

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 11, 2014 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Roll Call – Board Members Present:

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

Absent

Mrs. Ellen Aherne, First Vice President

1.3. Administration Present

Mrs. Voigt, Acting Superintendent & Director of Curriculum & Instruction & Federal Programs, Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – July 28, 2014.**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Twining, to approve the minutes dated July 28, 2014 as presented.

Resolution 314 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

1.6 Presentation – Andrea Aten talked about her trip to Oxford, England**1.7 Presentation – Elementary Math Curriculum – K to 6th Grade was presented by Karen Voigt.****1.8 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.**

Ashley Kilmer noted the resignation of Mrs. Patricia Brown and asked if the District was planning on replacing her and if so where would they be placed.

Mrs. Kelly presented the enrollment numbers and said the teacher would be placed in 5th grade.

Ashley Kilmer then asked if teachers would be moved around. She feels the students need consistency. Mr. Stoddard agreed. He said it would have been nice to know earlier so we could have had a teacher in place. Now we will be dealing with substitutes for the first month.

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Stephen Kilmer

2.1 Approve Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the August 11, 2014 General Fund List in the amount of \$103,822.48.

Resolution 315 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

2.2 Amend PA-EETEP Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to amend the PA-EETEP Teacher Evaluation Agreement for 2014-2015 to include the Student Learning Objective (SLO) for \$761.00 annual cost paid from Race to the Top (RTTT) funds as presented.

Resolution 316 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

2.3 Approve Proposed Dual Enrollment Agreement with Lackawanna College

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the proposed Dual Enrollment Agreement with Lackawanna College as presented for 2014-2015.

Resolution 317 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

2.4 Approve Keystone College Exhibition/Loan Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the Keystone College Exhibition/Loan Agreement to lend music stands as presented for 2014-2015.

Resolution 318 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Approve Official Start Date for Holly Benedict

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the official start date for Holly Benedict as August 4, 2014.

Resolution 319 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3.3 Approve Addition to Substitute List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the following to the substitute list, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Thomas Diehl, Carbondale, PA to the Custodian/Maintenance Substitute List.

Resolution 320 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3.4 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve supplemental salary requests for 2014-2015 as presented.

Resolution 321 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3.5 Rescind Appointment of Girls' Junior High Soccer Coach

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to rescind the appointment of Mark Whitehead as Girls' Junior High Soccer Coach.

Resolution 322 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3.6 Appoint Coaches for 2014-2015 Season

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint the following coaches pending receipt of all documentation:

- Erika Lewis, Harford, PA as Girls Varsity Soccer Coach - \$3,410.00.
- Evi Nashi, Scranton, PA as Girl's Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach - \$2,750.00.
- Bobby Pfahl, Nicholson, PA as Girls Jr. High Soccer Coach - \$2,365.00

Resolution 323 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3.7 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to accept the letter of resignation from Patricia Brown from her elementary teaching position.

Resolution 324 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3.8 Authorize Advertising

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to authorize advertising for an elementary certified teacher with applications due the acting superintendent by September 12, 2014

Resolution 325 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

3.9 Approve Volunteer for Girls Varsity Soccer

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve Molly Virbitsky, Clifford Township as a volunteer for Girls Varsity Soccer.

Resolution 326 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

5.1 Approve Summer Academy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the Summer Academy for 2014-2015 as presented.

Resolution 327 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

5.2 Approve Conference Requests:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following conference requests:

- Diane Makosky on Thursday, September 4, 2014 to attend the Payroll Processing Training at CSIU, Lewisburg, PA (District Van to be Scheduled)
- Casey Mrykalo, Heather Larkin, Anne Gregory on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, Thursday, August 14, 2014 to attend Competent Learner Model (CLM) Training at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Cost – Two Teachers {\$26.75 for 6.5 hours for two days} \$173.87 per day – Total Cost \$347.75)

Resolution 328 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

5.3 Adopt K-5 Everyday Math Textbook

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to adopt K-5 *Everyday Math*, Author Max Bell; Copyright 2012; Publisher - McGraw Hill Education.

Resolution 329 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

5.4 Approve Elementary Handbooks

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following handbooks for 2014-2015, as presented:

- a) Elementary Student Handbook
- b) Elementary Faculty Handbook
- c) Elementary Substitute Handbook

Resolution 330 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Roy Twining

Mr. Taylor's reported lockers are being installed at the high school. He received the last quote to make repairs to the entrance at the High School from Timz Construction, Kingsley, PA in the amount of \$12,400.00. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the repairs to the front entrance at the high school.

Mr. Twining questioned if everything was ready with the security system for opening day. (Yes)

He is still waiting to hear from NEP on the phone system. Since none of the lines have been marked at the elementary school it will take longer because the lines will have to be tested.

He suggested that we wait until the Christmas break to do the conversion. If it cannot be done then it was suggested that we wait until next year.

He is waiting for more information on the ball fields from Keystone Associates.

6.1 Approve Purchase and Installation of Generator

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the purchase and installation of a 30KW propane generator for \$27,347.00 (\$18,095.00 for the Generator through Costars and \$9,279.00 Installation Cost by Leber and Bonham Electrical Contractor)

Resolution 331 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

6.2 Award Construction of School Crosswalk

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Casselbury to award the construction of the School Crosswalk to Timz Construction Company, Kingsley, PA in the amount of \$12,700.00

Resolution 332 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Richmond

7.1 Approve Parent Drivers

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve parent drivers for 2014-2015 as presented.

Resolution 333 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

7.2 Approve Rate for Parent Driver Handicap Van

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve Tiffany Cosklo, Forest City, PA with a handicap van at a rate of \$1.48 for 2014-2015.

Resolution 334 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

7.3 Approve Substitute Drivers

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following substitutes for 2014-2015 as presented:

- a) Substitute Bus Drivers
- b) Substitute Car/Van Drivers

Resolution 335 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

7.4 Appoint Car/Van Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Michelle Robinson, Clifford Township, PA as a car/van contractor for 2014-2015 pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 336 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

7.5 Approve Amending Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to amend bus contract for Brian Kostick due to purchase of a new bus resulting in a change in the daily rate.

Resolution 337 – Motion carried (8 Yes 1 Absent)

8. Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Michael Barhite, Christine Plonski-Sezer
MVESPA Committee Members, Stephen Kilmer, Sondra Stine, Roy Twining

There will be a meeting with the MVEA on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 3:00 PM.
Committee to report at 2:30 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Acting Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Karen Voigt

Mrs. Voigt reported they would be interviewing for the math and gifted positions on the 14th, 15th & 18th. IU 19 is applying for the 21st Century Grant for the next 3 years. On August 20th the administration will be looking at the assessment module of Sapphire.

9.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

Mr. Patchcoski reported that the bus rosters are completed. Brittany is working on the car/van rosters. There will be a Bus meeting on August 19th, Car/Van meeting on August 20th. He is working with the SEC on a bond issue that needs to be resolved by September 4th.

9.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

Mrs. Kelly is looking forward to the opening of school and noted that this year they are fully staffed. Twenty seven students were registered during new student registration. She is hoping to finalize class lists tomorrow. During the recent Sapphire Conference they learned some of their own documents can be imported. Figures on student enrollment and how they compare to last year will have to be provided.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

Mr. Presley reported fall sports started today. 7th Grade orientation is scheduled for Thursday, August 14th. He currently has 491 students registered, which, he believes, is up from last year.

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

Mrs. Voigt reported that the science camp was held last week. It was recommended that next year it be all day. They are also working on getting the Geo-Dome for the Science Showcase.

9.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

Ms. Wnorowski is working together with administration on intervention & action plans. She is also working on child study teams and case load reviews.

New Business from Board Members

Mr. Twining asked how summer school went, what was the success rate. Tom Makosky how many students participated. (15 online students and 25 students with 2 being out of the District attended at the school. Because of the numbers Mr. Presley was able to hold only one session and not two as planned. No one failed and everyone was within the attendance requirement)

Mr. Stoddard noted an article he read on the changes being made to the AP History Exam. It appears with the changes less history is being taught.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Tom Makosky, Brooklyn how many students participated in the dual enrollment (data will have to be provided). To get credit for the course at Lackawanna College students had to receive a 73 or better.

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

HELD:

- Monday, July 28, 2014, 8:40 PM to 9:30 PM for Personnel
- Monday, August 11, 2014 6:00 PM to 7:25 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, August 11, 2014, after the public meeting for personnel
- Tuesday, August 12, 2014 6:00 PM for personnel
- Monday, August 25, 2014, before and after the public meeting for personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Twining to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Secretary