

## School Board Meeting January 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday January 9, 7:18 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Heath Copenhaver, Brian Dougherty, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger and Chad Shaffer. Absent was Tina Kennemuth and Glenn Watson.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by President Chad Shaffer at 7:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve the minutes for the Reorganizational School Board Meeting December 5, 2016; Regular School Board Meeting December 5, 2016; Work Session Meeting December 5, 2016; Special Board Meeting December 8, 2016 and Special Meeting December 19, 2016 Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Shaffer asked for public concerns. No public concerns were expressed at this time.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer each reported about student active and the alumni survey.

The Primary Elementary report was presented by Sandra Shirey. Ms. Shirey reported on the "Hour of Code" activities with all elementary students. A parent meeting was held on December 7, 2016 with 41 parents and students attending. Ms. Shirey also commented on the newly developed Student Roundtable. One student from each classroom will meet biweekly with the principal to discuss student issues and come up with possible solutions. This will help to instill a sense of ownership and pride for our school.

The Secondary Report was provided by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp introduced Mr. Bauer our new high school science teacher. Mr. Bauer commented he was pleased to attend the school board meeting and was excited in teaching at Redbank Valley. Mrs. Rupp commented that the Winter Wave Keystone Exams are being administered beginning today. Student who did not achieve a score of proficient or higher are testing under Algebra I, Biology and Literature.

The Maintenance Report was presented in by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that a water leak had been fixed at the Primary School last month.

The Superintendent Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki commented on the dwindling substitute pool. The district has repeatedly advertised for substitutes in all positions. A recommendation will be requested for consideration later in the meeting to increase the substitute rates to help to overcome the dwindling substitute pool.

The IU Report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the December meeting was cancelled.

The CCAVTS Report was presented by Donald Nair who asked the board members to review the written report included in there packets and if any questions would arise to ask him to comment on them. No questions were expressed.

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any committee reports. No reports were given.

Mr. Shaffer then announced at 7:55 p.m. that an executive Session would take place personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair second by Dee Bell to place on the table the purchase of Hand Dryers for all building at a cost at not to exceed \$8,190.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair second by Dee Bell to purchase Hand Dryers for all building at a cost not to exceed \$9,750.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Heath Copenhaver seconded by Donald Nair to approve a new high school course proposal for Piano classes for the school year 2017-18 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Heath Copenhaver seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve Act 1 to increase tax millage at a rate that will exceed the 3.6 index for the school year 2017-18. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Brian Dougherty to approve the administration to submit the exceptions for Retirement, Special Education and Debt Service as per PDE time line. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 2-No (Bell, Nair)

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the display of the preliminary budget for 2017-18 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to advertise for natural gas bids present pricing is \$2.460 dth. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Don Nair to authorize and direct the Superintendent to (a) Study student enrollment trends for past years as well as projected enrollment for the upcoming school year; (b) Study past and current curriculum and course offerings of the School District, as well as those for the upcoming school year; (c) Study the overall staffing needs of the School District for the upcoming school year; and (d)

make recommendations to the Board of School Directors concerning staffing, curriculum and program needs for the upcoming school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Donald Nair to approve the option for utilizing the proposal by IU6/IU28 to share services for business administrative service and payroll services. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Reddinger)

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve new high school course for Design and Manufacturing Technologies for school year 2017-18 as presented. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 1-No (Nair)

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve the increase in the substitute aide rate to \$9.71 per hour. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the increase in the substitute LPN aide rate to \$10.28 per hour. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve substitute teacher day to day rate as the following \$85.00 per day for 1 to 20 day for current school year; \$100.00 per day from 21 plus days for a current school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the authorization of the school board president to execute the consent order for Broadwood Towers. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to decline Armstrong County Memorial Hospital Tax Appeal to defray the counties legal fees under the pilot program as presented under Schedule A. Motion Carried 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstained (Shaffer)

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the December 2016 Treasurers Report. Motion Carrier Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$3,180,048.67. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the December 2016 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$51,809.87. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty seconded by Bill Reddinger to hire Barbara Sayers as Greenhouse aide at 390 hours @\$7.31 =\$2,850.90 and no benefits. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to amend Barbara Sayers as Greenhouse aide at 390 hours @\$7.53 =\$2,936.70 and no benefits. Motion Failed 3-Yes, 4-No (Dougherty, Kopnitsky, Reddinger, Shaffer)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve reassignment of Steven Huffman from 9 month custodian to 12 month. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Bell Reddinger to approve the hire of Nicole Allshouse as a 4 ½ hour LPN aide. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Amy Milanovich, physical education teacher due to retirement effective January 16, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Carey Troup, Assistant Softball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Ryan Radaker as Assistant Boys soccer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Ryan Radaker Assistant Baseball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Dee Bell to accept the resignation of Craig Hibell Head Junior High Football Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Don Nair to approve maternity leave of Amy Switzer beginning April 7, 2017 and returning May 30, 2017 with 17 days unpaid leave. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve Tina Moore and Tammy Starcher to attend the 2017 Conference for PA Kindergarten Techers on February 2-3, 2017 at Harrisburg, PA. Cost to Title II A \$1,697.52. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 2-No (Dougherty, Nair)

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Heath Copenhaver to approve Lyndsay Blystone to attend the PASAP-PAMILE annual 2017 Conference on February 26-

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28, 2017 at State College, Pa. Cost to be incurred by Title II A \$670.04. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 2-No (Doughery, Nair)

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve the amended memorandum of understanding for the Business Manager. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve the amended memorandum of understanding for Executive Secretary. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the amended memorandum of understanding for Maintenance Supervisor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Heath Copenhaver to approve the amended memorandum of understanding for Cafeteria Manager Supervisor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve audio recording of future school board meetings. Motion Carried 5-Yes, 2-No (Bell, Dougherty)

Mr. Shaffer then asked for any public concern. Allen Dawson spoke to the school board by congratulating the Robotic Team on the successful participation in the regional competition held in North Dakota and asked if the administration or school board could provide to him a cost per student under the state formula for transportation.

Mr. Shaffer then announced that an executive session would take place immediately after the adjournment of the regular meeting for legal and personnel matters.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Donald Nair to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.  
Board Secretary