

School Board Meeting
July 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:15 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, Chad Shaffer, Heath Copenhaver and Glenn Watson.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 5, 2017, Work Session Meeting, Monday, June 5, 2017 and Special Board Meeting, Friday, June 9, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Dianna Bain addressed the Board requesting reconsideration of the 15% cost, stating that the Sports Boosters currently help to financially support the sport teams. She also requested a meeting between the Sports Boosters and the School Board to discuss eliminating the 15% cost.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. They reported that there was no report submitted for this month.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that the Federal Program allotments received for 2017-2018 were more than the previous year. While the Title IIA amount was less, Title I increased and Title IV received a grant made possible by ESSA. Discussion took place pertaining to what the money can be spent on and what effect it will have on the budget. In her written report, Mrs. McCauley also provided information regarding cleaning at the elementary buildings, Kindergarten Orientation Night, paraprofessional professional development and anticipated student enrollment for 2017-2018.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that Keystone Test results were received today and student scheduling will be complete in the near future; Student/Parent Handbook changes are awaiting Board approval and Chromebooks will be purchased for this year's 9th grade class to continue 1:1 initiative. Also, a blog will be created for next year's monthly newsletters and anticipated enrollment figures for 2017-2018 were presented. Some questions were asked regarding the scheduling process and Mrs. Rupp provided an explanation of the process.

A brief discussion took place regarding the immunizations, water bottles and dress code sections of the handbooks.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that the hand dryer installation is now complete and came in under the projected cost and water valves have been replaced in the restrooms to isolate shutoff to those areas. Dr. Nair commented that the Intermediate School students should be recognized and commended for their idea to install the hand dryers. Mr. Sayers also provided a list of maintenance and repairs recently performed at all three buildings.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki reported that an alternative option to having the New Bethlehem Police Department monitor the crosswalk in front of the high school is to hire a crossing guard. He stated that a crossing guard cannot control traffic, only manage pedestrian crossing. He also suggested increasing the crossing guard stipend, since the current stipend has been in place for many years. The Board suggested approaching the borough council for feedback regarding the police department's monitoring of traffic. Mr. Drzewiecki also informed the Board that CM Regent was awarded the workman's compensation insurance component, and that the deadline for LPN applicants was today, with four applications being received. He also provided information regarding the expenditures for the 2017-2018 state budget.

The IU report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Intermediate Unit's Board Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

The Career Center Report was presented by Dr. Donald Nair. Dr. Nair reported that the main topic of the monthly meeting was the open Career Center Director position.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. Dr. Shaffer and Mr. Reddinger reported that the committee appointed to investigate the space availability concern at the Intermediate School and the Music Committee have not met. The Cost Savings committee is to continue with more information forthcoming from the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve changes to the 2017-2018 Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve changes to the 2017-2018 Jr.-Sr. High School Parent/Student Handbook. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the following revised position descriptions: Reading Specialist; Dean of Students/Alternative Education Program Coordinator; Secondary Guidance Counselor; Secondary Attendance Office/Guidance Office Secretary. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to sell/dispose of unused/outdated technology equipment to include 120 HP 6730s, model year 2009. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the Ethics Hotline Administrative Procedures. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Bell).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the first reading of revised Redbank Valley School District Board Policies #122, Extra-Curricular Activities and #123, Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Administrative Regulation #122, Partial Self-Funding of Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the June, 2017 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the June, 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,895,243.07. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Watson).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the June, 2017 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$62,879.68. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to hire Kevin Crissman as Redbank Valley Primary School's crossing guard for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$1,800.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to accept the resignation of Gregory Campbell as head varsity boys' soccer coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve the 9th grade trip to Washington, D.C. on November 1-3, 2017, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve van driver Katrina Lutz. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Nair), 1 Abstain (Copenhaver).

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Dr. Shaffer asked for any additional Board items. Mr. Dougherty stated that he would like to look into the process of having the administration solicit bids for replacement of the track, not only for the school but also for the community

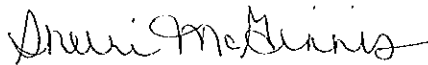
A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to ask the administration to solicit bids for the replacement of the track at the high school. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Jason Kundick addressed the Board regarding the 15% budget cost for the sports teams, naming of athletic field or scoreboard to receive grants, timeline for budget figures and Board approval of fundraisers. Darren Bain addressed the Board regarding the Booster Club's request to meet with the School Board regarding the 15% cost and the policy on fundraising.

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

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary