

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 8, 2014 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, 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

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

- PJAS – Mrs. Erin Rupp, Advisor
Students ~ Natalia Parjane, Joe Cerra, Mario Snyder, Travis Hartman and Emmett Jodon.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – August 21, 2014 & August 25, 2014.

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne, to approve the minutes dated August 21, 2014 & August 25, 2014 as presented.

Resolution 256 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

1.6 HS 7-12 Science Curriculum Presentation by Mrs. Voigt.**1.7 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.****1. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson**

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Stephen Kilmer

Financial Reports**2.1 Approve September 8, 2014 Bill Lists**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the September 8, 2014 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$60,209.86.

Resolution 257 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

2.2 Authorize Signature for Elementary Activity Account

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine to add Barbra Presley to the Elementary Activity Account to sign checks.

Resolution 258 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

2.3 Approve Foster Grandparent Program

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the Foster Grandparent Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Resolution 259 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

2. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Acknowledge Tenure & Issue Professional Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to acknowledge tenure and authorize issuance of a professional contract for Jaimie Himka.

Resolution 260 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

3.2 Approve Addition to Substitute List

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

1. Andrea Saam, Clifford Township to the paraprofessional substitute list

Resolution 261 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

3.3 Approve Extension of Summer IT Help

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to extend the summer IT for Adam Wnorowski for up to 8 weeks at a rate of \$14.10 per hour.

Resolution 262 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

3. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

4. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

5.1 Adopt Textbook

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to adopt the textbook *Life Science*, Author Glemor, Copyright 2012, Publisher McGraw Hill for Grade 8.

Resolution 263 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- Sheri Ransom and 2 or 3 students on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 and every Wednesday thereafter during the school year to visit Forest City Senior Citizens Center. (Transportation Cost - \$66.60 per trip)
- Sheri Ransom and 2 or 3 students on Thursday, September 18, 2014 and every Thursday thereafter during the school year to visit Interfaith, Montrose, PA. (Transportation Costs - \$37.38 per trip)
- Andrea Aten and 8 to 12 Students on Thursday, November 6, 2014, Friday, November 7, 2014 and Saturday, November 8, 2014 to attend PASC State Conference 2014 at Altoona Jr./Sr. High School, Altoona, PA. (Lodging Cost \$540.00 and Registration Cost - \$1,000.00 to be paid by MVSGA – Substitute Cost \$190.00 to be paid by the District. Transportation Cost – Charter Bus paid for by the students)
- Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 6 or 7 Students on Thursday, September 18, 2014 to visit Walmart, Ronald McDonald House , AC Moore, Dickson City, Pa and have lunch. (Transportation Cost – \$39.20)
- Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 6 or 7 Students on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 to visit Walmart, Sam's Club, Dickson City, Pa and have lunch. (Transportation Cost – \$33.60)
- Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Sheri Ransom and 6 or 7 Students on Friday, October 24, 2014 to visit DeHaven's Farm, Uniondale, PA & Weiss Market, Carbondale, PA (Transportation Cost - \$28.00)
- Michael Talabiska or Whitney Twining and 6 Students on September 26, October 23, November 6, January 15, March 24, April 22, May 5 and May 21 to attend Environmental Forum at Joe Terry Civic Center, Montdale, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$760.00 – District Van to be scheduled)

Resolution 264 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.3 Approve Conference Request

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

- Gail Wnorowski on September 16th & 17th, October 16th, November 18th, 2014, January 9th, February 4th, 5th, & 6th, March 11th, May 13th & 14th and July 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th, 2015 to attend Pennsylvania Fellowship Program for Special Education Leaders, to be held at State College, Hershey and Bedford Springs. (District Vehicle to be scheduled, Lodging Cost 13 nights at \$100.00 - \$1,300.00 and Registration Cost \$400.00 – Total Cost \$1,700.00.)
- Adrienne Brown on Friday, September 12, 2014, Thursday, October 9, 2014, and Monday, November 24, 2014 to attend Reading Apprenticeship at NEIU 19. (Substitute Cost - \$286.00 from RTTT, no Transportation Cost)
- Corrine McNabb on Monday, September 16, 2014 to attend Title III Consortia Meeting – ESL at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA (No cost to the District)

- Diana Slick, Robin Phillips and Christine Kelly on Thursday, October 23, 2014, and Friday, October 24, 2014 to attend SAP – Support Group Facilitators Training at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration Cost \$600.00, Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Total Cost \$790.00)
- Carole Heier-Rainey and Allison Martino on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 to attend 339 Planning for School Counselors at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (No cost to the District)

Resolution 265 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.4 Approve Homebound Instructors

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following Homebound instructors for 2014-2015

1. Patricia Dietrich
2. Terri Kelsey
3. Megan Clough

Resolution 266 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.5 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year:

1. Kerri Jarnagin, Nicholson, PA –Girl's & Boy's Volleyball
2. Erika Skiscim, Susquehanna, PA – Elementary Classroom Volunteer

Resolution 267 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.6 Appoint Supplemental Salary Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Stephanie Kile as National Honor Society Advisor - \$865.00.

Resolution 268 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.7 Approve After School Tutoring Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the after school tutoring/homework program for the 2014/2015 school year at the Jr./Sr. High School starting October 14, 2014.

Resolution 269 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.8 Approve Teachers for After School Tutoring Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve Patricia Dietrich, Diane Supancik and Megan Clough as the teachers for the After School Tutoring/Homework program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Resolution 270 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5.9 Appoint Supplemental Salary Positions

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

- Steven Farrell – 6th Grade Advisor - \$230.00
- Susan Gesford - Mentor - \$1,153.00
- Amy Getz – Intramural Volleyball - \$732.00
- Amy Getz – Intramural Softball - \$732.00

Resolution 271 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

5. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Roy Twining

Mr. Taylor's report

6. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Richmond

7.1 Approve Substitute Car/Van Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following car/van substitute, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Joyce Harvey, Hop Bottom, PA

Resolution 272 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

7. 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

Mr. Stoddard reported there would be a fact finding meeting tomorrow.

8. Administration

9.1 Acting Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Smooth opening day w/ dress code
- Elem computer lab is up and running
- 3rd day enrollment down slightly from last year
- ESL students are up

9.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Transportation running smoothly
- Applied for a \$68,000.00 grant to replace equipment in cafeteria

9.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Off to a good start

- Teachers have volunteered to take the CDT Labs, Hybrid Learning
- Open House is, Thursday, September 11th
- Dress Code going smoothly
- Fifth Grade is hosting a golf tournament to raise money to restore the trip to Harrisburg.
- Saturday, September 13th in Montrose she will attend Susquehanna County Out of the Darkness. (Suicide Prevention)

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- High School is also off to a good start
- Dress Code went well
- Thanked those who donated clothes. Would like to hold periodic spirit days
- Questioned if they could have dress down days for the students
- Presented quote for wrestling mat. This will be purchased with a purchase order and then reimbursed by the booster club.
- Laptop lab is up and running – thanks for replacing it.
- Teacher effectiveness – SLO (Student Learning Objective) is being implemented
- Friday, September 12th there will be a dance and movie night.

Mr. Stoddard questioned is Sapphire was all that it was cracked up to be.

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

- Everyday Math for grades 1, 4 & 5 is up and running
- Carnegie Math for grades 6, 7 & 8 had two days of training at the high school
- Race for the Cure is September 20th

9.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Students are settling in
- Applied for a \$41,000.00 grant to help with Community Based Learning experience. It will help with job coach and other needs.

Mr. Presley acknowledge the great job Ms. Wnorowski is doing

New Business from Board Members

Mr. Stoddard acknowledged that this is the most positive start to a school year that he has seen in a long time.

Mr. Barhite questioned if it was true that a child in the District attending a PA Cyber School cannot graduate on stage. (Yes, they can participate in sports and school activities but not graduate on stage)

Second Hearing of Visitors

Tom Makosky, Brooklyn, asked if the Lackawanna College courses were accepted by other colleges. He asked if charter schools and prep schools fell under common core. He asked if the Administration and the Board was for Common Core.

Dan Bonham, Kingsley questioned when the website would be updated with the minutes and the ACT 93 and salaries.

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

HELD:

- Monday, August 25, 2014, 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM, for Personnel
- Monday, September 8, 2014, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 8, 2014 following this meeting.
- Monday, September 22, 2014 before and after the meeting.

9. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mrs. Stine to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary