

School Board Meeting  
May 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, May 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The following members were in attendance: Darren Bain, Dee Bell, Jason Barnett, Carrie Adams, Linda Ferringer, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, and Chad Shaffer.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Darren Bain to approve Special Board Meeting, Work Session Meeting, Regular Board Meeting minutes, Executive Session and Budget Review Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Spoke on items not on agenda. Location of graduation of Class of 2020. Proposed at athletic field, legal council. Recommendation from the attorney, confirm insurance would not cover, recommend against holding in in football field have an original drive through plans. CDC had guidelines with no more than 250 people in attendance. Calculating students and parents, security photographers, custodial. Concerns by parents Mr. Reddinger asked for public Comments. Three people spoke. Darren Bain spoke. Mrs. Rupp spoke. Would like to have it at Redbank Valley but cannot. We have legal advice. Ann spoke. Administration to handle this. Mrs. Rupp spoke the ceremony will be broadcast, nothing changed for students to try to have normalcy for the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Reddinger stated. Excecutive session after meeting.

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp, Mrs. Rupp reported that she added per diem days. Nurse has started with starting physicals for fall sports, if there are. Security cameras start June 1. Keystone exams will start end of September beginning of October, to meet with graduation guidelines. Will need remediation.

The Special Education Report was presented by Justin Karam. Mr. Karam nothing added to report.

The Maintenance report was given by Jim Jones he stated he is keeping busy with maintenance repairs. Mr. Bain offered information for hand sanitizer.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz, nothing to add. Had a good day over 400 meals served as district we are not obligated, Dr. Mastillo and Mr. Reitz spoke about serving meals throughout the summer. Mr. Reitz spoke on numbers for the month of June. Average 370 children a day. If we continue to feed as we do.

The Business Manager, Cheryl Motter spoke on proposed preliminary budget. Referendum passing. Basic Ed payment will be coming.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Dr. Mastillo, will be working with Cheryl McCauley about Kindergarten registration. Revise pandemic plan, Strategic plan will be based on what is on road map to return. PDE by mid June should have guidance for us. Looking at plans in state other districts. Meeting at Jeff Tech June 9. Gathering information to see options to enhance vocational education for students. Both Vocational schools are interested. Phone system, three bids since October part of grant that was submitted. Request approved so it gets installed by August. Mr. Bain asked about the Masked Teachers, should be recognized.

Career Center or Riverview IU 6 reports. No meetings

Old Business, none.

Board Committee reports: None

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to adopt the 2020 – 2021 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$19,282,734.88. Motion Carried 8-1 Bain (No)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Jason Barnett to approve first reading of the following tax rates for the 2020 – 2021 School Year:

Armstrong County: 35.4056

Clarion County: 52.3132

(Rates have been increased to reflect the index, the exceptions and tax referendum.) Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Don Nair by seconded by Jason Barnett first reading of the following tax rates for the 2020 – 2021 school year:

Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following townships/municipalities, \$10.00 per head: Redbank Valley 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 Valley 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 .5%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%. Motion Carried 8-1 (Bain)No

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve all federal program and grants for the 2020 – 2021 school year as part of the district budget. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Carrie Adams seconded by Dee Bell to approve the installation of a new district-wide phone system and paging system at all three campuses using Prime Communication in the amount of \$73,277.77 with Safe Schools Grant funds (PPCD). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the Cafeteria Fund Expenditures ending May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$ 14,420.31 Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve budget transfers. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve up to an additional 54.25 hours at the discretion of the administration for Amy Switzer at an hourly rate of \$37.52. Motion Carried 8-1 (Bain)No

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve up to an additional 54.25 hours at the discretion of the administration for Lyndsey Blystone at an hourly rate of \$31.56. Motion Carried 8-1 (Bain)No

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve up to an additional 54.25 hours at the discretion of the administration for Roddy Hartle at an hourly rate of \$48.62. Motion Carried 8-1 (Bain) No

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve up to an additional 23.25 hours at the discretion of the administration for Valerie Steffy at an hourly rate of \$44.92. Motion Carried 8-1 (Bain) No

Jason spoke on Keeping on task not losing sight of student performance


Mr. Reddinger asked for public comment. Joe Bellesfield spoke on referendum, if pass or fail everyone has to take hard look at how funds are spent. Disect every penny that is spent. Times have changed, contracts coming, consider employees paying for their own health care to try to save. Cyber school, it costs money. Look at ways to save. Hopefully all come together

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Executive session to follow

A motion was made seconded by Dee Bell seconded by Chad Shaffer to adjourn at 7:59  
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Motter".

Cheryl Motter  
Board Secretary