spring sports' practices beginning.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Ms. Sandra Shirey. Ms. Shirey reported that Mrs. Lewis is supervising this year's Running Club and Student Round Table has started again this year. There are currently five clubs at the intermediate level which are supervised by volunteers or teachers. Also, there are 61 students so far for kindergarten registration and spelling bees were held in January for grades two through six, with two sixth grade students qualifying for the County Spelling Bee. Ms. Shirey was contacted by the Clarion County Kiwanis Club and they will be presenting their BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Program at each elementary building to recognize students whose grades have improved. PVAAS information was included with the written report, along with spelling bee winners, discipline and enrollment for January.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that the first junior high snowball dance was held on January 20 and was very well attended. An anonymous donor submitted a check through the Foundation to purchase a 3D printer for the high school. Report cards have been sent and data from the report cards is being analyzed. Seventh grade transition survey emails were sent to get feedback on ways to improve the

transition process from sixth to seventh grade and results will be shared with seventh grade teachers. Discipline and enrollment figures were included in her written report.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers gave an update on the track. Fike and Associates assessed the track and will be presenting a report to Stephen Parks and Associates. A meeting will take place in the near future. A list of recent maintenance and repairs at all three buildings was included in his written report.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Michael Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki gave an update on the nursing staff situation. He provided information regarding pay rate and compensation package options to the Board members, along with nurse to student ratio figures. Request for Proposals for food services deadline for submission is February 12 at 2:00 p.m. Representatives from Hawthorn Fire Department will meet with the administrative team this month to work on professional development opportunities for the emergency response plan. Mr. Drzewiecki gave an overview of the Special Education Action Plan. A Special Education Committee is in the process of being formed and the Board will schedule a meeting mid-month to receive updates. Mr. Drzewiecki then reviewed the Channel of Communication.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that there was no meeting in January. The next scheduled meeting is February 7, 2018.

The Career Center Report was presented by Mr. Bill Reddinger. Mr. Reddinger reported that he did not attend the January meeting.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Board Committee Reports. Ann Kopnitsky reported that the Bulldog Alliance is planning a spring social. Dee Bell reported that the Sixth Grade Committee will visit DuBois Middle School this month and a meeting will be scheduled soon after. Heath Copenhaver reported that the Foundation Committee will schedule a meeting soon for updates and information.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the 2018-19 Redbank Valley School District calendar, including three and one-half Act 80 days and five Section 1502 District holidays: November 23, November 26, December 24, December 25, 2018 and April 19, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve 2018-19 preliminary budget. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the baseball field lease agreement between Redbank Valley Park Commission and Redbank Valley School District.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to amend the previous motion to exclude Landlord collection of 20% of spectator admission charge for playoff games. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to direct the administration to move forward with the Music Committee recommendations, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Darren Bain, to approve January, 2018 Treasurers Report, General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,452,652.60, Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$68,810.88 and 4th Quarter, 2017 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to retro-approve Lois Moranville and Erica Bowersox as substitute teachers. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Cari Darr to attend PAFPC 2018 Annual Federal Program Coordinator Conference in Hershey, PA on April 29 through May 2, 2018. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$1,439.37. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to retro-hire Tyler Scott, child specific aide, as of January 24, 2017, total annual cost \$15,929.97 and Jamie McGuire, kindergarten aide, as of January 22, 2018, total annual cost \$11,028.44. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to accept the resignation of Erik Rupp, assistant junior high wrestling coach, effective February 27, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Carolyn Husted as an LPN substitute and approve Shirley McDonald and Ember Gourley as long-term school nurse substitutes at a per diem rate of \$230.71. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items. Bill Reddinger asked about the status of volunteer ticket takers and out of season purchases. He also requested to see cost savings figures on electric bills since the installation of LED lighting. Dr. Shaffer will pen a response to a letter addressed to the Board from an eighth grade student.

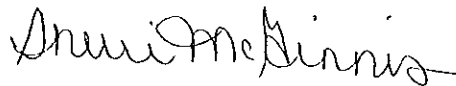
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Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Matt Darr addressed the Board regarding eliminating the 10% extra-curricular activity/sport fee. Ms. Shirey gave an update on the sixth grade Spelling Bee contestants; one received first place and one received third place.

Dr. Shaffer announced an executive session would take place after adjournment for labor issues.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary