

School Board Work Session Meeting June 4, 2024

The Work Session was called to order by Bill Reddinger. The following members were in attendance: Chris Merwin, Heidi Byers, John Sayers, Kevin Johnson, Chris Adams, and John Kimmel. Brent Wile and Matt Confer were absent.

Mrs. Shirey presented her board report. In May, two Pennsylvania State Troopers came to give a presentation to 5th graders on internet safety. An award ceremony was held at both buildings. The senior class came and did a final walk through. The Field Day held at Alcola Park was a huge success. In June, Mrs. Shirey will be attending a meeting with Judge Patton concerning court appointed advocates. Summer school currently has 24 students enrolled. In the discipline report, Mrs. Shirey was concerned with the large number of level two violations taking place in the district this year. She is looking to address this problem with the students and hopes to improve the numbers. No further questions for Mrs. Shirey.

Mr. Hartle presented his report. A total of 51 different businesses and organizations participated in Search for Work Day. Mr. Hartle discussed Go Rocket participation numbers/passage rates, which is better than last year. A group of students earned a STEM competition trip to the State competition in Harrisburg on May 3. A final faculty meeting was held on May 8th to wrap up end of the year business. The 6th grade students participated in a trip to Kennywood on May 10th. May 16th was Career Center Senior Recognition Night at Cornerstone Church. Redbank received a lot of awards, which he is very proud of. On May 22nd, the guidance department organized the Award's Day Ceremony. The Senior Trip was held May 23rd at Hershey Park. Graduation practice for seniors was held on May 24, 28, and 29th. Graduation was held on May 29th at the high school auditorium. He thanked everyone for their participation. Summer school will be held in July. Student/Parent handbook updates will be created and sent to the Board in advance. PSSA's were completed on May 3rd. Keystone Testing took place from May 13th to May 24th. Mr. Hartle gave a summary of end of the year sports accomplishments of the students. He also went on to discuss the student graduation pathways concept to the Board. No further questions for Mr. Hartle.

Mr. Temchulla presented his board report. Teacher and paraprofessional observations were completed for the 23-24 school year. The Special Education Department is finishing up end of the year paperwork. ESY planning has been completed and is ready for July 1st. Both autism rooms will be held along with a classroom at the Primary. There will be three total teachers. The Behavioral Specialist and Social Worker are on the Agenda. The district reviewed the contracts with KeySolutions for the Behavioral Specialist and additional paraprofessionals. Changes were made with the KeySolutions contract. We continue to review teacher caseloads and student IEP's for the upcoming school year. No further questions for Mr. Temchulla.

Mr. Rapp gave his report. Summer maintenance has begun. End of the year cleaning is being conducted. Bid proposals have come in for replacing the roofs on both elementary buildings and the pavement project for the High School and Intermediate School. DRS Electrical Services has provided bids for replacement of the generators in the Intermediate School and High School buildings. The Bid for the Intermediate Building is \$43,950, and the Bid for the High School is

\$34,975. DRS Electrical has also been able to provide the district with some compatible HVAC parts. These parts will replace some of Johnson Controls' proprietary parts and should significantly reduce cost to the district. Mr. Rapp went on to discuss maintenance taking place with the athletic field. A permanent crosswalk is being installed at the athletic field entrance. Fence repairs will also be taking place this summer. No further questions for Mr. Rapp.

Mr. Reitz presented his report. Mr. Reitz discussed his numbers for May to the Board. He went on to explain the reimbursements that the cafeteria had received. He also went to talk about the extensive amount of repairs that the cafeteria equipment faced this year. No further questions for Mr. Reitz.

Mrs. Reitz will present her report at the board meeting. She went on to discuss budget numbers in detail with the Board. She wanted to talk about changes and new developments to the budget. She is diligently working at updating the budget to keep it as accurate as possible. She talked about Homestead/Farmstead changes to the budget. She also mentioned other minimal changes to the budget that had taken place such as adjustments for employee's benefits, taxes, etc. In addition, she talked about financial adjustments for the police officer position. She presented numbers to the board pertaining to how a no tax increase/tax increase would affect the district financially. The Board went into further detail talking about financial numbers/potential tax increases. No further questions for Mrs. Reitz.

Dr. Rupp gave her report. The annual safety report was given at the June 4th executive session. Interviews were conducted on May 22nd and May 24th for the school nurse and Spanish teacher positions. Mr. Hartle interviewed for the high school secretary position this week. The motherboard on the air conditioning unit is currently not functioning. A new part was ordered with an estimated shipping date of early June. A meeting with Johnson Controls and all people using the Metasys system is in the process of being scheduled. The school facilities grant was submitted on May 31st. Parking lot repairs and refurbishment of the roof at the Intermediate School are the goal with this grant. The Environmental Grant is currently in process. The due date for this grant is June 30th. The goal of this grant is to replace the asbestos flooring at the Intermediate School. There is a 50% match required for this grant. No further questions for Dr. Rupp.

Mr. Confer had nothing to add to the IU6 Report.

Mrs. Byers had nothing to add to the Career Center Report.

There were no Board Committee Reports. Dr. Rupp mentioned sending a mailout to local businesses concerning the EITC credit available when donating to the district. She also discussed the family movie night that would be coming up on June 12th. Donations from this event will go to the Education Foundation.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Board discussed new district policies on the agenda. Dr. Rupp explained that the policies had to do with new guidelines from the state. The Board went into the specifics of these policies and how they are going to be incorporated into the district. Mr. Merwin brought up the Mahoning property and was concerned with advertising it with no

reserve. The board talked about current property values vs. the value of the Mahoning property.

Financial Matters: Mr. Johnson brought up question concerning laptop insurance for students. He also had questions concerning individual tax rates. The board also discussed the potential Environmental Grant.

Personnel: Mr. Merwin had questions concerning the contracts with the KeySolutions employees and the possibility of a non-compete. He asked for clarification of the language in the contract.

Additional Board Items: Mr. Johnson brought up the potential hiring of an additional music teacher. He emphasized the importance of the music program for the students. The Board further discussed potential hirings in other positions. They also talked in depth about current district financials vs. hirings in the district.

Public Comments: Mr. Darr discussed the poor state of the auxiliary gym bleachers. He also discussed the need for new railings on the bleachers at the athletic field. He believes those are two major issues that need looked at because they are safety related. Mr. Rapp will have quotes coming in concerning both areas. The board discussed these potential purchases in depth. Mr. Reddinger asked Mr. Rapp some questions concerning the possible generator purchase.

The work session was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with an executive session to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

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