

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on April 27, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:12 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Roll Call – Board Members Present:

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

Absent

Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President,

1.3. Administration Present

Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, and Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent

Mrs. Voigt, Acting Superintendent and Director of Curriculum & Instruction & Federal Programs, Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – April 13, 2015.**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Jason Richmond to approve the minutes dated April 13, 2015 as presented.

Motion 448 Carried, (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer, reported as listed.

1.7 Ball Field Presentation – Dan Driscoll from Astroturf was not able to attend. He will try to come on Friday to evaluate the ball fields.

1.8 Budget Presentation – Overall view – Joseph Patchcoski presented a proposed 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$21,125,818.74, which with projected revenue of \$18,228,841.87 falls short by \$2,896,976.87. The proposed budget includes all presentations, including all projects proposed to be done and a projected increase for a contract settlement. It is now in the hands of the Board to determine which projects will be completed and which are to be removed from the budget. Mr. Patchcoski also noted it was suggested by PSBA and PASBO not to increase the state revenue as proposed by Governor Wolfe.

Monica Miller, Kingsley asked if there was a percentage of the budget that could be carried as a fund balance before affecting our revenues.

Mr. Richmond asked if the gas revenue was included in the revenue.

Jamie Janesky, Lathrop Township asked how you came up with the salary numbers. What percentage did you use? Why didn't you bold the maintenance budget? She stated that Governor

Wolfe is trying to reduce the PSERS percentage the District has to pay. Did the classroom budget increase? Why is the cafeteria running in the negative?

1.9 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.

David Breese, Gibson Township, asked how the Board decided why the longest and most tenured teachers would only receive a .6% raise.

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve March 2015 Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury, to confirm payment of the March 2015 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 \$2,391,080.73.

Motion 449 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.2 Approve April 27, 2015 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the list of bills for the April 27, 2015 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$153,095.42.

Motion 450 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.3 Appoint Insurance Broker

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint Tri-County Insurance Agency as the Insurance Broker for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion 451 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.4 Appoint School Dentist

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint Russell P. Swetter, DDS Clifford, PA as the school dentist for the school year 2015-2016 with a rate of \$17.00 per exam and a \$50.00 sterilization fee.

Motion 452 carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.5 Appoint School Doctor

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint the Family Health Clinic of Barnes Kasson Hospital, Susquehanna, Pa as the school doctor for the school year 2015-2016 at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

Motion 453 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.6 Approve CSIU Agreement for 2015-2016

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the CSIU Agreement for 2015-2016 for Fund Accounting, Payroll and Personnel in the amount of \$10,702.00.

Motion 454 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Approve Addition to Substitute List

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the following addition to the substitute lists pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Kathleen Torch, Carbondale, PA to the paraprofessional substitute list
2. Michelle Oakley, Susquehanna, PA (LPN) to the nurse substitute list
3. Phyllis Sanauskas, Carbondale, PA to the clerical & paraprofessional substitute list
4. Allan Phelps, New Milford, Pa to the custodian/maintenance substitute list

Motion 455 Carried (8Yes, 1 Absent)

3.2 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to accept the letter of resignation from Ann Rogers, from her cafeteria position effective April 17, 2015.

Motion 456 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.3 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to authorized posting and advertising for one 6.5 hour cafeteria position.

Motion 457 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.4 Appoint Part-time Food Service Worker

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint Audrey Brink, Kingsley, Pa to the 2.5 hour Food Service position effective April 28, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$10.10 per hour, and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 458 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: Sondra Stine, Jason Casselbury

5.1 Approve Special Education Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the Special Education Plan for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 as presented.

Motion 459 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.2 Adopt School Calendar for 2015-2016

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to adopt the school calendar for 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Motion 460 carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.3 Approve Conference Request

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

1. George Barbolish on Thursday, April 30, 2015 to attend Region 3 AEDY meeting at Lower Dauphin High School, Hummelstown, Pa. (Transportation Cost – 172.45)
2. George Barbolish on Thursday, May 14, 2015 and Friday, May 15, 2015 to attend Olweus Training at Elk Lake School District. (Transportation Cost - \$17.25)
3. Karen Voigt or Cheryl Decker on Monday, May 18, 2015 and Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to attend PA Pre-K Counts, 4 Heat Start 2015 Grantee Spring Conference at State College, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$201.25, Lodging - \$130.00, Substitute Cost - \$95.00 – Total Cost \$426.25, District Van to be Scheduled)

Motion 461 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.4 Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following quarterly reports dated 03/31/15 as presented and file for audit, as amended:

1. Elementary Activity Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. High School Activity Account
4. Athletic Account

Motion 462 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.5 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

1. Karen Voigt, Susan Gravine, Susan Gesford, Katie Ross, Leslie Gossage, Allison Butash, Andrea James and 16 Students on Thursday, May 21, 2014 to participate in the NPCTM Math Contest at Marywood University, Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$187.50, Registration - \$160.00, Substitutes - \$285.00 – Total Cost - \$632.50)
2. Kevin Haugland, Cathy Bewley, Laurie DeMark, Kelly Belcher, Ami Wells, Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Molly Virbitsky, Melissa Berish and 25 Students on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 to attend Railriders Baseball game at PNC Field, Moosic, PA to perform the National Anthem. (Transportation Cost - \$216.70, Substitute - \$95.00 – Total Cost to the District - \$311.70)
3. Erin Rupp, Whitney Twining and 10 Students on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 to visit Corning Glass, Corning, New York. (Transportation Cost - \$594.10, Registration \$154.00, Substitute - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$938.10)
4. Tracy Bazil, Jenifer Pliska, Laurie Barlow, Debra Earley, AnnMarie Ford, Parent Chaperones and 70 Students on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 to visit The Discovery Center, Binghamton, New York. (Transportation Cost - \$462.80)
5. Jacqueline Ferenczi, Mark Ezdebski, JoAnn Voda, Veronica Thomas, Debbie Pompey, 9 chaperones and the 4th Grade (80 Students) on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 to visit The Franklin Institute at the Cultural Center, Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost – 631.46, Substitute Cost - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$726.46 – To be paid by the PTO)

Motion 463 Carried (8Yes, 1 Absent)

5.6 Approve Strategies for Success 2015 Summer Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the Strategies for Success 2015 Summer Program.

Motion 464 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.7 Approve 2015 Summer School

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the 2015 Summer School Program for credit recovery in the areas of Math, English and Social Studies.

Mr. Twining questioned if we know who the Summer School teachers would be.

Motion 465 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.8 Approve Chaperones for the 6th Grade Washington DC Trip

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following chaperones for the 6th Grade Washington DC Trip, pending receipt of all documentation: Christine Kelly, Steven Farrell, Katherine Holzman, Scott Fisher, Maryann Tranovich, Elkie Barhite, Richard Hunter, Jennifer Long, Annette Zrowka, Al Fortuner, Amy Borove, Kathie Perry, Karen Galvin, Nancy Phillips, Scott Carpenetti, LeeAnn Perez, Peter Hammond, Cathy Bewley, Jill Weida, Marsha Tompkins, Valerie Genneken, Ed Poplawski, David DeMark, and Jason Richmond (nurse).

Motion 466 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's reported he had a failure of one of the heating circulator pumps at the high school. He is in the process to upgrading to replace the contactor/overload with a soft-start switch. They have been doing some pot hole patching. Some Softball and Baseball games have been played. Crosswalk painting on the highway will be done when it warms up. Building Management System quote has been forwarded to the Board should have second quote by the end of the week.

Mr. Twining questioned how the phone system was working. It still has some bugs to be worked out. This prompted several complaints from the professional staff in attendance that they were still having problems, which was news to Mr. Taylor. He will look into it. He noted that the phone system was down for a couple of days.

Teri Edwards questioned why their fingerprints cannot be used in both buildings. Since the two buildings are separate systems the building principals need to give permission for access to their building.

Beth Donvito asked how the security system worked. She had trouble contacting the school when the phones were down. Is there a backup?

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

8. Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson

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

Mr. Stoddard reported there was a meeting with MVEA on April 23rd.

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- PSSA testing will end tomorrow with 4th Grade Science
- Thanked everyone who came out and supported the play and those who helped
- Thanked those who help in making the geodome possible
- Thanked those who help with the April blowout
- Science Showcase is May 13th, 6-8 PM
- Spring Choral Concert is May 15th at 7:00 PM

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- PSSA testing will end tomorrow with make-ups occurring this week
- Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study will be May 7th

- Keystone Exams begin May 13-14 (literature), May 18-19 for Algebra and May 20 & 22 for Biology – Parents have been notified and we have asked for their support in encouraging their child to do their best
- Seniors returned home Saturday night from their trip to Florida
- Arts Alive was well attended and thanked everyone involved
- Spring Band & Chorus Concert is May 7th at 7:00 PM
- Relay for Life is May 29th – remember to register – Also breakfast with Elsa will be May 9th from 9 – 11 AM

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Special Olympics was held April 23rd – Students were excited to show off their medals upon returning to the school
- Working on obtaining the number of students for ESY

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Received email from bus drivers thanking Dan Bonham for filling in the potholes
- Received an exemption for this year on the amount of wheat we need to serve in the cafeteria

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

- Race to the Top funds will continue for another year, we have approximately \$3,400.00 to use
- Ready to Learn grant has been supporting Hybrid Learning in 8 classrooms – three more classrooms will be receiving 10 iPods and the rest will be ordered this week. We will then begin replacing the computers in these classrooms
- Dr. Retting will be here May 12th & 13th to help with scheduling
- May 13th will be the Elementary Science Showcase and Wellness Fair
- Thank you to all who helped with Arts Alive, Elementary Play, PSSA Blowout and Special Olympics
- The state monitored PSSA testing the week of April 13th – we were well prepared with only minor adjustments to make

New Business from Board Members

Second Hearing of Visitors

David Breese questioned if the balance of the Board has been involved with the negotiation proposals. This led to a lengthy and heated discussion regarding negotiations between the professionals and the Board.

Patty Pass, parent noted she has heard rumblings of a possible teacher strike. No one wants this. She then questioned if either committee has changed members in hopes to help settle the contract.

Monica Miller, Kingsley noted everyone does appreciate the teachers. What we need to do is ask what is best for the children. We need to be adults and professional, work together and forget what has happened in the past. Move forward.

Beth Donvito asked how long the negotiations have been going on and how often do you meet.

Lori DeMark asked for an answer to the question about the Board changing committee members.

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

HELD:

- Monday, April 13, 2015 – 8:40 PM to 10:02 PM, for Personnel
- Monday, April 27, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 27, 2015 after the public meeting
- Monday, May 11, 2015 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

Mr. Twining made the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary