

Regular School Board Meeting

October 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarion County Career Center. The following members were in attendance: Jason Barnett, Heidi Byers, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, and John Kimmel. Absent: John Sayers, Darren Bain, Brent Wile

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Anne Kopnitsky seconded by John Kimmel to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, Work Session on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 and Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 12th 2023. Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Shirey **discussed** went over the Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report as presented. Mrs. Shirey stated that she attended a truancy meeting at the Clarion County Courthouse with Judge Sara Seidle-Patton. She stated that the Reading Under the Lights event was a huge success. No questions.

Mr. Hartle **discussed** went over the Secondary Report as presented. Mr. Hartle stated that the student entrance into the school has been adjusted to allow students into the building safely and efficiently. The SAP Program is in full swing and the team meets every Thursday morning to discuss specific students. The Go Rockets program is going well and the district continues to offer as much assistance as possible. Teacher observations began this month and 4-1/2 week progress reports were sent out. No questions.

Mr. Temchulla **discussed** went over the Special Education Report as presented. Mr. Temchulla stated that One KeySolutions person left the district Friday, September 8th, 2023. The position has been filled by a KeySolutions paraprofessional and has been working since September 13th, 2023. Mr. Temchulla stated that teacher observations started and they continue to meet with parents and teachers regarding annual IEP's for students. He has attended the Special Education Contact Meeting through the IU6, and an IDEA-B Fiscal Training this month. No questions.

Mr. Jones was not present at the meeting, so no presentation was given. There were no questions concerning his maintenance report.

Mr. Reitz had a few items to add to his Cafeteria Report. Mr. Reitz stated he went to the Smicksburg Produce Auction a couple times this past month and the students seem to be enjoying the fresh produce that he is bringing back. He also stated that the cafeteria still has five more positions to fill at this time. No further questions.

Mrs. Reitz stated that Kim Turley from the auditing firm will be coming this week on Wednesday to start the fieldwork for the 22-23 audit. Mrs. Reitz has been pulling the information from the auditor's punchlist and Dale Kirsch from PASBO has been helping with the reconciliation of balance sheets. Concerning the \$500,000 that was to be put into a Capital Reserves account back in 2021 that never

happened, Mrs. Reitz stated that her suggestion would be to put the money into a PLGIT Term Account. The board agreed and stated they no longer needed to put it into a Capital Reserves account so the money is more accessible. Mrs. Reitz stated that the Adjusted Index was just released and it has increased from 6.1% to 7.8% for 2024-2025. She will show the increase at various increments up to the maximum of 7.8% at the next Board Meeting. No further questions.

Dr. Rupp talked about the Education Foundation and that the mailers went out on September 25th, 2023 to the Chamber of Commerce list and alumni list. The next meeting will be on October 23rd, 2023 to discuss funds received. Dr. Rupp also discussed the importance of community events. She stated that the popcorn and snow cones were a hit at the football game last Friday. The teachers and administrators will be serving snowcones and popcorn before the October home football games. Dr. Rupp stated that the district will be once again hosting the Halloween parade and they are partnering with the Chamber and the Lions Club.

Mrs. Kopnitsky didn't have much to add to her IU#6 Report. She stated that she attended the last meeting virtually, and that there are 19 open positions currently.

Mrs. Byers had nothing to add to her report.

Board Committee Report: Dr. Rupp mentioned there were around 100 mailings sent out.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Heidi Byers seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve the second reading of policies #601-612, and 609 as presented. Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Anne Kopnitsky seconded by Heidi Byers for the Consideration to approve the first reading of policy numbers 613-626.1 and policy 711 as presented. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Heidi Byers seconded by John Kimmel for the Consideration to approve the PIAA Girls Wrestling to the athletic offerings in the district pending MOU approval in November. Total cost for a coach is \$3,903.37. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve the Co-ed Bocce to the athletic offerings in the district. All costs to be paid by Special Olympics for a 2 year period with the exception of transportation for three away events. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Heidi Byers for the Consideration to approve the track team's gift of a golf cart to the district. Motion carried unanimously

FINANCIAL MATTERS

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to close the Activities Fund CD #2005301 with Clarion County Bank and give permission to open up a new CD with Rochelle Reitz as the signer. Mrs. Reitz stated this account was opened several years ago, and a new signer needs on the account. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve the September 2023 Treasurer's Report, the Consideration to approve the September 2023 General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$2,176,212.92, the Consideration to approve the quarterly High School Activities Fund Report as presented, and the Consideration to approve the September 2023 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$54,533.10. Motion carried unanimously

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve the contract extension agreement with Dr. Amy Rupp as presented. New contract expires June 30, 2026. 5-1 (Nair)

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve the resignation of James Jones, Maintenance Supervisor, effective October 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve the termination of Diane Walker, cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Anne Kopnitsky seconded by John Kimmel for the Consideration to approve the retirement of Alvin Heasley, custodian, effective November 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve the transfer of Bill Troup from 182 day custodian to 12 month custodian, total cost to district is \$40,265.90. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Heidi Byers for the Consideration to hire Larry Boddorf as a 182 day custodian. Total cost to the district is \$19,293.45. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Heidi Byers for the Consideration to approve the termination of Karla Hilliard, effective September 10, 2023. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Jason Barnett seconded by John Kimmel for the Consideration to approve the job description for Director of Maintenance and Facilities as presented. Then, an amendment was made by Jason Barnett seconded by John Kimmel to make the necessary changes addressed in the meeting. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to approve Khorey Neiswonger as a volunteer for Varsity Boys Basketball and the Consideration to approve Erin Bowser as a volunteer for Junior High Girls Basketball. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Anne Kopnitsky seconded by John Kimmel for the Consideration to approve Karen Crawford as the coach for the co-ed Bocce team at no cost to the district.

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Heidi Byers for the Consideration to hire Eugene Rapp as a Maintenance Supervisor, pending receipt of clearances. Total cost to the district is \$99,542.73. Mr. Kimmel brought up that the salary is \$65,000 per year, and the additional cost is for the benefits package.

A motion was made by John Kimmel seconded by Anne Kopnitsky for the Consideration to hire Doris Pervuznik as a cafeteria worker. Total cost to the district is \$10,257.66.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS : There were no additional items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by John Kimmel and seconded by Anne Kopnitsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rochelle Reitz

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Board Secretary