

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on July 13, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:15 PM by President Stoddard.

**1.2. Roll Call – Board Members Present:**

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, President, Mr. Roy Twining, First Vice President, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President, Mrs. Ellen Aherne, Treasurer, Mr. Michael Barhite, Mr. Stephen Kilmer Mr. Jason Richmond, Mrs. Sondra Stine, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent – Mr. Jason Casselbury

**1.3. Administration Present**

Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent - Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent & Director of Curriculum & Instruction & Federal Programs, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, and Laurie Cobb, Asst. Business Manager

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff****1.5 Approval of the Minutes – June 22,2015**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the minutes dated June 22, 2015 as presented.

Motion 1 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**1.6 Handbook Presentations by Rob Presley – Mr. Presley reviewed the changes to the following handbooks:**

1. Elementary Faculty & Staff Handbook
2. High School Faculty & Staff Handbook
3. Elementary Student Handbook
4. High School Student Handbook
5. Elementary Substitute Handbook
6. High School Substitute Handbook
7. Coaches Handbook
8. Parent-Student Athletic Handbook

Mr. Barhite left the meeting at 7:22 and returned at 7:29

**1.7 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.  
(Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)****2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

Financial Reports

**2.1 Approve June 30, 2015 Bill Lists**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for the June 30, 2015 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$66,139.95.

Motion 2 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**2.2 Approve Fund Transfer**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund cross reference #52401 to Debt Service Fund cross reference #DSR002 in the amount of \$44,861.25 for the August 1, 2015 Bond payment of \$44,861.25 for the Bond Series of 2011.

Motion 3 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**2.3 Approve Fund Transfer**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to authorized transfer of funds from General Fund cross reference #52501 to Cafeteria Fund #CR013 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion 4 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**2.4 Approve Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement with PATH**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining , second by Mr. Richmond to approve the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement with PATH for 2015-2016 as presented

Motion 5 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**2.5 Approve July 13, 2015 Bill Lists**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for the July 13, 2015 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$440,556.27.

Motion 6 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**2.6 Approve Title III Consortia Memorandum of Understanding**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the Title III Consortia Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Motion 7 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson**  
Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

**3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to accept the letter of resignation from Kevin Haugland as presented.

Motion 8 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.2 Approve STEM Substitute**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve Jessica Short, Clifford Township, PA as a substitute teacher for the STEM summer program pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 9 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.3 Approve Administrators ACT 93 Plan**

Motion Held

### **3.4 Approve Administrative Salaries for 2015-2016**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve administrative salaries for the 2015-2016 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2015 as presented.

Motion 10 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.5 Approve Benefit Package for Administrator Not Covered by ACT 93 Plan**

Motion Held

### **3.6 Approve Business Manager's Salary for 2015-2016**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve Business Manager's salary for the 2015-2016 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2015 as presented.

Motion 11 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.7 Approve Benefit Package for Administrator Not Covered by ACT 93 Plan**

Motion Held

### **3.8 Approve Assistant Business Manager's Salary for 2015-2016**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve Assistant Business Manager's salary for the 2015-2016 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2015 as presented.

Motion 12 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.9 Approve District Office Clerical Benefit Package**

Motion Held

**3.10 Approve the District Office Clerical Salaries for 2015-2016**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the District Office Clerical salaries for 2015-2016 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2015 as presented.

Motion 13 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.11 Appoint Supplement Coaches**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint the following coaches, pending receipt of all documentation:

- Spencer Lunger – Golf Co-Coach - \$1,422.00
- Ryne Luce – Golf Co-Coach - \$1,422.00

Motion 14 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.12 Authorize Advertising for K-12 Music Teacher**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize advertising for a Certified K-12 Music Teacher, with applications due July 31, 2015.

Motion 15 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the second reading of Policy 221 – Dress & Grooming Policy

**5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Casselbury

**5.1 Approve Request to Close Class of 2015 Student Activity Account**

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve request to close the Class of 2015 Student Activity Account with the balance of \$1,451.44 being donated to MVSGA.

Motion 16 Carried (8 yes, 1 Absent)

**5.2 Approve Conference Request**

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following conference request:

- Sheri Ransom on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, Thursday, July 23, 2015 and Friday, July 24, 2015 to attend Secondary Transition Conference at Penn State Conference Center, State College, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$196.65, Registration - \$150.00 – Total Cost - \$346.65)

- Christine Kelly, Barbra Presley, Lori Cobb, Gail Wnorowski and Robert Presley on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 to attend Sapphire Training (Summer Conference) at Hershey Country Club, Hershey, PA. (Lodging - \$532.64)

Motion 17 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### 5.3 Approve Field Trip Request

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following field trips:

1. Sheri Ransom and 2 Students on Wednesday, July 8, 15, 29, 2015 to visit Forest City Senior Center and Laura's Hop Rescue, Forest City. PA. (Transportation Cost - \$65.60 each trip)
2. Sheri Ransom and 2 Students on Thursday, July 9, 16, 30, 2015 to visit Interfaith, Montrose, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$54.20 each trip)
3. Sheri Ransom and 2 Students on Tuesday, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015 to visit YMCA, Carbondale, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$63.32 each trip)

Motion 18 Carried (7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstained) Mr. Twining Abstained

### 6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor reported cleaning was ahead of schedule. The lockers are out and the framework is in. The air conditioner in the elementary computer lab was a total loss and has to be replaced. There are 95 old phones that could be replaced. It was the consensus to replace the phones. The old ovens have been removed. The rewiring and plumbing have been done.

A representative from NEPA was there to address the issues with the current phone system. He is in hopes to have everything resolved by the start of school.

### 7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

#### 7.1 Appoint Bus Contractors

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint the following bus contractors

- A. Bus 5 - Linda Anthony, Brooklyn, PA
- B. Bus 9 - Tim Burgess, Hop Bottom, PA
- C. CTC, with layover, Linda Anthony, Brooklyn, PA

Motion 19 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### 8. Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer, Michael Barhite  
MVESPA Committee Members, Roy Twining, Steve Kilmer Jason Richmond

## 9. Administration

### 9.1 Principal's Comments

**Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly**  
**High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley**

- Interviewing Coaches – Need Girls' Volleyball Assistant Coach
- Questioned if the shuttle buses would be running this year. Participation is down when we don't run them. Consensus to request formal bids

Mr. Richmond left the meeting at 8:28 and returned at 8:35. Mr. Kilmer left the meeting at 8:35 and returned at 8:39.

### 9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Whorowski

- ESY is going well
- Looking at support for the new year
- Will be attending a fellowship conference shortly

### 9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Understands the subsidy will not be held up since there is no state budget
- Contracts for buses will be on the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval

### 9.4 Superintendent and Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mr. Stoddard reported hearing from Mrs. Voigt – trip is going well

### New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Kilmer read a statement expressing his concerns with the contract negotiations. He does not feel the MVEA is serious about settling and shows no respect for the Board. As a result Mr. Kilmer resigned his position on the Board and left the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Accept Letter of Resignation:

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, with regret, second by Mr. Barhite to accept the resignation of Mr. Kilmer from the Board of Education.

Motion 20 Carried (7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant)

Authorize Advertising for Harford/Lenox Board Position

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Barhite to authorize advertising for the Harford/Lenox Board position with letter of interests due August 7, 2015.

Motion 21 Carried (7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant)

### Second Hearing of Visitors

**(Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)**

Abby Mecca, Hop Bottom, PA again expressed concerns with the contract negotiations. She questioned the status and said she had trouble obtaining phone numbers for the MVEA.

Linda Anthony, Brooklyn, PA thanked the Board for the contract.  
Dan Anthony, Brooklyn, PA noted that Elk Lake has settle their contract

Mr. Stoddard talked about some of the negotiations issues in general that have been rejected by the MVEA.

Monica Miller, Kingsley, PA thanked the Board for sharing.

Kristen Hogan-Smith, teacher said she did not feel bullied.

Maureen Beamish, teacher also said she did not feel bullied. She also said it had been 3 years since she has had a raise. For 3 years it has been about the students but now she has to think about her family.

Abbey Mecca asked what would be required of the students if the Keystone Exams were postponed.

**Executive Session – Announcement of executive sessions held and/or scheduled.**

**HELD:**

Monday, June 22, 2015 – 8:40 PM to 9:30 PM for Personnel

Monday, June 29, 2015 – 6:40 PM to 9:00 PM for Personnel

Monday, July 13, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

Monday, July 13, 2015 after the public meeting for Personnel

Monday, July 27, 2015 before and after the public meeting for Personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky  
Board Secretary