

School Board Meeting  
May 7, 2018

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:20 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Heath Copenhaver (via Skype), Linda Ferring, 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 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve minutes for the Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, March 27, 2018, Work Session Meeting, Monday, April 2, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 2, 2018 and Special Board Meeting, Monday, April 23, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Melissa Carlson addressed the Board regarding special education students remaining in class with their peers.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick. Mr. Kirkpatrick included a band concert schedule and track, baseball and softball records in his written report. He reported that Coffee House Night was a success. He also distributed flowers from the horticulture students and a greenhouse flyer to the Board members. He shared the student survey results regarding the parking fee.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Ms. Sandra Shirey. Ms. Shirey reported that the Reading Competition was hosted by Miss Jill Boyles at the Intermediate School, the monthly PTO meeting was well attended by teachers, sixth and seventh grade teachers met to discuss curriculum and transitions, Mrs. Kristen Landers and Mrs. Brittany Weaver were presented the PAECT award for their excellence in education and going the extra mile. Also, local churches are participating in a food program that provides students nutritious food for the weekend and the bike rack has been installed and is very much appreciated. A calendar of upcoming events is included in her written report.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp gave an update on the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to High School, Music and Athletic Committees. A uniform rotation schedule was provided. The Awards Assembly and Senior Awards Banquet are scheduled for May 29. Graduation for 56 students will take place on June 1. Gordon Barrows will be the graduation speaker. A preliminary schedule for next year is set, with teacher input and review to take place in the near future. Mrs. Rupp also reported that the prom was a success. Current enrollment is included in her written report.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that MVS Security Service has installed the door alarm systems at the elementary buildings and

installation is in progress at the high school. A list of recent maintenance and repairs performed at all three buildings was provided.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Michael Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that the safe schools grant opens this month. An overview of the school resource and police officer options for a school security officer was provided at the work session. Firestorm was contacted and a risk assessment/presentation has been requested, waiting for timeframe and potential cost. A life skills class will be housed at the high school next year and the preschool class will relocate. Character counts bullying prevention was added to the 2018-19 budget.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that a number of staff retirements and furloughs have been approved, configuration of special education consortium classrooms for 2018-19 have been reviewed and a contract for special education consultant services was approved. She also reported that the Intermediate Unit has furniture/storage/shelving available.

The Career Center report was presented in writing. The Career Center representatives were unable to attend, due to a meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board scheduled for the same date.

Board Committee reports were given by Dr. Shaffer, School Cooperative Committee, and Carrie Adams, Legislative Representative.

At 8:05 p.m., Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the first reading of revised Redbank Valley School District Board Policies #122 Extracurricular Activities, #123 Interscholastic Athletics and Administrative Regulation #122 Partial Self-Funding of Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Shaffer).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to retain S&T Bank, First United National Bank, Northwest Trust Bank, Clarion County Community Bank, PA Invest Program, PLGIT, RBC Dain Rauscher and NexTier Bank as depositories. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to accept the Maintenance Supplies Bids for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$24,547.32, the Industrial Arts Bids for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$14,705.85, the Extra-Curricular Bids for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$27,446.12. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the first reading of the following tax rates for the 2018-19 school year: Armstrong County 23.9499, and Clarion County 32.6448. Rates are increased to the maximum of index 3.5%; and 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; Oak Hall Monroe Township Per Capita \$15.00 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 Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to adopt the 2018-2019 proposed final budget in the amount of \$18,483,182.00. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 4 No (Kopnitsky, Nair, Bell, Ferringer).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve all federal programs and grants for the 2018-19 school year as part of the district budget, and approve Redbank Valley High School's 57 graduating seniors, Class of 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the revised Parent/Guardian and Community Communication Process Flowchart – Channel of Communication. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Donald Nair, to accept Nagle Athletic's track resurfacing bid to include alternate bids 1 and 2, in the amount of \$418,035.00. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 4 No (Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger, Ferringer).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to award natural gas contract for the supply of natural gas from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 to South Jersey Energy at \$2,901/dth. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the RVSD criminal history record information procedures. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Chad Shaffer, to contract school psychologist services with Maple Drive Consulting for student evaluations, as needed, at a rate of \$250 for evaluations without testing and \$450 for evaluations with formal testing. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Copenhaver, Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Linda Ferringer, seconded by Darren Bain, to raise the student activity fee to \$75.00 per student, or \$150.00 per family with three or more children, beginning

the 2018-2019 school year. Motion Failed 3 Yes, 6 No (Shaffer, Bell, Copenhaver, Adams, Kopnitsky, Nair).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Darren Bain, to establish a student parking fee at the high school of \$50.00/year or \$25.00/semester. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 4 No (Bell, Copenhaver, Adams, Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Chad Shaffer, to approve the public release of the referendum advertisement. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the first reading of revised Redbank Valley School District Policy #701.1 Facilities Naming/Sponsorship. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve option two, "move 6<sup>th</sup> grade to high school with middle school (6-8) model" as listed on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to high school committee report. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Kopnitsky).

At 8:50 p.m. Heath Copenhaver left the meeting.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Donald Nair, to authorize the sale of personalized bricks to generate district revenue dedicated to student activities expenditures. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Darren Bain, seconded by Carrie Adams, to revise the age limit for coaches in Board policy to permit administrative discretion. Motion Failed 2 Yes, 6 No (Bell, Ferringer, Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger, Shaffer).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve April, 2018 Treasurers Report; General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,361,853.49; Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$65,033.40 and First Quarter 2018 Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the Law Offices of William E. Hager, III, LLC, to provide school district solicitor services at an annual retainer fee of \$2,200.00 and \$200.00/hour after. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Darren Bain, to approve Cindy Campbell as school district treasurer for the 2018-19 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to retain Dr. Stephen Jaworski as school district dentist for the 2018-19 school year at a rate of \$4.00 per exam. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to retain Dr. Brandon Doverspike as school district physician for the 2018-19 school year at a rate of \$6.50 per physical. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the Athletic Training Agreement, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Linda Ferringer, to approve the revised bus/van driver list. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Bell).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to accept the resignation of Leslie Minich as district substitute caller, effective June 1, 2018 and Denise Troupe, due to retirement, effective June 5, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Jeri Skinner and Erika Anthony as a 2.5 hours per day cafeteria aide. Total annual cost \$4,408.27. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to establish one RVSD full-time speech teacher position, in lieu of contracting the service, beginning the 2018-2019 school year. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to establish one RVSD full-time special education supervisor position, in lieu of contracting the service, beginning the 2018-2019 school year. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Ferringer, Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to retain Sandra Shirey as Interim Principal through the end of the 2017-18 school year, at current rate. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Chad Shaffer, to employ RVSD aides in Intermediate Unit consortium classrooms as agreed upon with IU6 for the 2018-19 school year. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Kopnitsky, Bell).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to hire Suzanne Erickson as part time, 60% or three days per week, School Psychologist on Step 11, \$61,369.19, beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Ferringer).

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A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Kopnitsky, to approve CPR training at a cost of \$30.00 per participant, paid by Title II funding. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to add Mark White to the substitute custodian list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Dr. Shaffer then asked for public comments. Stacy Delp, Kristen Landers addressed the Board regarding the parking fee.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Minich  
Business Office/ACCESS Secretary