

School Board Meeting
April 5, 2021

A regular meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The following members were in attendance: Darren Bain, Dee Bell, Jason Barnett, Carrie Adams, Linda Ferringer, Ann Kopnitsky, Bill Reddinger, and Chad Shaffer, Donald Nair via zoom.

Mr. Reddinger announced there will be a brief executive session for Personnel matters. 6:32 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Carrie Adams seconded Ann Kopnitsky by to approve Work Session Meeting, February 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes, March 1, 2021. Motion Carried Unanimously

A Mini Burst was presented by Angela Stewart. Mrs. Stewart introduced her ESL program. She explained what she does for the district students. Individualize teaching and skills. It is not a speech and language nor special education. It is Pennsylvania state law to have this program. Students are mainstreamed, she will pull out at certain times to teach the students. Five students with 8 ½ hour day. She has been building this program. K-2 classes, Spanish lessons. She is in contact with many, need to finish developing program, find more curriculum, and educate staff, community etc. Would like to have a summer program, a club, get parents involved.

The Primary/Intermediate Elementary Report was presented by Mrs. Shirey. Mrs. Shirey gave a shout out to Angela Stewart, seeing a lot of growth. Elementary enrollment up 3 students, 5 back from remote. Gearing up for PSSA testing. Remote students are invited to join for PSSA testing. Discipline is working well. Making gains and grades are improving. Teachers are meeting and planning strategies, it is working.

The Secondary Report was presented by Mrs. Rupp. Mrs. Rupp spoke on Mrs. Aaron and her play that she is presenting. She is doing an amazing job. The play will be live streamed to watch online. 6th grade will view in the auditorium. Tickets are available to view on line. Moving forward, we have 11 new members for National Honor Society Induction, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. PSSA Testing is upcoming. Growth is showing in student grades. Working on improvements. Scheduling 6th and 7th grade. Plans for graduation have begun.

The Special Education Report was presented by Dr. Mastillo, Dr. Mastillo spoke on IEP schedule, return of 5 ES students are to being brought back to our building. Working with IU so we know where our students will be. New candidate for Special Education Director.

The Maintenance report was given by Jim Jones, had nothing further to add to his report.

The Cafeteria Report was presented by Mr. David Reitz, nothing to add to his report.

The Business Manager Report, was presented by Cheryl Motter. Ms. Motter stated working on budget, the PDE exceptions were approved. Would like a budget work session, next week. Revenue brought in \$892,000, Spent 1.5 million, had large PSERS Payment and March Bond

Payment. Still figuring out where grant money where it will go. COVID expenses, wipes, hand sanitizers, masks. Will be replacing chrome books, anticipated allocation of funding .Mr. Barnett would like to see the uses of this money. how much will we receive, time frame to spend, what can you spend it on.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by Dr. Mastillo, had nothing to expand on.

Riverview IU 6 reports. Report submitted in writing, she was unable to go to meeting.

Dr. Mastillo reported on ESSR's Monies. ESSR's 1 2 3 ESSRS Spent by Sept 2023 Sept 2024 ESSR's 3 application not released yet. There will be 1 Year extension to spend these funds. Breakdown, ESSR's 1 was divided 19 separate monthly payments, Potential expenses, in addition to external cyber school allocating wisely. Although guidelines are changing we will continue to keep things as is with 6 foot social distancing. Sub nurse agency, Pro Care Therapy, don't have one for us in this area. Will continue to search companies.

Career Center Report had nothing to offer at this time.

Board Committee Reports: None

Public Comments: Kristen Landers spoke on the negotiations is hopeful and looks forward to have an agreement for the students of Redbank Valley School District. Bree McDonald Stewart spoke on nursing, her question is what is the status for fixing the problem of not having nurse for all schools all day every day? Still doesn't have a nurse sub or a nurse all the time. Matt Darr spoke, he commended and spoke on behalf of the Sports Boosters, asking for 1 year elimination of 15 % to pay.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Carrie Adams to approve a bus shared service agreement between Redbank Valley School District and Union School District for student transport to New Story in Dubois, PA Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Jason Barnett to approve a lease agreement between the Redbank Valley School District and the New Bethlehem Little League in the amount of **\$ 1.00**. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky approve a student trip to Washington, DC November 3-5, 2021 pending any COVID-19 restrictions do not prohibit. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve the School Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve faculty usage for Redbank Valley Youth Football Camp (June 21-23/2021), Redbank Valley Youth Flag Football

(various dates Sep/Oct 2021), Varischetti All-Star Game Practices, (June 21-24,2021). Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Carrie Adams Consideration to approve the Elementary Summer School Program to be held on July 5-16, 2021, 8:15 am – 11:30 am at the Primary School Campus. 2 teachers and 2 instructional aides will be identified and presented to the board. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Carrie Adams to grant permission to the administration to prepare and advertise a bid notice for the purchase of a tractor. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to purchase a combination washer/dryer not to exceed \$1,400.00 for use in the High School Cafeteria. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jason Barnett seconded by Dee Bell to approve the purchase of 2 food warmers in the amount of \$ 8,780.00 using the PDE Food Service Equipment Grant. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Jason Barnett and seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 Operating Budget for the 2021-22 school year pending the IU #6 board of directors approval, as presented. 8-1(Nair)

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Carrie Adams to approve the Administrative Act 93 Agreement as presented. 8-1 (Bain)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Redbank Valley School District and the Redbank Valley Education Association as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to approve February and March 2021 Treasurers Report, March 2021 General Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$ 1,911,371.45 to approve March 2021 Cafeteria Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$ 28,354.49. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Don Nair to approve monthly budgetary transfers. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Dee Bell to approve unpaid leave for employee #365, without insurance. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Carrie Adams to approve Alexandra Bell as a van driver for Valley Lines Inc.8-1(Bell-Abstain)

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Carrie Adams to approve the hiring of Matthew Scott as Custodian/Maintenance at an hourly rate of \$12.00 for a total cost of \$ 37,437.82 Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Ann Kopnitsky to approve the resignation of Janel Thomas, Cafeteria Aide, effective 3/12/21, approve the resignation of Bri Mathews, Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor, approve the resignation of A. J. Blose, Head Boys Soccer Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Carrie Adams to approve the resignation of Matt Darr, Head Girls Volleyball Coach, approve Kyle Hicks as a volunteer for Boys and Girls Track. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to approve the advertisement of the following positions: Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor, Head Boys Soccer Coach, and Head Girls Volleyball Coach. Motion Carried Unanimously

Additional Board Items

A motion was made by Ann Kopnitsky seconded by Don Nair to reduce sport percentage to a flat fee for this year only of \$10,000. Motion Carried 6- 3(Bain, Adams, Barnett)

A motion was made by Darren Bain seconded by Don Nair to reconsider prior motion and to eliminate the 15 % or fix flat fee for this year only. Motion Fails 4-5 (Yes – Bell, Barnett, Adams, Bain)

Reconsider a motion that was just set. Motion Fails

Mr. Reddinger stated that an executive session will be held after meeting for negotiations.

Mr. Reddinger asked for public comment. Cassie Faulk spoke on subs being able to do summer school.

A motion was made seconded by Don Nair seconded by Dee Bell to adjourn at 8:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Motter
Board Secretary