

School Board Meeting
October 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. 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

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve minutes for the Work Session Meeting, August 29, 2019 and Regular Board Meeting, September 3, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. There were none.

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley she reported benchmark testing, Diebels, Start 360, use information, create flex groups. Progress monitor, fire drills, intruder drills and weather drills, in month of September. Created packets for the emergencies that may happen to have all student names available. Rubber mulch is wonderful at the primary, has prevented some injuries. Deb McElhattan Singer got word that her classroom library books were funded by Donors choose.org. Deb lost a lot of her own books in the flood. Attendance, 608 students. Standardized testing results are being looked at now.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp, Mrs. Rupp spoke on college level courses that students are able to get credit for and high school courses. Mt Aloysius, Biology II, Chemistry II, AP English AP, Government for college credits. Also Spanish, German through Seton Hill. Discussion about Civics Engagement projects in Dr. Harmon class. Red Ribbon project, drug and alcohol, vaping and e cigarette will have classes for the students. Also, Mrs. Rupp discussed Cyber school enrollment and discussion about analytical information.

The Special Education Report was presented by Mrs. Brittany Nowacki. Mrs. Nowacki reported about restraint reporting, out of district programs. PASA enrollment, none in our district, but out of district. Indicator 13, look at transition services, students 13 years and above. Dianna Bain is in charge of this.

The Maintenance Report presented drains clogged, ceiling towels broken. Lock on the water shutoff has steel lid, painted orange. Mulch was put at Primary. Fixed swing, and improvements at Intermediate.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz. September was a little rough due to short staff. Everyone pulled together. Lunch count were up since last September. Breakfast count down at Primary. Serving non processed foods, new foods. Higher lunch with some of the new ones. Looking into more menu options. Went to conference, got some good ideas for new food ideas.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Dr. John Mastillo during discussed working with Johnston Control and Combustions service as to when the installation will be done. Student projections 28-29 from PDE. Spike then decline. District Comprehension Plan, Final submitted in March 2020. Checking with council to pass an ordinance or not. Update books from Primary Campus. Update flood remediation up to \$515,000. Insurance with Burns and Burns and others that have difference in premiums .Board policy with security.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky stated she was not at meeting. Report to come.

The Career Center report was presented by Linda Ferringer direction instructor needed to take praxis exam. Braxton White has Senator Casey to be able to speak with community members. No pm program continuing, furlough of Practical Nursing program.

Executive Session 7:50 P.M. returned 8:40 P.M.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Don Nair, to approve the purchase of a visitor/student information maintenance program system (Raptor) in the amount of \$5,784.00 in accordance to the recommendation from the Safety and Security Committee. Darren Bain - No

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the attendance of Debra Dinger at the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education (PAGE) conference at Harrisburg PA on November 14-15, 2019 in the amount of \$713.63. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Ferringer, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the establishment of a Travel Club for Redbank Valley High School Students with Joe Harmon as the advisor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Linda Ferringer to approve the contract between the Redbank Valley School District and STA, Inc. for the transportation of students for the 2019-2020 SY as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Linda Ferringer to approve the contract between the Redbank Valley School District and Minich Bus Services for the transportation of students for the 2019-2020 SY as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Carrie Adams to approve the contract between the Redbank Valley School District and Valley Lines Inc. for the transportation of students for the 2019-2020 SY as presented. Dee Bell -Abstained due to being an employee of Valley Lines

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Linda Ferringer to approve the contract between the Redbank Valley School District and Barrett Busing Inc. for the transportation of students for the 2019-2020 SY as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Darren Bain to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Redbank Valley School district and the Redbank Valley Education Association. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the following sections of the district Comprehensive Plan for public inspection and submission to Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) as presented: Professional Development, Induction Program, Safe and Supportive Schools and the Assurances. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the first reading of the revised Board Policy 425- Professional Employees, Dress and Grooming. In language regarding 1. RVEA Scholarship Jeans Day the word "polo shirt" shall be replaced with professional attire containing the Redbank Valley Logo that represents the school district or a district club and/or organization. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Nair, seconded by Carrie Adams, to approve the purchase of educational materials in the amount of \$47,947.38 to replace items lost in flood. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Don Nair to approve the Treasurer's Report, General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$2,803,289.22, and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$29,540.64 and approve the amending of the signature cards for Northwest Savings Bank. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve the resignation of Jill Shick, four (4) hour cafeteria aide. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kohnitsky to hire David Hepler as Secondary Mathematics Teacher at a salary according to the CBA of \$43,288.00 for a total cost of \$69,367.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Chad Shaffer to accept the resignation of Brittany Nowacki, Special Education Supervisor. The district will hold Ms. Nowacki for sixty (60) Days from September 17, 2019 or until a suitable replacement can be identified. Nair, Bain- No

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to add Sean Weaver to the custodial/ maintenance substitute employee list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Don Nair to add Christy Duncan and Patti Musser to the substitute employee list pending all back ground clearances are acceptable at a rate of \$8.46 hour. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to hire Bobbi McGuire as a four (4) hour cafeteria aide for 182 days at an hourly rate of \$9.00 with an annual salary of \$6,552.00 for a total cost of \$7,398.00 pending all background clearances are acceptable. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Evans as a four and a half 4.5 hour cafeteria food handler for 182 days at an hourly rate of \$10.00 with an annual salary of \$8,190.00 for a total cost of \$9,247.00 pending all background clearances are acceptable. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee bell to hire Alyssa Burkett as Junior High cheerleading coach at a rate of \$2,125.00 according to 50 points outlined in the CBA for a total cost of \$2,399.00. Adams No

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Bill Reddinger to approve Megan Nolf as volunteer high school girls' soccer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Carrie Adams seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to hire Julie Aaron as Stage Manager at a rate of \$2,125.00 according to 50 points outlined in the CBA for a total cost of \$2,399.00 Motion Carried Unanimously

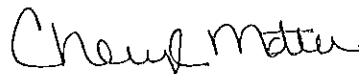
A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Jason Barnett to approve Robert George as substitute bus/van driver for Valley Lines, Inc. Motion Carried Unanimously

No public comments.

Dr. Shaffer requested that we bring back employee recognition.

A motion was made Bill Reddinger, Ann Kopnitsky seconded it to adjourn at 9:10PM. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Motter
Board Secretary