

School Board Meeting
March 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Redbank Valley High School Cafeteria. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Jason Barnett, Linda Ferringer, Carrie Adams, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, Chad Shaffer and Darren Bain.

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chad Shaffer, President, at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve minutes for the Special Board Meeting, January 29, 2019, Work Session Meeting, January 31, 2019, Regular Board Meeting, February 4, 2019 and Special Board Meeting, February 20, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments. There were none.

There were no Mini-Burst presentations.

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Mrs. Cheryl McCauley. Mrs. McCauley reported on the kindergarten registration parent meeting that will take place, 76 students are currently signed-up for next school year, 14 VEX IQ Robotics teams and the League Championships, mid-year federal programs funding adjustment, Music In Our Schools Month. Teacher recognitions for the month were Carolyn Walker and Sarah Williams. Current enrollment, important dates and discipline data were included in her written report.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. Mrs. Rupp reported on Robotics Rumble at Redbank, National Honor Society, Regional Wrestling, Presidents Tournament competition, Beauty and the Beast musical, Search for Work Day, state testing, observations, lockdown drill, vaping. Teacher recognition for the month was Deven Laird. Current enrollment and discipline data were included in her written report.

The Special Education Report was presented by Mrs. Brittany Nowacki. Mrs. Nowacki presented her report on child counts broken down by disability, Internal Special Populations Audit, gifted programming, autism grant, intervention program review, training, Special Education Plan, goals. A copy of the Special Education Plan was included. Mrs. Nowacki recognized Angela Stewart and Courtney Harman.

The Maintenance Report was presented by Mr. John Sayers. Mr. Sayers reported on LED lighting cost savings. A list of the month's maintenance and repairs was provided in his written report.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz. Mr. Reitz presented his report on finances, menu, new refrigerator, grant for steamer/oven, need for substitutes. A revenue and expenditure listing was provided.

The Superintendent's Report was submitted by Dr. John Mastillo. Dr. Mastillo's report was presented during the work session meeting on February 28.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Mrs. Ann Kopnitsky. Mrs. Kopnitsky reported on the February meeting, policies tabled, new special education supervisor hired, proposed budget. Next meeting is March 6.

The Career Center report was presented by Mrs. Linda Ferringer. Mrs. Ferringer reported on the Leaders' reports, house project, National Technical Honor Society induction, second round interviews for Director.

At 7:17 p.m., Dr. Shaffer announced that an executive session for personnel matters would take place. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve the first reading of policies: 806 Child Abuse, 806.1 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response and 806.2 Megan's Law. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to add elective course titled ServSafe, offered for grades 10 through 12, .5 credits. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to add elective course titled Robotics 1,2,3,4, offered for grades 9 through 12, .5 credits. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to authorize Dr. John R. Mastillo to electronically sign contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with Pennsylvania Department of Education. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Joint Resolution Urging the General Assembly to Adequately Invest in Public Schools and Students. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve the Treasurer's Report, General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,699,855.21, and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$54,131.46, ending February 28, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Dee Bell, to approve budget transfers, as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve FMLA request for Employee #166. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Dee Bell, to hire Mark Jones as a 12 month, 8 hour maintenance/custodian, at \$24,960.00. Total cost \$35,213.57. Motion Tabled.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer, seconded by Darren Bain, to table the previous motion. Motion Carried 7 Yes, 2 No (Nair, Bell).

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Cari Darr to attend PAFPC 2019 Annual Federal Program Coordinator Conference on May 5-8, 2019 in Seven Springs, PA. Total cost \$1,600.80. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to approve Shallah Veronesi to attend Penn Del AER Conference on April 24-26, 2019 in Hershey, PA. Total cost \$850.48. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to approve Brittany Nowacki to attend PDE Special Education Conference on March 11-13, 2019 in Hershey, PA. Total cost \$850.48. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve Cherie Schultz as mentor for Angela Stewart for the 2018-19 school year at a stipend of \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Dee Bell, seconded by Donald Nair, to accept the resignation of Cearra Strothers, child specific aide. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve E-RATE Category 1 fiber optic internet service point to point with USA Choice for the term of five years with two year, one year renewal option at a rate of \$2,500.00 monthly. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to approve E-RATE Category 2 equipment purchase of switches in the amount of \$34,799.00 at a 70% reimbursement rate. Total cost \$10,439.70. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger, seconded by Donald Nair, to not renew the contract with Intermediate Unit #6 regarding speech services. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to contract through PASBO for services of Dale Kirsch as Business Management Consultant at a rate not to exceed \$70.00 per hour and not to exceed 40 hours per week. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Dr. Shaffer asked for additional Board items. Mr. Reddinger addressed a concern regarding the Honor Roll no longer being printed in the local newspaper.

Dr. Shaffer asked for public comments.


Matt Darr – locked doors during practices, honor roll

Jennifer Kemmer – honor roll

Joe Belfield – sport team fundraiser, security

A motion was made by Donald Nair, seconded by Bill Reddinger, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McGinnis
Board Secretary