

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 12, 2015 was postponed until January 19, 2015, due to weather. The meeting was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:14 PM by President Stoddard.

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

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

Absent

**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, and 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**

- Girls' Soccer Team - Erika Lewis, Coach & Evi Nashi Assistant Coach
- Joe Nally – Cross Country – States, Ray Mitchell, Coach
- School Board Recognition Month

Mr. Richmond left the meeting at 7:20 PM.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – December 15, 2014.**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the minutes dated December 15, 2014 as presented.

Motion 364 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**1.6 Brian Kelly – 2013-2014 Final Audit Report** was given by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Murray. We received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest that can be received. Mr. Kelly reviewed the financial statements that were passed out.

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

**1. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

Financial Report

**2.1 Approve January 12, 2015 Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the list of bills for the January 12, 2015 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$103,289.27.

Motion 365 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

## 2.2 Adopt Act 1 Resolution

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Barhite to adopt the ACT 1 Index of 2.4% as the maximum tax increase for the 2015-2016 fiscal year as attached.

Motion 366 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

## 2.3 Approve Distribution of Fund Balance

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the distribution of the fund balance as follows:

- Committed Fund Balance - \$1,558,138.00
- Assigned Fund Balance - \$3,568,078.00
- Unassigned Fund Balance - \$1,577,968.00

Motion 367 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

## 2.4 Approve Fund Transfer

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Barhite to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund C/R #53401 to Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$676,514.45 for the February 1, 2015 Bond payment of \$740,636.25 for the Bond Series of 2011. (Principal - \$685,000.00, Interest - \$55,136.25 and Fees - \$500.00)

Motion 368 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

## 2. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

### 3.1 Appoint K-12 Physical Education Teacher

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne to appoint David Frost of Factoryville, PA as a K-12 Physical Education Teacher effective February 3, 2015, at a Bachelors Column, Step 1, Salary \$37,901.00, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 369 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### 3.2 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve Heidi Page as a long term substitute for having served more than 30 consecutive days as an elementary special education substitute with a rate of \$160.00 per day effective January 5, 2015.

Motion 370 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.3 Appoint K-12 Special Education Teacher**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne to appoint Heidi Page of Susquehanna, PA as a K-12 Special Education Teacher effective January 20, 2015, at a Bachelors Column, Step 1, Salary \$37,901.00, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 371 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.4 Approve Additions to Substitute List**

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

1. Susan Rikkola, Harford, Pa to the Elementary and High School substitute list – Emergency Certification
2. Ann Rogers, Hop Bottom, PA to the Cafeteria substitute list

Motion 372 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Casselbury

**5.1 Approve Conference Request**

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

- 1) Susan Gravine on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, Friday, January 23, 2015 and Wednesday, April 8, 2015 to attend Gifted Network at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (No Cost to the District)
- 2) Terri Kelsey, Elaine Chichura and Adrienne Brown on Tuesday, May 19, 2014 and Wednesday, May 20, 2015 to attend the Challenge of Common Core and NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. ( Registration - \$450.00, Substitute - \$475.00 – Total Cost - \$925.00)
- 3) Marybeth Langdon and Holly James on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 to attend Collins Writing Program, Day 2 at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration - \$180.00, Substitute - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$370.00)
- 4) Mark Ezdebski and JoAnn Voda on Thursday, January 15, 2015 to attend a video conference at Mountain View for ASSET – Electricity & Magnetism training. (Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Title II)
- 5) Donna Porter on Monday, January 26, 2015 to attend the Countywide SAP Networking Meeting on Suicide Prevention at NEIU 19, Archbald. (No cost to the District)

Motion 373 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests**

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

- a) Kevin Haugland and 2 Students on Friday, January 30, 2015 and Saturday, January 31, 2015 to participate in Marywood University Senior Wind Band Celebration at Marywood University, Scranton, PA. (Transportation - \$29.12, Substitute - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$124.12)
- b) Kevin Haugland and 1 Student on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, Thursday, February 5, 2015 and Friday, February 6, 2015 to participate in PMEA District 9 Orchestra Festival at Lackawanna Trail High School. (Transportation - \$17,36, Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$207.36)
- c) Andrea Aten and 1 Student to attend PASC State Executive Board Meeting on Friday and Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Altoona High School and Thursday through Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Halifax, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – All other expenses covered by PASC)

Motion 374 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### **5. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's reported the phones have been changed over. He feels the transition could have gone better. They are still working out some problems.

Also the wood stove went down this weekend but is now up and running.

#### **6. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

#### **7. 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

Mr. Stoddard reported a meeting with the MVEA was held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Three additional meetings have been scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>..

### **8. Administration**

#### **9.1 Principal's Comments**

##### **High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley**

- End of the Marking Period is January 27<sup>th</sup>, Report Cards to go home January 31<sup>st</sup> and conferences scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be CDT testing for the next two weeks.
- Congratulations to Makenna Whittaker for scoring her 1000<sup>th</sup> point in Basketball.
- He also congratulated the girls soccer team. They were a pleasure to watch.
- The Programs of Studies were passed out for review. He is in hopes to be able to approve them the first meeting in February.
- Congratulations to Caden Scott and Delaney Heller for being District SGA Representatives.

##### **Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly**

- CDT testing is also taking place at the elementary building.

- End of the Marking Period is January 27<sup>th</sup>, Report Cards to go home January 31<sup>st</sup> and conferences scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Student of the Month Luncheon will be January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- January 31<sup>st</sup> will be the PBIS Blowout.
- Mrs. Kelly updated everyone on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Washington trip.

### **9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski**

- Ms. Wnorowski noted that the state performance plan will be updated. Pennsylvania's mega factor will be focused on the graduation rate.

### **9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski**

- Timeline for the 2025-2016 budget was passed out.
- Cafeteria 3 year audit has been completed. He thanked Nutrition and the cafeteria workers for their help.

### **9.4 Acting Superintendent's Comments and Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

- There was a wellness meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. They are planning on a Health Fair on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the High School.
- We have received a check for \$25,000.00 from the Community Foundation for Project Lead the Way. It will be implemented with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- We will also be participating in the EverFi Financial Literacy Program funded by the Community Foundation.
- First in Math is a free online program available to students grades K – 8. User names and passwords have been provided.

### **New Business from Board Members**

#### **Second Hearing of Visitors**

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, December 15, 2014 – 8:50 PM to 10:00 PM for Personnel
- Monday, January 19, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, January 19, 2015 after the Board meeting for Personnel
- Monday, January 26, 2015 before and after the Board meeting for Personnel

### **9. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Kilmer to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky  
Board Secretary