

School Board Meeting
June 5, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:49 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. 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 7:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting, May 1, 2017 Work Session Meeting and May 16, 2017 Work Session Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Kara Raybuck, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the nursing staff, staff available at the primary building in the early morning and the public having access to the School Board Meeting Agenda prior to the meeting date. Jessica McCauley, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the softball program and the District's hiring practices. Jessie Truitt, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the baseball program. Hillary Elliott, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the nursing staff.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. They reported that students are adjusting to the summer and that they will be available to provide information if needed.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that many activities took place at the elementary buildings during the month of May. Some of the activities were field trips, Spring Fest, Mission Transition, Stepping Up to Third Grade, the boxtop collection contest winners got to water balloon the principal and Mr. Yoder and two Bucket Filler winners were each presented with a bicycle. Summer School is scheduled to take place from July 5 through July 27 at the Primary Building. Currently, there are 92 students enrolled for 2017-18's kindergarten class. Also, the GEMS Club is participating in many activities and having a great learning experience. They are hoping to add more members to the program in the near future.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that the graduation ceremony was held on May 25 with 96 students receiving diplomas. Sports physicals will take place in July and August, per diem days are needed for four staff members over the summer, scheduling for next school year is wrapping up, there are 75 incoming seventh graders and report cards and the newsletter will be mailed in the coming week.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that his staff is busy preparing the buildings for the next school year. Mr. Sayers also provided a list of maintenance and repairs recently performed at all three buildings. Discussion regarding the condition of the track took place.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki introduced Stephanie Smith, recently hired by Intermediate Unit #28 to provide business office and accounting services to Redbank Valley. Mr. Drzewiecki surveyed districts in the IU6 region as to whether they make their monthly Board meeting agenda available to the public prior to the meeting. Scenarios representing differing work day hours for the nurse aides for staffing options for district health services were presented. Due to the large amount of traffic congestion at dismissal time, the New Bethlehem Police Department monitored traffic in front of the high school near the end of the school year. Riverview Intermediate Unit's Guest Teacher Program is being considered, due to a shortage in substitute teachers.

The IU report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported that the Intermediate Unit's Board Meeting was submitted in writing. At the last meeting, STEM Competition winners from DuBois Area High School gave a presentation. Mrs. Kopnitsky had the opportunity to attend Clarion County Partnership Recognition Day where partnerships with businesses and children with special needs work in community-based programs. Also, the Intermediate Unit will open two new behavioral classrooms this coming school year, one emotional support and one autism classroom, at the request of districts.

The Career Center Report was presented by Mr. Bill Reddinger. Mr. Reddinger reported that there was no meeting.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. Dr. Shaffer reported that the committee appointed to investigate the space availability concern at the Intermediate School will be meeting sometime during the summer to begin the process. Heath Copenhaver reported that the Foundation Committee had publications printed out and plans to meet with North Allegheny's Foundation Committee to get some ideas of how other school districts are going about things. The committee met with Bridge Builders and is planning to use a current website or create a new website to bring more information to the Board.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Heath Copenhaver, to approve the following tax rates for the 2017-18 school year: Armstrong County 23.14 mills; Clarion County 31.53 mills. Rates are increased by 5%. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Dougherty, Watson).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the following tax rates for the 2017-18 school year: Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following townships/municipalities \$10.00 per head; Redbank Township-Armstrong, Madison Township, Mahoning Township and Monroe Township; Section 511 Per Capita rate for the following townships/municipalities \$5.00 per head; Hawthorn Borough, New Bethlehem Borough, Porter Township, Redbank Township-Clarion and South Bethlehem Borough. Section 679 Per Capita \$5.00 per head; Occupation Tax \$10.00 per head; Earned Income Tax, .05%; Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%. Rates are the same as prior year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the General Fund Budget for 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$17,804,587.00. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Kopnitsky, Nair).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the second reading of the following policies: #203 Vol II 2017 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases; #204 Vol II 2017 Attendance; #626 Attachment Procurement – Federal Programs. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the review of policy #249 Pupils, Bullying/Cyberbullying. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve milk vendor Turner Dairy beginning 2017-18 school year, per attached bid. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Dee Bell, WHEREAS, the Redbank Valley School District is experiencing difficulty in identifying individuals to serve as emergency substitute teachers, and WHEREAS, the Riverview Intermediate Unit and its constituent school districts are forming an emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium to recruit, screen, train, and certify individuals with bachelor's degrees as emergency substitute teachers, and WHEREAS, the Redbank Valley School District wishes to join the Riverview Intermediate Unit Guest Teacher Consortium at a cost of \$625 through July 30, 2018. THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Redbank Valley School District hereby agrees to support the membership of the district in this consortium. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve district-wide LED lights upgrade with a cost of \$81,240.52. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Dougherty).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to contract with Bloese Electric to complete the LED lighting upgrade at a cost of \$10,499.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Glenn Watson, to adopt the resolution for General Fund Designation for school year 2017-18. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution for school year 2017-18. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to award district insurance package bid to Burns & Burns Associates, Inc. for a three-year period under the proposal of PSBA products, with the exception of a worker's compensation policy, at a cost of \$78,794.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the worker's compensation policy to renew with the carrier with the lower price either the expiring insurance carrier or with the insurance carrier which is preparing a quote. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Lighthouse, Inc. to provide staff/students ethics complaint hotline service at a cost of \$552.50 per year. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Bell).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve the payment in lieu of taxes agreement, otherwise known as PILOT Agreement, between ACMH and the Armstrong County, Armstrong School District, Redbank Valley School District, Leechburg Area School District, South Bethlehem Borough, Leechburg Borough, Elderton Borough, as modified to reflect Armstrong County would retain Redbank Valley School District's first two payments in the PILOT Program for a total of \$2,596.75. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Bell), 1 Abstain (Shaffer).

A motion was made by Ann Koprinsky, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the draft agenda of each Board meeting posted on our (Redbank Valley School District) website prior to the meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve the May, 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,470,626.81. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the May, 2017 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$53,889.27. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Glenn Watson, to advertise for vacant administration/professional/support/extra-curricular position(s) as they may arise during the summer vacation break. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve up to an additional 10 per diem days for Amy Switzer, Guidance, at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve up to an additional 10 per diem days for Lyndsay Blystone, Guidance, at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve up to an additional 10 per diem days for Roddy Hartle, Athletic Director duties, at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve up to an additional 7 per diem days for Thomas Logan, Dean of Students duties, at the discretion of the administration. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to hire Pre-K through Pre-6 summer school teachers, Cassandra Faulk and Betty DeSantis and to hire Pre-K through Pre-6 summer school aide, Joan McCauley. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Dr. Brandon Doverspike as school district physician for the 2017-18 school year at a rate of \$6.50 per exam. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Glenn Watson, to establish the organization of school health services to include one full-time certified school nurse overseeing three nurse aides working seven hours per day, four days per week to compliment the certified school nurse with minimum qualifications for the nurse aides to include LPN certification. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 3 No (Bell, Copenhaver, Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to accept the resignation of Eli Terwilliger as Stage Manager, effective May 26, 2017 and to accept the resignation of Jean Musser, due to retirement, effective June 30, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve maternity leave for Valerie Jacobson to begin approximately October 9, 2017 through January 2, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to accept the resignation of Blane Gold as assistant junior high girls' basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Glenn Watson, to hire Michael Fricko as assistant junior high girls' basketball coach at 57 points @ \$44.50 = \$2,536.50. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Lynn Hetrick as a junior varsity/varsity boys' basketball volunteer and to approve Jason Huffman as a junior varsity/varsity girls' basketball volunteer. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Tina Kennemuth, seconded by Glenn Watson, to accept the resignation of Dani Emings as junior varsity volleyball coach, effective immediately. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, that the employment Agreement of Superintendent Michael A. Drzewiecki, dated January 6, 2015 is extended for a period of two years, with a new expiration date of June 30, 2020, and that the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to execute an appropriate amendment to that Agreement in the form recommended by the District's legal counsel. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 3 No (Copenhaver, Kopnitsky, Nair).

Dr. Shaffer asked for any additional Board items. Mrs. Kennemuth requested scheduling a special meeting in the upcoming week to act on the Cost Savings Committee recommendations.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve the Cost Savings Committee recommendations.

At 9:44 p.m. Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place for personnel reasons. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to withdraw the previous motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

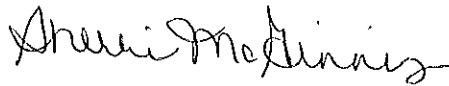
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Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Rachelle Kirkpatrick addressed the Board regarding issuing bus passes and the Career Center and Jessica Kirkpatrick spoke regarding the baseball and softball programs.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:05 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place immediately after the regular meeting for personnel and contractual issues.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary