

School Board Meeting
April 3, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:48 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 and Heath Copenhaver. Glenn Watson was absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 7:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting, March 6, 2017 Work Session Meeting, and March 22, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. The representatives reported that the Talent Show will be held on April 11, during the school day. Students will be attending Clarion University to participate in a mock United Nations meeting with the topic of immigration. Bible Club open house is scheduled for April 22, Robotics/STEM Club proceeded to the finals at the California University of PA competition and FBLA traveled to Grove City to compete in investing skills with other schools.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that word has been received of a mid-year change to the Title I and Title IIA federal programs, due to charter school funding. There was a small loss in Title IIA funds and a decrease in Title I funds. From last year to this year, there has been a substantial decrease in Title I funds. Because of the reduction in Title I federal funding, summer school will not be held in the elementary buildings this summer. There was discussion regarding Title I and Title IIA budgeting and whether there was a way summer school could be held this year. Mrs. McCauley also reported that there are 87 students enrolled for kindergarten next year. Some concern was expressed regarding space at the Intermediate building due to the large incoming third grade class next year. There will be enough classrooms, but space is limited.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that the Redbank Valley Chapter of the FFA was highlighted in the March 18th issue of Lancaster Farming magazine. Search for Work Day was a success with 52 businesses represented and 274 interviews conducted. Also, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* performed to a record breaking audience, with great improvement to the audio and sound system from last year. Board members received invitations in their packets to the National Honor Society

induction of new members on April 25. Mrs. Rupp also reported that PSSA testing has begun this week and will continue through April, with Keystone testing beginning thereafter. Teacher evaluations will be completed prior to Spring Break.

The Maintenance Report was presented in writing by Mr. John Sayers.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that he was contacted by Brookville Area School District requesting shared instructional services in the Technical Education department for the 2017-18 school year. Brookville is requesting a half-time technical education teacher to provide their wood shop courses for one semester. The administrative team is looking at options regarding provision of that service. Also, included with the Board members' packets was information collected by our technology department regarding district cell phone plan options. Comparisons between cell phone service plans and prepaid options were presented. Information regarding sports, activities and clubs was presented. Board Policy defines both interscholastic athletics and extra-curricular activities. Extra-curricular activities are grouped as school sponsored or self-sustained. Mr. Drzewiecki included a listing of the sports, activities and clubs in each classification. The PDE exceptions that the district applied for were approved; which avoided the necessity to go to referendum. The exceptions were approved at \$270,000.00 in excess of the index.

The IU report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Intermediate Unit's Board Meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 5.

The Career Center Report was presented by Mr. Bill Reddinger. Mr. Reddinger reported that all is well at the Career Center.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. Mr. Reddinger reported that the Music Education Committee is working on putting some dates together and gathering information for the music program. Mrs. Kennemuth reported that a meeting with the Cost Savings Committee will be held this month. She plans to bring the committee up to date with information she has been working on.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Redbank Valley School District and the Redbank Valley Educational Support Professionals Association regarding insurance opt out incentive. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve new Journeys K-5 Elementary Reading series. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to award the natural gas contract for the supply of natural gas from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to South Jersey Energy. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the March, 2017 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the March, 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$2,463,384.45. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve the March, 2017 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$52,658.55. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the Single Audit and General Purpose Audit as of June 30, 2016 submitted by Troese and Associates, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Shallah Anthony to attend the 2017 Penn-Del AER Conference on April 26-28, 2017 in Harrisburg, PA. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$550.41. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve a medical leave for Autumn Boddorf beginning mid-April, 2017 through the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Expected return date is the first day of the 2017-18 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Dee Bell, to add Kayla Gallagher to the substitute nurse list. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Nair).

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Dee Bell, to retro-approve Sally Ryan as a volunteer junior high volleyball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Donald Nair, to enter into the Agreement and General Release between Redbank Valley School District and Molly Jane Greenawalt. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Dr. Shaffer asked for any additional Board items. Mr. Dougherty asked for future specification if a conference needing approval is required. Dr. Shaffer had a question for Mr. Hager regarding a point of order issue from a previous meeting. Dr. Nair had a concern regarding an employment packet presented at the meeting.

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

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

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Dee Bell, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary