

School Board Meeting  
June 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Linda Ferringer (via phone), Carrie Adams, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, Chad Shaffer, Darren Bain, Dee Bell and Ann Kopnitsky. Heath Copenhaver was absent. Student Representative Peyton Kirkpatrick was present.

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 minutes for the Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, May 1, 2018, Work Session Meeting, Monday, May 7, 2018, Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 7, 2018 and Work Session Meeting, Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. Lisa Goth, Joe Belfield, Amy Ferringer, Kate Kronen and Matt Darr addressed the Board.

The Student Representative Report was presented by Peyton Kirkpatrick. Mr. Kirkpatrick spoke to the Board regarding reducing the elective programs.

The Primary Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported that Title I Pre-K through Pre-6 Summer School will take place during the month of July. There are 32 students registered to attend. Mrs. Cari Darr attended the Federal Programs Conference and information provided indicated an increase in Title I and Title IV and a slight decrease in Title IIA. Currently, 84 students are registered for kindergarten next school year. Mrs. McCauley thanked the Board for extending Ms. Shirey's time as Intermediate School Principal through the remainder of the school year.

The Intermediate Report was presented by Ms. Sandy Shirey. Ms. Shirey reported that Mission Transition took place for grades six and two. Sixth graders visited the Clarion County Career Center. MTSS Committee visited Clarion Area Elementary School for instruction on how to set up an effective MTSS program. Kristen Landers has been chosen to be a presenter at the Pennsylvania Computer Science for All Summit this month. Ms. Shirey thanked the Board for the opportunity to fill in as principal.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported that the graduation ceremony on June 1 was a positive and uplifting experience for all. Sport physicals will take place in July and August. A listing of per diem days used last summer was provided, as requested. Scheduling for next school year will be resuming. Enrollment and discipline data were included in her written report. Mrs. Rupp reported that the active shooter drill that took place earlier in the day was very informative and helpful.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported that Shirey Overhead Doors donated and installed a door on the storage shed. Camera wiring is complete in all buildings. The door alarm system's monitoring process was discussed. Track repair project is underway. A list of recent maintenance and repairs performed at all three buildings was provided.

The Superintendent's Report was submitted in writing.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky stated that the report was submitted in writing.

The Career Center report was presented by Dr. Donald Nair. Dr. Nair stated that a written report was included in each Board member's packet.

The District Cooperative Committee report was given by Dr. Chad Shaffer. Dr. Shaffer reported that he spoke with Clarion Area Board of Education's vice-president and they are interested in cooperative opportunities. The suggestion was made to have the districts' administrative teams meet.

At 7:56 p.m., Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place for personnel and legal matters. The regular meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the second reading of revised Redbank Valley School District Board Policies #122 Extracurricular Activities, #123 Interscholastic Athletics and Administrative Regulation #122 Partial Self-Funding of Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Shaffer).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the second reading of the following tax rates for the 2018-19 school year: Armstrong County 23.9499, and Clarion County 32.6448. Rates are increased to the maximum of index 3.5%. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the second reading of the following tax rates for the 2018-19 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; Oak Hall Monroe Township Per Capita \$15.00 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 Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adopt the 2018-2019 proposed final budget in the amount of \$18,483,182.00. Motion Failed 4 Yes, 4 No (Ferringer, Kopnitsky, Nair, Bain).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the second reading of revised Redbank Valley School District Policy #701.1 Facilities Naming/Sponsorship. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Darren Bain, 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, 2019. 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 accept the Paper Supply Bid for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$12,623.90. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Darren Bain, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Redbank Valley School District and Redbank Valley Education Association to provide common planning time as extra time per terms of the agreement through the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to adopt the resolution for General Fund Designation for school year 2018-19 and accept Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution for school year 2018-19. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Heath Copenhaver, School Board Director. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board directs the Superintendent to revise the curriculum to reduce the number of courses offered in the Business Education Department. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Bain, Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board directs the Superintendent to revise the curriculum to reduce the number of courses offered in the Technology and Engineering Education Department. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Bain, Kopnitsky).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board directs the Superintendent to revise the curriculum to reduce the number of courses offered in the Agriculture Education and Science Department. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Kopnitsky, Bain).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, BE IT RESOLVED that professional employee Debra Dinger is suspended effective July 1, 2018 pursuant to Section 1124 (2) of the Public School Code. The Superintendent is directed to notify the employee of this action. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Kopnitsky, Bain).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, BE IT RESOLVED that professional employee Megan Decker is suspended effective July 1, 2018 pursuant to Section 1124 (2) of the Public School Code. The Superintendent is directed to notify the employee of this action. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Kopnitsky, Bain).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board approves the reassignments of the professional staff as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion Carried 6 Yes, 2 No (Kopnitsky, Bain).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, reconsideration to adopt the 2018-2019 proposed final budget in the amount of \$18,483,182.00. Motion Carried 5 Yes, 3 No (Kopnitsky, Bain, Ferringer).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve May, 2018 Treasurers Report; General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,334,653.47; and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$64,084.25. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the Agreement Between the Redbank Valley School District and the North Clarion Area School District for Food Service Management. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, 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 Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve up to an additional 10 per diem days for Amy Switzer and Lyndsay Blystone, Guidance, up to an additional 10 per diem days for Roddy Hartle, Athletic Director duties, up to an additional 7 per diem days for Thomas Logan, Dean of Students duties, and up to an additional 3 per diem days for Valerie Steffy, School Nurse. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Bain).

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to hire Pre-K through 6 summer school teachers, Erica Bowersox, Jessie Brocius and Cassandra Faulk and summer school aides, Joan McCauley and Keli Dubia. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to accept the resignation of Matt Darr as junior high head volleyball coach, effective April 27, 2018. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 1 No (Nair).

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to hire Ashley Anderson as junior high head volleyball coach for the 2018-2019 school year at 70 points @ \$44.50 = \$3,115.00. Total cost, \$4,394.64. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to add John Bish to the substitute custodian list and Jerry Shoemaker and Janel Thomas to bus/van driver list. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to accept the resignation of RoxAnn Henry, food handler, due to retirement, effective June 4, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve the contract between Redbank Valley School District and Matthew Darr, with revisions. Motion Carried Unanimously.

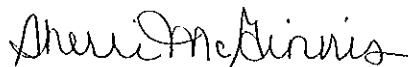
Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items. There were none.

Dr. Shaffer then asked for public comments. Lisa Goth and Peyton Kirkpatrick addressed the Board.

Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session would take place after adjournment for personnel, legal and negotiation matters.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis  
Board Secretary