

School Board Work Session Meeting
June 6, 2023

The work session was called to order by Bill Reddinger. The following members were in attendance: Jason Barnett, Mitch Blose, Heidi Byers, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, John Kimmel, Bill Reddinger Absent: Brent Wile, Darren Bain

Matt Darr started speaking about Girls Wrestling and would like to start up a team at Redbank. As of July 1st 2023, girls wrestling will be under the jurisdiction of PIAA. He mentioned that Girls Wrestling is the #1 growing sport in the United States. Currently the girls wrestle on the boys varisty team and at tournaments. Redbank had the oppoutunity to co-op with Union years ago under a different Board of Directors and declined the offer. Now all the other schools are in a co-op with each other. You can currently only co-op with a bordering school. He proposed that the first year would be a voluntary coach and then the 2nd year a coach would be hired at around \$4,000- \$5,000. Girls wrestling is not taking from other sports. Coach Mike Kundick and Coach Reuben Carillo were both present to answer any questions. Coach Mike Kundick stated that the Boosters will cover all costs and there will be no cost to the student ts. Dr. Rupp said that she thinks it would be more beneficial to be the host rather than do the co-op, however as long as this is a positive impact on the students and we can manage it budgetarily, then she isn't concerned. Any transportation for dual meets, the girls would travel with the guys.

Mrs. Shirey presented her board report. PTO sponsored Spring Fest at Primary on May 5 and Intermediate May 12. The 2nd and 5th graders completed Mission Transition and step up days. 2nd Grade completed OLSAT testing. Remake Learning Days showcase at the Intermediate School was May 17 at 6:00 There were awards given at the end of the year for Perfect Attendance, 34 students at the Intermediate and 32 students at the Primary. Senator Scott Hutchinson presented the Good Citizen Award to two 5th grade students. 4 Primary students received scooters as part of the Bucket Filler Program. 2 Intermediate students received bikes as part of the Character Counts Program. 1 Intermediate student received a bike for perfect attendance all year. There were no questions asked.

Mr. Hartle presented his board report. Out of 22 students in the GO ROCKETS program, 13 are going to fail. They have reached out to all of them about the possibility of summer school. Donna Oberlander met with the 8th grade. He met with the incoming 5th graders answering questions about when they come to the High School. Robotics team compteted and did well. 5 Teachers were certified in CPR. Final faculty meeting was on May 10th. Senior trip was May 15th. He and Dr. Rupp attended the Career Center graduation on May 18th. May 24th's graduation went on with no problems. Keystones and PSSAs were complted this month. Both the softball and baseball teams made the playoffs. Boys/Girls track teams had several athletes compete at the state competition.

Mr Hartle and Mrs. Shirey presented data and a powerpoint presentation on the Math PSSA testing results along with things that they are doing to improve students scores. They also discussed changes that will occur for the 2023-24 school year.

Mr. Temchula presented his school board report. He completed teacher and paraprofessional observations/evaluations for the 2022-2023 school year. ESY planning is completed and ready for the start of July 5th. Both Autism rooms will be held, along with a classroom down at the

Primary. There will be 3 teachers and 4 paraprofessionals. He and Dr. Rupp completed the final step in the Audit on May 31st. We are returning a Behavioral Specialist and Social Worker for next school year. We are also adding a second Social Worker for the both elementary schools that is grantfunded. This is pending due to filling this position through an outside contracted position. Current Social Worker and Behavioral Specialist are being paid through ESSER funds. He is reviewing teacher caseloads and student IEPs for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The year end department meetings with special education teachers have been completed. There were no questions.

Mr. Jim Jones had nothing to add to his report and there were no questions.

Mr. Reitz had nothing to add to his report. He did point out that the agenda had the wrong elementary building listed as to who was to get the new walk in cooler compressor. There were no questions.

Ms. Motter presented the business report. There was an update to the budget, a change to the revenue and to expenditures. A handout was given with the updated numbers. She will be working on the final budget number. The auditor was unable to attend due to a medical emergency, she wants to do a virtual meeting to go over the entries she did this year. Jason asked if we had all our advertisements about budget-we do. No other questions.

Dr. Rupp gave her report. They have interviews coming up for the elementary and the English positions. The AP/Payroll position is still open as are many cafeteria positions. She reached out to Amos and he submitted a proposal to assess the parking lots to make recommendations on repairs. The two biggest immediate needs are the primary entrance and the front of the High School. Hager Paving gave an estimate. The new front doors are in and will be installed. The front of the building has been cleaned and being prepped to paint. Johnson Controls will be installing the AC in the tech office. The All School reunion will be getting a tour of the school with the help of the NHS students. It was pointed out that the district is not putting the reunion on. The comprehensive plan will be presented next week. No questions or comments.

The IU report was given by Ann Kohnitsky, she stated the report was submitted in writing. She attended graduation and not the IU meeting. No questions or comments.

Career center report was presented by Heidi Byers. No questions or comments.

There was no Board Committee reports. Mr. Reddinger stated that Ray Ishman will be there next week.

Dr. Rupp noted that Cindy Campbell, the Board Treasurer retired and Tina Henry will be the new Treasurer who is with S&T Bank.

Mr. Reddinger asked for thoughts on the contract with the architect for the parking lot assessment. Mr. Barnett believes that hiring a professional is a good idea if you don't have the knowledge to complete the job yourself.

Mr. Blöse brought up the handbook and cell phone use in the high school.

Mr. Hartle discussed the Go Rockets program. Mr. Barnett said we need to convey to the parents that we only want what is best for the children.

Mr. Barnett asked if we are close to year end projections for 22-23 and Cheryl believes we will be close. She said she would have that information next week.

Question/Comments on Personnel Issues – The only comment is Dr. Rupp said that number 49 is vague because we aren't sure on the list of high school teachers yet but they will be paid the \$27/hour paid by ESSER.

Mr. Barnett questioned if our students are able to go to a different vo-tech like Jeff Tech if our vo-tech doesn't offer a program a student would like to attend. Mr. Kimmel said that by law you have to allow it. Dr. Rupp says we don't do it often but we do allow it and that would be a cost for the school district.

Dr. Rupp asked what would like to have happen as far as watering the football field. There was an issue with a large water bill in the past due to a meter issue but that issue has been fixed since then. Dr. Nair recommends raising the mower up and not to waste money on watering the field. Mr. Jones said he hasn't watered the field in 3 years. He had someone from Pittsburgh recommend to leave the grass high and it will retain the water. Mr. Jones also said he started seeding areas that need it about a month ago. Mr. Barnett would like the Maintenance Director and the Athletic Director to work together and make a recommendation. Mr. Jones said it was the Board's decision to not water field in the past. Mr. Barnett requested the minutes from the meeting that shows the motion to stop watering the field.

Work session was adjourned 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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