

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 13, 2014 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 07:08 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. Jason Richmond, Mrs. Sondra Stine, Mr. Roy Twining and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent

Mr. Stephen Kilmer

1.3. Administration Present

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

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager and Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary, Principal

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff

Hannah Phillips was recognized for her creative writing.

Ali Virbitsky – Student Government Liaison updated the Board on various club activities at the high school.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – October 6, 2014.

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated October 6, 2014 as presented.

Motion 294 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1.6 Business Education Curriculum was presented by Karen Voigt**1.7 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.****2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Casselbury

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve October 13, 2014 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the October 13, 2014 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$84,459.25.

Motion 295 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Amend Start Date

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine second by Mr. Richmond to amend the start date for Michelle Bowman, Food Service, from August 23, 2014 to September 23, 2014.

Motion 296 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.2 Approve Addition to Substitute List

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

1. Frank Passetti, New Milford, PA - 06 emergency teacher substitute
2. Erika Lewis, New Milford, Pa – PreK-4 and Special Education Certified

Motion 297 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

4.1 Adopt Policy # 246 Student Wellness

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine to adopt policy #246 – Student Wellness, as amended.

Motion 298 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

1. Madonna Munley on Tuesday, October 14, 2015 to attend ESL Overview – PD for ESL Teachers at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$95.00)
2. Lori Cobb on Thursday, October 30, 2014 to attend SBAP Update and Training at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (No Cost to the District)
3. Donna Porter and Allison Martino on Friday, November 7, 2014 to attend PHEAA-PASFAA Financial Aid Workshop for Counselors at Johnson College. (No cost to the District)
4. Maureen Beamish and Alicia Waters on Thursday, September 25, 2014, October 30, 2014, November 20, 2014, January 22, 2015, February 26, 2015 and March 26, 2015 to attend On-going Reading Recovery Professional Development in Stroudsburg, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$708.00 – Title IIA)
5. Marilyn Jackson, Karen Krizauskas, Tracy Bazil, Jenifer Pliska, Debra Earley, Kristy Moher, Melissa Wasko and Laurie Barlow on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 to attend

- ASSET Science – Content Enrichment at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA.
(Cost paid by ASSET)
6. Brandi Miller, Jamie Janesky, Anne Bode and Kristen Hogan-Smith on Thursday, October 23, 2014 to attend ASSET Science – Content Enrichment at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA. (Cost paid by ASSET)
 7. Janet Karhnak, John Arnold, Mark Ezdebski, Jamie Esgro and Jenny Keating on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 to attend ASSET Science – Content Enrichment at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA (Cost paid by ASSET)

Motion 299 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests:

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

1. Roger Thomas, 1 Paraprofessional and 18 Students on Thursday, October 16, 2014 to visit Ordie Price Sawmill. (Transportation Cost - \$69.04)
2. Jamie Boerio and 7 Students on Sunday, October 19, 2014 to participate in PMEA District 9 Auditions at Tunkhannock Area School District. (Transportation Costs - \$87.92, Registration Cost - \$56.00 – Total Cost - \$143.92)
3. Alisha Marmo, Corrine Ross and 25 Students on Thursday, December 18, 2014 to attend FBLA Regional Conference at Keystone College, LaPlume, PA. (Transportation Cost paid by FBLA – Substitute Cost - \$190.00)
4. Jamie Boerio, adult chaperones TBD and 11 Students on Saturday, December 20, 2014 to perform the National Anthem for the Binghamton Senators, Binghamton, NY. (No cost to the District)
5. Michael Talabiska, Whitney Twining and 50 students on Wednesday, March 11, 2014 to participate in the PA Science Olympiad, NE Regional Tournament at Penn State Wilkes Barre Campus, Wilkes Barre, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$263.00, Registration Cost - \$450.00, Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$453.00)
6. Alisha Marmo, Corrine Ross and 4 Students on April 12 through April 15, 2014 to attend the FBLA State Leadership Conference at Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA (Transportation Cost and Substitute Cost to be paid by FBLA)
7. Andrea Aten, Molly Virbitsky, Robert Presley, Melody Haley and 45 Students on April 22 through April 25, 2015 to participate in the Senior Class Trip at Disney World, Orlando, Florida. (No cost to the District – paid by the Senior Class)
8. Roger Thomas, 1 paraprofessional and 18 students on Thursday, October 23, 2014 to visit Jeffers Tree Farm, Kingsley, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$54.52)
9. Corrine McNabb, Robin Phillips and 26 students on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 to attend Young Authors Day at Keystone College, LaPlume, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$174.43, Substitute Cost - \$190.00, Registration Cost - \$260.00 – Total Cost - \$624.43)
10. Susan Gravine, Karen Voigt (on November 3, 2014) and 4 students on Monday, November 3, 2014, Tuesday, January 6, 2015 and Monday, February 9, 2015 to attend STEM Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Transportation Cost - \$30.24 per trip)
11. Charleene Martens and 5 students on Friday, October 31, 2014 to participate in the Scholastic Scrimmage at WVIA Television Studio, Pittston, PA. (District Van is Scheduled – Substitute Cost - \$95.00)

Motion 300 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.3 Appoint Supplemental Salary Positions

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint the following supplemental positions:

1. Molly Virbitsky – Ski Co-Advisor - \$183.00
2. Catherine Sekely – Ski co-Advisor - \$183.00

Motion 301 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Jason Casselbury

Mr. Taylor reported:

- There were issues with the scoreboard at the soccer field. To upgrade to LED lights the cost would be \$3,015.00. To replace the entire scoreboard it would cost \$5,270.00. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with replacing the scoreboard with a new one.
- He is still working on the lighting for the wrestling mat.
- The greenhouse has been constructed.
- The architect wants to know if we want specs written for a turf infield or leave it as is.

Mr. Barhite questioned the fences around the ball fields. (PIAA regulations)

Mr. Stoddard questioned the status of the phone system. (All lines have been marked – Christmas is still the target date for the conversion)

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Richmond

8. Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson

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

Mr. Stoddard reported the fact finding report has been released. They are putting together a web page with the data. A hard copy will also be available.

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Currently held a fundraiser for Ryan's Run - \$931.82 was raised
- Thanks to the custodial staff for the painting and installation of locks on the new lockers
- FBLA did a good job with spirit week
- SGA recently held a dance
- Friday was an in-service day – CDT Training was held

- There was a discussion on the graduation project. With the Keystone Exams the graduation project is no longer a state requirement for graduation. The question is do we continue with the graduation project. If not then changes need to be made for the credits for graduation. This will be decided at the next board meeting.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Starting to review strategy sheets and case loads. Create action plan if necessary.

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Local auditors are beginning to close the 2013-2014 audit. The AFR needs to be filed by October 31, 2014.

9.4 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**9.5 Acting Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

- She was able to resolve Mr. Tompkins's issue with his daughter participating in chimettes. She is still working on band.
- AP Scores were review. A five year summary was presented.
- Health & Wellness Committee met last week with Ms. Oakley from Nutrition Inc to be updated on the changes that would be coming.
- Saturday SAT's were given at Mountain View
- Next Saturday PSAT's will be given.

Ms. Wnorowski reported that Mr. Presley, Mrs. Kelly and her completed the non-violent crises program and are now certified trainers.

New Business from Board Members**Second Hearing of Visitors****Executive Session – Announcement of executive sessions held and/or scheduled.****HELD:**

- Monday, October 6, 2014 7:55 PM to 9:10 PM, for Personnel
- Monday, October 13, 2014, 6:00 PM to 7:01 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 13, 2014 after the meeting for Personnel
- Monday, October 27, 2014 before and after the meeting for Personnel

Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Secretary