

Reorganizational Meeting
Work Session/School Board Meeting
December 7, 2020

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The following members were in attendance: Carrie Adams, Darren Bain, Jason Barnett, Dee Bell, Linda Ferringer, Ann Kopnitsky, Donald Nair, Bill Reddinger, and Chad Shaffer.

The meeting was called to order by William Reddinger.

William Reddinger asked for nomination for Temporary President for the reorganizational meeting.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger seconded by Linda Ferringer to nominate Dr. Chad Shaffer as Temporary President. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Temporary President Chad Shaffer asked for nomination for President of the Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky and seconded by Carrie Adams to nominate William Reddinger for President of the Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Dee Bell that the nominations for President be closed. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Temporary President recorded 9 votes for William Reddinger as President. Chad Shaffer announce that William Reddinger is elected President, Redbank Valley School Board.

Chad Shaffer asked for nominations for Vice President.

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Carrie Adams to nominate Ann Kopnitsky for Vice President of the Redbank Valley School Board.

Dee Bell Moved to close nominations.

The Temporary President recorded 9 votes for Ann Kopnitsky for Vice President of the Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger and seconded by Darren Bain for Donald Nair and Linda Ferringer to remain as Career Center representatives. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger and seconded by Darren Bain for Ann Kopnitsky to remain as IU Representative. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Bill Reddinger and seconded by Ann Kopnitsky for Carrie Adams to remain as Legislation Representative. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by William Reddinger seconded by Ann Kopnitsky, to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:38. Motion Carried Unanimously

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School was held after the Reorganizational Meeting.

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve the minutes for the Work Session Meeting, October 29, 2020, Regular Board Meeting November 2, 2020, Special Board Meeting, November 12, 2020 minutes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

No Mini-Burst

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Sandy Shirey. She reported about the Elementary Enrollment. Primary has 192 Intermediate 236 students and Edgenuity has 10 enrolled. Before remote Veterans, Day, Kim Constantino had a food drive. Teachers are busy contacting parents to get everyone on track for work to be turned on time.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Amy Rupp. High school is running smoothly. Checking progress reports. Teachers are engaged better now than in March. Growing at high school in virtual. PDE Graduation Requirements, No keystone last year, they are allowing counting a passing grade. Student activities, Veterans Day out door lunch, Outdoor Club participated in veterans hunt. Dr. Harmon class civil engagements. Senior government class planning to sponsor a family NHS planning to feed families.

The Special Education Report was presented by Mr. Justin Karam. Talking about bringing in students that are regressing, to make sure getting support they need. Applied for contingency funds, waiting to hear back. New speech teacher to start, late December or early January. Beaver Valley has an interim program we can use.

The Maintenance report was given by Jim Jones, nothing added.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz had no additions.

Business Office Manager Report was presented by Ms. Cheryl Motter waiting on approval. Started preliminary budget information, will be given at January work session or board meeting so it can be approved at the February meeting.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Dr. John Mastillo, he spoke on Keystone exams being postponed. Extended time for paraprofessionals to acquire professional development. Reimbursement from state to continue. Pine Trees on north of football field to be trimmed by West Penn Power, what would board, like to remove or trim trees. Board Policy 829, since remote convenient to obtain electronic signature when needed. PTO coming to arrange Christmas bags for students, limit to 10 people, then cafeteria sanitized.

The Career Center report was presented by Linda Ferringer, a special meeting to discuss remote or have children come back.

The Intermediate Unit report was presented by Ann Kopnitsky. No Meeting in November. Next meeting via zoom. All IU class rooms are remote until Jan 4.

Board Committee reports: Negotiation meeting.

There will be an executive meeting after meeting.

Public Comments: 6 People have signed up to speak. Mr. Marshall spoke on basketball, voluntary basis, and protocol in place. Mr. Darr spoke on sports and how his volleyball playing went. Dianna Bain spoke regarding the boosters. Mrs. Truitt spoke on concerns with continuing of remote, decrease in socialization. Increased screen time, interference in learning, it's been a challenge for everyone. Not doing children justice in the remote learning. Mr. Hartle spoke on if the opportunity to play sports is permitted.

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Carrie to approve the calendar of Board work sessions and Board meetings for the 2021 calendar year as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Dee Bell to approve one annual advertisement notifying the public of all board work sessions and board meetings for 2021. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made Chad Shaffer seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve ARIN resolution to participate in Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2021-2022 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to proceed developing for Exceptions under Act 1 for Retirement, Special Education and Debt Service for 2021-2022 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Darren Bain seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve the first reading of Board Policy 829 – Electronic Signatures. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Carrie Adams to approve allowing the district staff to admit students into the building to participate in special education testing and screening in order to fulfill required time lines. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the option of face-to-face instruction for the educationally vulnerable students in the district. This option would only be available for specific students based on their special education eligibility. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve November 2020 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$ 1,180,839.96, Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$ 30,700.93, to approve monthly budget transfers as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Dee Bell to approve Theresa Wright as van driver for Barrett Busing. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Dee Bell to approve the resignation of Mike Fricko as Assistant Junior High Basketball coach and remain as an unpaid volunteer. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Dee Bell to approve the resignation of Ruben Carrillo as Varsity Co-Assistant Wrestling coach, to approve the hiring of Ruben Carrillo as Junior High Co-Head Wrestling coach at 52.5 points at \$2,388.75 for a total cost of \$2,698.77, to approve the title change for Erik Rupp from Head Junior High Wrestling Coach to Junior High Co-Head Wrestling coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Chad Shaffer seconded by Dee Bell to approve the pay structure for wrestling as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Darren Bain seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve entering into an agreement with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide English as a Second Language services on a temporary basis until RV staff is in place. Motion Carried 8-1 (No -Barnett)

Motions based on discussion of the Board.

A motion was made by Darren Bain and seconded by Chad Shaffer to approve allowing winter sports sponsored by the school district to begin practice on December 14th (Amended from the 9th) Athletic plans guidelines shall be followed and all staff and student athletics just wear a mask at all times for practice. Motioned Failed. 3-6 (Yes – Shaffer, Bain, Barnett)

Consideration to approve extending remote instruction through January 4, 2021 with tentative return to face to face instruction January 6, 2021 Tabled

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Amend face to face instruction to Dec 14

Amendment failed.

A motion was made by Jason seconded by Darren to return to school December 14 and begin extra-curricular on December 14th. The motion was made by Jason Barnett seconded by Chad Shaffer to table. Motion was tabled.

A motion was made by Linda Ferringer and seconded by Donald Nair to follow state guidelines to remain in remote until the school district is in low moderate or moderate risks based on county number. Motion Passed 5-4 (No - Barnett, Reddinger, Shaffer, Bain)

A motion was made by Jason Barnett seconded by Darren Bain return face to face January 4th. Motion Failed 4-5 No (Bell, Ferringer, Adams, Kopnitsky, Nair)

A motion was made by Jason Barnett seconded by Darren Bain for students to start December 15th for athletics. Motion Failed 6-3 (Ferringer, Adams, Kopnitsky, Nair, Reddinger, Bell) 6-3

William Reddinger asked for public comment: Heidi Byers spoke on students and what is best for student and community safety. Look to move forward. Mr. Bain spoke would like to have a plan. We have to have direction. Dr. Shaffer spoke on plans, overall what board went over. Mr. Huffman spoke, he spoke on plans that could work, he is a Principal at another district that has a plan that seems to be working, and he would help our district if needed.

A motion was made seconded by Dee Bell seconded by Carrie Adams to adjourn meeting at 9:29P. M. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Motter
Board Secretary

