

School Board Meeting  
March 6, 2017

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:22 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, Glenn Watson and Heath Copenhaver.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 7:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Daniel Landers addressed the School Board regarding his Eagle Scout Project. He requested permission to construct raised garden beds at Redbank Valley High School to be used by the greenhouse.

Steve Smith spoke to the School Board regarding the varsity basketball coach.

Matt Darr requested the hiring of a third assistant coach due to the large turnout for volleyball this spring.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick and Colin Sheffer. The items reported on were upcoming Regional II Band, Science Competitions, the close of the winter athletic season and spring sport practices beginning this month. Also, the all-school production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* premiere, and Robotics, STEM and Bible Club activities.

The Primary/Intermediate Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that Kindergarten Registration will take place later this month. Currently, there are 81 students signed-up to register for kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Prior to registration, parents and guardians of incoming kindergarteners have been invited to attend an informational meeting about the registration process. Incoming kindergarteners may also attend and visit the classrooms, tour the building and participate in activities and a snack time. Mrs. McCauley also reported that Mrs. Rachelle Kirkpatrick will be coordinating a bike club for the intermediate students in grades 4 through 6, which will begin this month. A GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) club has been formed, with 11 girls participating. New elementary reading textbooks were presented for review.

Mrs. Kristen Landers, Elementary Technology Teacher, spoke regarding NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress). Our district was chosen by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to participate in the NAEP exam. Mrs. Landers coordinated the exam with PDE and there was very positive feedback about our students and district.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that PSSA's and Keystones will be administered during April and May. Preliminary results indicate that 69% of students who have taken the tests are projected to score proficient or advanced. Formal staff observations will begin this month with 42 professional and 7 support staff to be evaluated. Graduation for an anticipated 100 students is to take place on May 25. Results for the survey regarding plans after high school were presented, with 87 students responding.

The Maintenance Report was presented in writing by Mr. John Sayers.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Mr. Drzewiecki. Mr. Drzewiecki asked if there were any questions regarding the software application report he presented during the Work Session. A brief discussion followed.

The Career Center Report was presented by Mr. Bill Reddinger. Mr. Reddinger reported that the Career Center budget was included in each Board member's packet. There will be a .26% increase due to healthcare.

The IU report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky asked if there were any questions regarding the Intermediate Unit's budget. She reported that the budget increase is due to salary increases, PSERS and medical costs. Mrs. Kopnitsky also commented that the Intermediate Unit has worked out a deal with Ginny Lays as a grant writer. Ms. Lays will be available to write grants for school districts as well.

Dr. Shaffer asked for Committee Reports. No reports were given.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the Riverview Intermediate Unit RIU6 Operating Budget for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$1,287,075.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the proposal for the handbook change, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve the February 2017 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the February 2017 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$800,654.52. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to approve the February 2017 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$53,832.53. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to accept Ridgeview Farms' bid for the 2004 GMC truck with plow in the amount of \$3,175.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve the Clarion County Career Center Operating Budget for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$3,564,297.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to approve Cari Darr to attend the PAFPC 2017 Annual Federal Program Coordinator Conference at Seven Springs, PA on May 7-10, 2017. Cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$1,478.47. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Dianna Bain and Kelly Ripple to attend the PDE and Bureau of Special Education Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on March 8-10, 2017. Amended cost to be incurred by Title IIA, \$1,375.51. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve Sarah Williams as Vocal Musical Director at 70 points @ \$44.50 = \$3,115.00 base cost; \$3,460.34 total cost to District. Motion Carried 8 Yes, 1 No (Watson).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to add Salina Hetrick to the van driver list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Glenn Watson, to hire Carolyn Husted as an 8-hour, 182-day custodian at \$10.00 per hour. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 4 No (Dougherty, Kennemuth, Nair, Reddinger).

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to accept the resignation of Amy Twigg as varsity girls' basketball coach. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to add Erica Albright to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Dougherty, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the following IU6/IU28 employees to assist in Redbank Valley School District business office

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operations: Nicole Simpson, Kelly Hartzell, Daphne Himes and Lauren Hollobaugh. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson, seconded by Dee Bell, to hire a third assistant volleyball coach at a stipend of \$1,000.00. Motion Postponed

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to postpone the motion to hire a third assistant volleyball coach at a stipend of \$1,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Tina Kennemuth, to approve Daniel Landers' request to complete his Eagle Scout Project at Redbank Valley High School, at no cost to the district. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mrs. Kristen Landers thanked the Board for approving her son, Daniel's Eagle Scout Project. She also commented on the Act 80 Tech Day and the PETE&C Conference that she and several of the professional staff members attended.

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

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Brian Dougherty, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri McGinnis  
Board Secretary