

School Board Meeting  
August 7, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:17 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Auditorium. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Brian Dougherty, Tina Kennemuth, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, William Reddinger and Chad Shaffer. Heath Copenhaver and Glenn Watson were absent.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 7:17 p.m. At this time, Dr. Shaffer asked Mr. Dougherty to take over the meeting for a brief time.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting, Monday, July 10, 2017 and Work Session Meeting, Monday, July 10, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Dougherty asked for public comments. Matt Darr thanked the School Board and staff for their investment in the students and community. He requested a meeting between the School Board, coaches and Athletic Director to try to come up with a plan that will work best for the students and the community. Heather Gourley addressed the Board asking them to reconsider the 15%, stating that fundraising is an impossible task. Fundraising efforts are not meeting the required cost. She also requested a meeting with the School Board and Booster representatives.

Dr. Shaffer returned at 7:19 p.m.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Colin Sheffer. He reported that there was no report submitted for this month; however, mandatory fall sports practices and conditionings will begin next week.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that the maintenance crew is putting the finishing touches on the buildings. Teachers are readying classrooms, paraprofessionals are meeting this week for yearly training by the Intermediate Unit and back to school letters have been mailed to the students. She also reported that Kindergarten Orientation, and "Find Your Classroom and Meet Your Teacher Night" are scheduled for August 29.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that the official Redbank Valley Facebook page is up and running. Mrs. Rupp's blog will begin on the first day of school and continue throughout the year, with postings on Facebook as well. Also, a beginning of the year One Call will be made to all families with important updates, final schedule changes will take place during the next two weeks and teachers

return, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation and the first day of school will take place the last week of August.

Dr. Shaffer asked that the Board Meeting and Work Session dates and press releases be posted on the Facebook page. A brief discussion of the blog and immunization requirements took place.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that the lighting project at the Primary School is complete and the lighting project at the High School has begun. The light poles in front of the High School will be sanded, primed and painted by West Penn Power, as they own them. Dr. Shaffer asked Mr. Sayers for an update regarding the track assessment. Mr. Sayers stated that the track is in poor condition and the rubber surface is no longer attached to the asphalt. There is a trip and fall hazard between the sidewalk and the track and he recommended making a level surface in that area. Also, a track repair assessment will be conducted this week.

Dr. Shaffer exited the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Dougherty conducted the meeting at this point.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki presented the Board members with a model Communication Flow Chart as a reference for communication based on potential school community member topics. He asked for the Board members' input at next month's meeting. LPN interviews were conducted and only one candidate was interested in the position, due to the salary and benefit package. Mr. Drzewiecki recommended having a certified school nurse and two LPN aides 7 hours per day, 5 days per week with healthcare benefits plus an additional LPN aide 5.5 hours per day. Dr. Shaffer asked Mr. Drzewiecki for New Bethlehem Borough Council's response regarding traffic control at the high school. The borough stated that they do not have the manpower to provide the service. New Bethlehem Police Department will provide traffic control for a cost of \$30 per hour; one-half hour each morning and afternoon.

Dr. Shaffer returned to the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

The IU report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Intermediate Unit's Board Report was submitted in writing. The Intermediate Unit is in the process of hiring an Assistant Executive Director.

The Career Center Report was presented by Mr. Bill Reddinger. Mr. Reddinger reported that the Joint Operating Committee of the Career Center hired a new director to begin in September.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. Mr. Bell reported that the Sixth Grade Transition Committee has begun gathering information and will be meeting soon. Mr. Reddinger reported that Dr. Shaffer will take over the Music Committee and will have a report for next month. Mrs. Koprinsky reported that the social committee will be called Bulldog Alliance. The committee will be holding a social gathering on August 17.

At 8:16 p.m. Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the second reading of revised Redbank Valley School District Board Policies #122, Extra-Curricular Activities and #123, Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 2 No (Koprinsky, Dougherty).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the second reading of Administrative Regulation #122, Partial Self-Funding of Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 2 No (Koprinsky, Dougherty).

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Dee Bell, to make available Student Accident Insurance for the 2017-18 school year at no cost to the district. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to add a separate monthly Board meeting for purposes of a work session starting in September. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 1 No (Reddinger).

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to change school nurse configuration to two full-time LPN's at a cost to the district of \$37,374.54 each and one part-time LPN, 5.5 hours per day at a cost per year of \$14,011.97 to compliment the one certified school nurse. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 1 No (Koprinsky).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the stipulation of settlement between the Department of Health Services, through its counsel, and Redbank Valley School District, through its counsel, in the amount of \$35,369.64 payable in three yearly installments commencing when it is approved by the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals which the amount will be recovered from Redbank Valley School District's financial accounting information account. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Ann Koprinsky, to approve the July, 2017 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the July, 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,078,868.60. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Redbank Valley High School Activities Fund Report, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to contract traffic control and school crossing in front of Redbank Valley High School with the New Bethlehem Police Department at \$30.00 per hour. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 2 No (Dougherty, Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the bus/van driver list. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Bell).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to accept the resignation of Crystal Over as Title I aide. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve Kelly Ripple as a mentor for Debra Dinger at \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve Jenean Smith as a mentor for Laura Heasley at \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to hire Aaron (A.J.) Blöse as head boys' soccer coach at 90 points @ \$42.50 = \$3,825.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Ty Scott as assistant boys' soccer coach at 60 points @ \$44.50 = \$2,670.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to add Jean Musser to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items. Mr. Reddinger suggested that a committee should be formed to discuss ways to possibly lower the 15% sport team cost. Discussion took place regarding who is in charge when the Principal is not in the building.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, to amend the second reading of the revised Redbank Valley School District Board Policy #122, Extra-Curricular Activities and #123,

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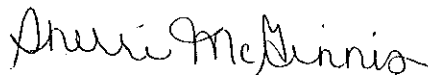
Interscholastic Athletics from the previous 15% down to 5%. Motion Failed, Lack of Second.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Matt Darr addressed the Board stating appreciation for the formation of the new committee and commented that he would like to participate. Chris Edmonds asked for clarification on who is in command and how an emergency would be handled if the principal is out of the building. Kara Raybuck thanked the Board, Principals and Mr. Darr for their response to the evening's topics. She also expressed a thank you for the efforts of the Bulldog Alliance and encouraged attendance at the gathering.

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

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis  
Board Secretary