

School Board Meeting
September 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, September 3, 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, 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 1, 2019 and Regular Board Meeting, August 5, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Jim Summerville from the PSBA spoke about distributing honoring school board members with certificates. Bill Reddinger presented with a plaque for 24 years of service, Dee Bell 16 years of service, Ann Kopnitsky 8 years of service. Thanks to them.

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley she reported about how impressed she was with the cleaning crew, teachers getting everything together so quickly. Held a back to school kindergarten get together held from 1:30 to 6:30, positive comments from parents. Every teacher lost a rug from their classrooms due to the flooding, the PTO had a project to get rugs for each classrooms. Much appreciation to the PTO. Community efforts were appreciated.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp, Mrs. Rupp noted that enrollment was up this year. We have 12 new students, 10 previous 7 of 10 back from cyber. One from public vo-tech one from cyber school. Program is working well. She challenged high school students to make 3 new friends. Have courage and be kind message. Electronic registration work is in effect it automatically updates.. Security procedures.

The Special Education Report was presented by Mrs. Brittany Nowacki. Mrs. Nowacki reported on gifted educator working with teachers in classrooms. Remapping gifted criteria. Determined the competitions that were most appropriate. NTSS grant working on, grant was awarded. Trainings are to start in October. Will be on site in November. She attended Gifted Compliance Monitor meeting, making sure we are following it correctly.

The Maintenance Report was submitted in writing by Mr. Jones. Floors stripped and waxed in all three building, new fire extinguishers in library. Keeping up with schedules. Mowing and weed wacking.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz. Lunches were about the same as last year. Breakfast count seems to be down at the high school. Working on ways for students to eat breakfast. The beginning of the year seems to be going well.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Dr. John Mastillo during discussed at the work session was asked to find out about the Combustion Services and Johnston Control, BTU's on the units and the shut off valves. Bus transportation changes effective September 5, should reduce seat time for elementary students. Air quality test, in room 11 & 15 the air quality gets better.

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 Dr. Donald Nair. Dr. Nair stated in report.

Executive Session 7:28 P.M.
Meeting Resumed 8:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the second reading of the revised Board Policy 222- Tobacco Use. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the second reading of the revised Board Policy 211- Student Accident Insurance. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair to approve the payment to Service Master by Bell for flood remediation services in the amount of \$57,268.64. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, ratify the agreement with Rea Jobber, Inc. for the replacement of carpet and tile at the primary Campus at a cost of \$7,238.95. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the installation of cove base in the Primary Campus by Rea Jobber at a cost of \$6,157.50. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve entering into agreement with Combustion Service and Equipment Co. for the repair of the boilers at the Primary Campus for the cost of \$13,200 per boiler for a total cost of \$26,400.00 Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve entering into agreement with Johnson Control for the complete replacement of unit ventilators at the Primary Campus in the amount of not to exceed \$234,100 with contract revisions. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the purchase of the purchase of playground for the Primary Campus at the cost of \$3,810.00 from Kaufman Family Market, Burgettstown, PA. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve entering into agreement with the New Bethlehem Police Department and the New Bethlehem Borough Council to provide services in traffic control at the RVSD High School as outlined in the 2019 – 2020 Agreement. Revised rate of \$15.00 which represents 50% of current rate. (68 PACS section 1127.) Motion Carried 8-0 (1 abstain zoning officer Dee Bell)

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve entering into agreement with the Borough of New Bethlehem permitting the use of New Bethlehem Police officer services for events and extracurricular activities as presented in the written contract. MOTION FAILED 1- Abstain Bell

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Don Nair to approve the Treasurer's Report, General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$926,542.40, Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$34,007.41 and budget transfers, ending May 31, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Don Nair, to approve the superintendent's membership to The Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) and the School Superintendent's Association (AASA) at the cost of \$1,560.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Chad Shaffer, to approve retaining \$650,000.00 from the CD that matured on August 26, 2019 to cover expenses related to the Primary Campus. The remaining \$675,473.59 will be reinvested into a CA with Clarion Community Bank at a rate of 2.35% for 14 months. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to enter into agreement with Justin Moore to provide Athletic Trainer Services at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00 in salary and \$6,990.00 in benefits. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Nair, Bell).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Don Nair to accept the resignation of Kelly Minich, part-time cafeteria worker, effective immediately. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Jill Shick as a four (4) hour cafeteria aide at \$9:00 / hour for 182 days at a salary \$6,552.00 for a total cost of \$7,398.000. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Bill Reddinger to hire Janel Thomas as a three (3) hour cafeteria aide at \$9.00/hour 182 days for a salary \$4,914.00 for a total cost of \$5,548.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to accept the resignation of Eric Painter, High School Mathematics Teacher. The district will hold Mr. Painter for 60 days or until a suitable replacement can be identified. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the hiring of Wendy Smith part-time speech therapist, 110 school days as a substitute therapist at the district's daily are of \$90.00 .Permanent hire is contingent on her obtaining the required continuing education courses to activate her Pennsylvania Certification. Upon official activation from PDE, the cost will be based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement, step one of \$26,903. For a total cost of \$48,972.00 her official hire date will become the PDE certification activation date. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Don Nair, to hire Nicole Magness as a Highly Qualified Aide at a rate of \$9,720.00. The total cost is \$12,349.00. MOTION FAILED 3-6 (Bell,Kopnitsky,Nair)

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Don Nair, to approve the termination of Larry Ortz, custodial /maintenance staff due to job abandonment. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the hiring of Christie Schwilm as a teacher for Extended School Year at an hourly rate of \$23.00/hour for 20 hours at a total cost of \$653.57. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to approve Cassandra Faulk as a mentor for Linda Young at \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Heidi Truitt as a mentor for Annette King at \$700.00 Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Dee Bell to approve Sandy Shirey as a mentor for Julie Veronesi at \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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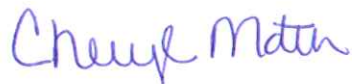
A motion was made Bill Reddinger seconded by Dee Bell to make a Resolution to request permission from the New Bethlehem Borough Council to have our own crossing guard. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Bill Reddinger to hire Armstrong Security lock for \$34.00 hour for extra- curricular activities. 8-1 (Darren Bain- No)

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Joe Bellesfield, Porter Twp.,discussed flood insurance.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Motter
Board Secretary