

1. Opening Activities 1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 13, 2014 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**1.3. Roll Call**

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.

1.4. Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs, Mrs. 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

- Student of the Month – Susquehanna County CTC
- **Bryan Boyko, Jr. – Welding Technology**
 - **Jairus Parry – Electrical, Plumbing & Heating**
 - **Alexis Twining – Health Care Technology**

Melody Haley, Carrie Phelps, Dan Anthony, and Christine Kelly were recognized for their efforts in a recent medical emergency.

January - School Board Recognition Month – Mrs. Shea recognized the members of the Board of Education for their dedication and presented certificates to each member.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – December 16, 2013.

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated December 16, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 94 – Motion Carried – Voting (9 Yes)

1.6 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 The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the January 16, 2014 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$89,782.56.

Resolution 95 – Motion Carried – Voting (9 Yes)

2. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

1. Second Reading – Policy # 202 – Eligibility of Non-Resident Students was presented by Dr. Plonski-Sezer.

4. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

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

- a) Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on Monday, January 6, January 13, January 20 and January 27, 2014 to go to Interfaith Mission in Montrose, PA to explore volunteer opportunities and work on social skills. (Transportation Costs - \$166.24)
- b) Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on Tuesday, January 7, January 14, January 21, and January 27, 2014 to go to YMCA Greater Carbondale, Carbondale, PA to explore volunteer opportunities and work on social skills. (Transportation Costs - \$214.08)
- c) Sheri Ransom and 3 Students to go to Lenoxville Community Senior Citizen Hall , Lenoxville, PA to explore volunteer opportunities and work on social skills. (Transportation Costs - \$98.16)

Resolution 96 – Motion Carried – Voting (8 Yes, 1 Abstain) – Mr. Twining Abstained

5. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Roy Twining

Mr. Taylor's reported there was a brown out causing damage to some equipment in the high school kitchen. The woodstove went down due to faulty wiring. DEP conducted a surprise air quality test. ESP and DEP has required a time energy audit that must be done by and independent outfit by March 21, 2014.

Discuss Alternative Penelec Broker

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to appoint Mid Atlantic Energy Service, Carbondale, PA as our Penelec Broker effective March 8, 2014 for 25 months at a rate of 6.655..

Resolution 97 – Motion Carried – Voting (9 Yes)

6. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Richmond

7. MVEA Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Michael Barhite, Christine Plonski-Sezer

Mr. Stoddard reported they are in the process of picking dates to meet.

8.1 MVESPA Labor relations committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

Committee Members, Stephen Kilmer, Sondra Stine, Roy Twining

There was a meeting held on Thursday, January 9, 2014. Mr. Stoddard announced they have reached a tentative agreement and hopes to have a motion on the agenda to ratify the contract in a couple of weeks.

8. Consent Agenda**Items removed for separate action; 9.8b**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.8b.

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried – Voting (9 Yes)

9.1 Approve Distribution of Fund Balance

The motion is made to approve distribution of fund balance as follows:

- Committed Fund Balance - \$2,416,198.00
 - Future Employee Early Retirement Incentives
 - Future Debt Service Payments
 - Capital Improvements
- Assigned Fund Balance - \$2,461,851.00
 - Future Employee Medical, Dental, Vision Benefits
 - Future Employee Retirement Payments
 - Future Employee Payoffs ex: vacation and Sick Time
- Unassigned Fund Balance - \$1,524,662.00
 - Available and to be used as the School Board deems necessary

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.2 Approve Settlement Agreement

The motion is made to approve settlement of a matter concerning special education student #14043; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of \$26,666.67 and reimbursement of \$13,333.33 in attorney's fees.

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.3 Approve Fund Transfer

The motion is made to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund cross reference #52401 to Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$671,100.25 for the February 1, 2014 Bond payment of \$735,186.25 for the Bond Series of 2011.

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.4 Approve Fund Transfer

The motion is made to approve the transfer of \$10,500.00 from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund for the 2013-2014 school year.

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.5 Adopt Act 1 Resolution

The motion is made to adopt the ACT 1 Index of 2.7% as the maximum tax increase for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as attached.

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.6 Approve IRS Rate

The motion is made to approve the IRS mileage rate for 2014 at 56 cents a mile.

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.7 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made to approve homebound instruction for student # 15054 beginning November 4, 2013 ending January 31, 2014.

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.8 Approve Conference Request

The motion is made to approve the following conference request:

- a) Mona Hoadley, on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Thursday, March 20, 2014, and Friday, March 21, 2014, to attend Spring Child Accounting Conference, Hershey, PA. (Transportation Cost \$160.16, Lodging \$494.00, Registration \$220.00, and Substitute 170.73 – Total Cost \$1,044.89)

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

- b) Mary Ann Tranovich and Jacqueline Ferenczi on Sunday, February 9, 2014, Monday, February 10, 2014, Tuesday, February 11, 2013, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, Thursday, February 13, 2014, Friday, February 14, 2014, and Saturday, February 15, 2014 to attend Title II-B Science-Math Partnership – NASA, Lake Placid, New York. (Transportation - \$364.00, Substitutes \$850.00 – Total Cost \$1,214.00)

9.8 b – Removed – No action taken

9.9 Approve Field Trips

The motion is made to approve the following field trips:

1. Megan Clough, Roger Thomas and 30 Students on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to Boulder Mountain for a ski trip. (Substitute Cost - \$85.00)
2. Megan Clough, Roger Thomas and 35 Students on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 to Hunter Mountain for a ski trip. (Substitute Cost - \$170.00)
3. Kevin Haugland and 1 Student on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, Thursday, January 23, 2014, and Friday, January 24, 2014 to attend 2014 District 9 Orchestra Festival at Forest City Regional High School, Forest City, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$55.84, Substitute Cost - \$170.00 – Total Cost \$225.84)
4. Kevin Haugland and 1 Student on Thursday, February 6, 2014 and Friday, February 7, 2014, to attend 2014 District 9 Band Festival at Montrose High School, Montrose, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$32.68, Substitute Cost - \$170.00 – Total Cost \$202.68)
5. Jamie Boerio, Kevin Haugland and 3 Students on Friday, January 17, 2014 and Saturday, January 18, 2014 to attend PMEA District 8 Jazz Festival at Wallenpaupack High School. (Transportation Cost - \$257.92, Registration \$280.00, Substitute - \$85.00 – Total Cost - \$622.92)
6. Karen Voigt, Mary Ann Tranovich and 20 Students on Saturday, February 8, 2014 to compete in Math Counts at Wyoming Valley West Middle School. (Registration Cost - \$240.00, Transportation Cost - \$260.58 – Total Cost - \$502.68)

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.10 Approve Substitute

The motion is made to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all documentation:

- Jessica Hubal, Thompson, PA, Certified Mathematics - Grades 7-12
- Justin Kinney, Hop Bottom, PA, car/van substitute

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9.11 Authorize Advertising

The motion is made to authorize advertising for the following spring sports coaches:

- Baseball – Varsity, Assistant Varsity, Junior Varsity, & Junior High
- Softball – Varsity, Assistant Varsity, & Junior High
- Track – Head Coach & 3 Assistant Coaches
- Boys Volleyball – Varsity and Assistant Varsity

Resolution 98 – Motion Carried Under Consent Agenda – Voting (9 Yes)

9. Administration

10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea reported having a team meeting where budget information was presented. We are in testing season. She apologized for so many closings and delays. She wants to discuss changing the calendar.

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski reported the 2012 audit has been accepted. He hopes to have the local auditors at the first meeting in February.

10.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly updated the Board on various activities at the elementary building.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley updated the Board on various activities at the high school.

10.4 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt reported she is in hopes to be able to analyze the 4-sight testing on Thursday. The High School Challenge will be held at Mountain View on February 1, 2014, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Beginning with the 3rd marking period she is in hopes to provide transportation under the 21st Century grant. Under curriculum she past out the final piece of the language arts curriculum. This will now be placed on the January 27th agenda for approval. The social studies curriculum is done and physical education is almost done.

10.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Whorowski has been busy observing in the classroom, working with the principals, testing, and contacting off campus placements.

New Business from Board Members

Dr. Plonski-Sezer congratulated our music students on their success in the recent PMEA 9 Chorus participation. She also noted the Children's Choir sang at the Capital in Harrisburg. This was followed by a luncheon and tour by Sandra Major and Tina Pickett.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Ann Corbin and Dan Anthony, Brooklyn, expressed concerns with the morning drop off. They do not feel it is safe for the students and sometimes a bottleneck is created. This will be looked into.

Lisa Bruzgulas express concerns with the security within the building. She was able to walk all around the school and did not think this was right.

Brandi Miller, Greenfield Township thanked the Board for allowing employees to bring their children to school. Mr. Presley and Mrs. Kelly also thanked the Board.

Mrs. Shea asked to modify the school calendar. She would like to use February 17th and April 21st as make up days. Consensus was in favor. A new calendar will be presented to the Board for approval on January 27th.

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 16, 2012, 9:00 PM to 10:55 PM for Personnel

- Monday, January 13, 2014, 6:00 PM to 7:20 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 13, 2014, after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, January 27, 2014, before and after the public meeting for personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Secretary