

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 21, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:13 PM by Mr. Barhite, Board President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Michael Barhite, President, Mr. Jason Richmond, First Vice President, Mr. Jason Casselbury, Second Vice President, Mrs. Monica Miller, Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth Decker, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. David Schulte, Mrs. Sondra Stine, and Ms. Brittany Wilkins, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent:

Mrs. Casey Webster

Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Dr. Christopher Lake, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent:

Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager

1.4 **PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

Brandon Freely- 4 years, Feed-A-Friend Can Sculpting

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – December 7, 2015

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the minutes dated December 7, 2015, as presented.

Motion 195 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Monica Miller, Treasurer, reported as listed.

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)

Veronica Thomas, Lenox Twp., wanted clarification on 3.2 wording.

2. **Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve November Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to confirm payment of the October General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the amount of \$2,072,554.73.

Motion 196 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.2 Approve December 21, 2015 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the December 21, 2015, General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$290,262.26.

Motion 197 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.3 Approve Sterling Act Tax Credit

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the Certification of the Sterling Act Tax Credit for calendar year 2014 in the amount of \$246.61.

Motion 198 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.4 Approve application for exception to raise taxes above index of 2.9%

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the raising of taxes above the index of 2.9%.

Motion 199 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, David Schulte

3.1 Approve New Hire

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve Tracy Daniels, as a full time Custodian, at a salary of \$11.20 per hour, with benefits per MVESPA Agreement, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 200 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.2 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made as amended by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following volunteers:

Lupe Diosdado, Union Dale, PA
Jessica Mead, Clifford Township, PA
Beth Miller, Clifford Township, PA
Mandy Weida, Nicholson, PA
Bryan Whipple, New Milford, PA

Motion 201 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.3 Acknowledge Tenure

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to acknowledge tenure for Matthew Voda as of December 4, 2015.

Motion 202 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.4 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following substitutes, pending receipt of all documentation.

- a. Ashley Kilmer, South Gibson, PA., Emergency Certified high school and elementary, clerical, cafeteria, hall/cafeteria monitor lists.
- b. Carol Selwood, Dalton, PA., high school and elementary substitute lists.

Motion 203 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.5 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept the letter of resignation from Judy Harmer, due to retirement, from her cafeteria position effective June 1, 2016 or the last day of school, as presented.

Motion 204 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.6 Approve Employee Dismissal

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to dismiss Megan Clough from employment in the Mountain View School District based on her voluntary surrender of her teaching credentials, effective immediately.

Motion 205 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Casey Webster, David Schulte

4.1 First Reading- Policy 707-Use of School Facilities (Revision)

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Casey Webster, Christine Plonski-Sezer

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following field trip requests:

- a) Kelly Richmond, Molly Virbitsky, Danielle Scott, Melissa Berish, Robin O'Brien and 19 students on Monday, December 21, 2015, to attend Christmas Caroling, Nicholson and Montrose, Pa. (Transportation \$156.15)
- b) Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Missy Berish and 7 students on Thursday, December 17, 2015, to visit Marywood, the Ronald McDonald House and the Glider Restaurant, Scranton, Pa. (Transportation \$96.90)
- c) Kate Sekely, Molly Virbitsky and 40 students, on Friday, January 8, Friday, January 15, Friday, January 22, Friday January 29, Friday, February 5, Friday, February 12, Friday, February 19, Friday, February 26, 2016, to attend Elk Mountain Friday Ski Program, Union Dale, Pa. (no cost to the district)
- d) Glen Mackey and 20 students on Thursday, January 21, 2016, to attend Highland Associates Field Experience for CADD Class, Clarks Summit, Pa. (Transportation \$177.00, Substitute \$47.50, Total: \$224.50)
- e) Jamie Boerio and 14 students on Thursday, December 10, 2015, to attend Trim Christmas Caroling, Viewmont Mall, Dickson City, Pa. (Transportation \$25.30)
- f) Molly Birosak, 24 students and chaperones, on December 10, December 18, December 22, 2015, for Chimettes to play for the community, Montrose, Harford, Susquehanna, Forest City, and New Milford, Pa. (Transportation \$502.05, Substitute \$332.50, Total: \$834.55)
- g) Sheri Ransom and 2-3 students on Thursday, January 7, 2016, to attend Lackawanna Healthcare Center, Olyphant, Pa. (Transportation \$62.16)

Motion 206 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Rachel Terry on Thursday, February 18, 2016, to attend Human Resources for Anyone with Newly Assigned HR Responsibilities, Binghamton, NY (Travel \$28.75, Registration \$99.00; Total \$127.75)
- B. Matthew Georgetti and James Soya on Thursday, December 17, 2015, to attend NEIU Technology Coordinators Meeting, Archbald, PA, (Travel \$27.72)

Motion 207 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.3 Approve Affiliation Agreement

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Affiliation Agreement between the University of Scranton and the Mountain View School District, expiring November 5, 2018.

Motion 208 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.4 Approve NOLA Revisions

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the revisions to the NOLA Program, as presented.

Motion 209 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.5 Approve Comprehensive School Counseling Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Comprehensive School Counseling Program, as presented.

Motion 210 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.6 Approve Review for Comprehensive Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the 30 day public review period for the Mountain View Comprehensive Plan, as presented.

Motion 211 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.7 Approve Revision of Graduation Credit Requirements

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to revise the graduation credit requirements from 25 credits to 24 credits, due to the elimination of the graduation project, effective with the graduating class of 2017.

Motion 212 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Jason Casselbury, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Wood boiler is up and running and will be shut down Wednesday night.
- The gym will be painted, and carpets will be laid down over Christmas break.
- Also, drinking fountain dispensers will be installed over Christmas break at the high school.

7. Transportation Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Kenneth Decker

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Monica Miller, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond, Sondra Stine

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Karate blowout is on Tuesday at 1:45 p.m.
- Working on preliminary budget requests
- Ending the calendar year on a good note
- Wanted to wish everyone happy holidays

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Thanked Mr. Stiver and Ms. Boerio for a great winter concert
- Fall play was a 40's talk radio show.
- Winter pep rally is coming up.
- Wanted to wish everyone happy holidays

Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Thanked everyone for their work for all the students and happy holidays

9.2 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Christopher Lake

- Preparing for Keystone testing
- Thanked the Board for approving new regulations for NOLA
- Wished everyone a blessed Christmas with families and a happy new year

9.4 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- On January 9, we will be hosting the NEPA High School Challenge.
- There were 3 student of the month at CTC:
 - William Jennings
 - Schae Thomas
 - Trevor Mills
- We received a grant from the Giana Foundation for Mr. Stiver to purchase a marimba.
- On Wednesday, the administration will be hosting a holiday breakfast for all staff, including bus drivers and car van drivers.

New Business from Board Members

Mrs. Miller discussed the Science and Engineer Steam Festival. It is April 16th and 17th in Washington DC. It is a free festival for everyone.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Matt Voda thanked the district for recognizing his tenure.

Veronica Thomas, Lenox Twp. PA, wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 21, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:10PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, December 21, 2015, after the public meeting
- Monday, January 11, 2015, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5–November 23, 2015 Minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-November Disbursements

2.2-December 21, 2015 Bill List
2.3-Sterling Act
3.5-Harmer
4.1-707 Policy
5.4-NOLA
FYI-1-Conference Reports
FYI 2-CTC
FYI 3- The Giana Foundation

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany L. Wilkins
Board Secretary