

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on August 10, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:18 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Roll Call – Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer and Mrs. Sondra Stine

1.3. Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Acting Superintendent & Director of Curriculum & Instruction & Federal Programs, Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent - Laurie Cobb, Asst. Business Manager

1.4 Approval of the Minutes – July 27, 2015

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the minutes dated July 27, 2015 as presented.

Motion 46 Carried (6 Yes, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant)

1.5 Interview Harford/Lenox Candidates

Dr. Andrew Chichura, Casey Webster, and Dawn Ziegler spoke as to their interest and qualifications for School Board Director.

1.6 Appoint Harford/Lenox Director

Mr. Twining nominated Dr. Andrew Chichura and Mr. Casselbury nominated Casey Webster

By a roll call vote: Dr. Chichura received 5 votes (Mrs. Aherne, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Twining voting) – Casey Webster received 1 vote (Mr. Casselbury)

1.7 Administer Oath of Office – Attorney Gaughan

Attorney Gaughan administered the Oath of Office and Dr. Chichura took his seat on the Board

Pride in Mountain View

Dempsey Hollenbeck was recognized for her senior project for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She raised \$18,500.00.

**1.8 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.
(Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)**

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson

Committee Members: Andrew Chichura Jason Richmond

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve August 10, 2015 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for the August 10, 2015 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$76,368.01.

Motion 47 Carried (7 Yes, 2 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 additions to the substitute list, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Alexander Barbolish, Nicholson, PA – Emergency Certified Teacher
2. Melissa MacDonald, Kingsley, PA to the Elementary and High School Clerical, Cafeteria, Hall/Cafeteria Monitor and Paraprofessional

Motion 48 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3.2 Appoint K-12 Music Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint Mason Stiver, Punxsutawney, PA as K-12 Certified Music Teacher, Bachelors Column, Step 1, Salary \$37,901.00 effective August 24, 2015, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 49 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to accept the letter of resignation from Diane Makosky from her account clerk position effective August 21, 2015 for retirement purposes.

Motion 50 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3.4 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to accept the letter of resignation from Diane Makosky from her Board Secretary position effective August 21, 2015 for retirement purposes.

Motion 51 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3.5 Authorize Advertising for Payroll/Benefits/Accounts Payable Manager

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to authorize advertising for a 260 day Payroll/Benefits/Accounts Payable Manager with applications due August 28, 2015.

Motion 52 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3.6 Approve Start Date

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the start date for Dr. Christopher Lake as August 17, 2015.

Motion 53 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3.7 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to accept the letter of resignation from Christopher Robinson from his High School Math position effective August 23, 2015.

Motion 54 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

Mr. Richmond presented the second reading of Policy 204 – Attendance

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Casselbury

5.1 Approve SAP Agreement

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the SAP Agreement for 2015-2016 as presented.

Motion 55 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

5.2 Approve Handbooks

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

1. Coaches Handbook
2. Parent-Student Athletic Handbook

Motion 56 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

5.3 Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the following quarterly reports, dated June 30, 2015, as amended and file for audit:

1. Athletic Account

Motion 56 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

5.4 Approve K-12 Music Curriculum

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the K-12 Music Curriculum as presented.

Motion 57 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

5.5 Approve Community School Based Behavioral Health Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the implementation of the Community School Based Behavioral Health Plan.

Motion 58 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's reported

- Ovens are in and functional
- Lockers are installed – just need to be trimmed
- Elementary Building has been cleaned except some halls
- High School Building is almost done
- Sidewalk will be repaired next week
- Obtained another storage unit
- Phones are ordered and are scheduled to be in this week

Dr. Chichura questioned the status of placing a water fountain in the cafeteria. He would like a written report for the next meeting.

7. Transportation Committee: Andrew Chichura, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

7.1 Appoint Bus Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Lewis Bus Service, Jackson, PA as the bus contractor for the CTC AM & PM runs, option 2 as bid .

Motion 59 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

7.2 Approve Bus Substitutes

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the list of bus substitutes as presented.

Motion 60 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

7.3 Approve Activity Bus Contractors and Contracts

No Action Taken

7.4 Discuss Shuttle Bus - No Discussion

7.5 Award Shuttle Bus Contracts

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Richmond to award the following Shuttle Bus Contracts:

1. Brooklyn - Linda Anthony – Daily Rate \$49.94
2. Harford/Lenox - Laura Fuller – Daily Rate \$92.50
3. Clifford - Gary Sanauskas – Daily Rate \$90.00

Motion 61 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

7.6 Award Activity Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Barhite, second by Mr. Richmond to award the following activity bus contract:

1. Dan & Linda Anthony

Motion 62 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

Dan Anthony expressed concerns being the only activity bus contractor. He only has one bus. Dr. Chichura asked if he could sub-contract with another contractor who has an additional bus. Mr. Patchcoski said he has a couple of people who might be able to help out.

8. Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

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

Mr. Stoddard reported there would be a meeting with the MVEA on August 11th at 6:00 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Thanked the custodial staff in getting the building ready for school

- Student Registration was held August 4th & 5th. She thanked Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Presley for their help
- Asset Award was received. It was noted they would like to come to observe us.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Also thanked the custodial staff
- In 2 weeks they will be welcoming back faculty & staff
- Thanked the Board for bringing back the shuttle bus

Mr. Barhite questioned how the scheduling was going after hearing Mr. Riddock. This will be implemented next year at the high school. He was beneficial.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Looking forward to the return of the faculty and staff
- Thanked the Board for their support in allowing her to attend the Special Education Leadership Academy
- Someone from the Scranton Counseling Center will be at the next Board meeting

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Thanked the custodial staff as well
- Cafeteria Manager is back on staff
- IT is installing the new server
- Acknowledged the great job Diane has done. She will be missed

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

- Next meeting the new Director of Curriculum will be on the agenda
- Thanked Diane for her service
- Title II funding is flat
- Ready To Learn Grant final report has been filed
- Project Lead The Way will be implemented for 7th & 8th grades
- Delaney Heller & Caden Scott attended a regional student government meeting
- Child Abuse Training will be held August 25th
- Fingerprinting will be held August 24th

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Stoddard thanked Diane for her service – She will be missed

Second Hearing of Visitors

(Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)

David Breese questioned if detention would be brought back with the reinstatement of the shuttle buses. He can accept what is on the website, does not like an issue being made on the morale of the teachers. Just focus on the kids

Kathy McHenry thanked the maintenance staff for getting the soccer field ready.

Corey Gesford, Clifford Township

- What is the process for filling a Board seat

- Will the shuttle bus be available to SAY soccer
- Asked for clarification on what happened with Pocono Transportation
- Negotiations
 - How many meeting have been held since June 3rd
 - Is the main sticking point the distribution of the money – since most other districts follow PSEA's distribution why is it a concern now
 - How many Board members were involved in the last contract negotiations
 - Why is it an issue now – not then - is it a matter of control
 - The teachers have been waiting for 3 years to settle

Ernie Griffis, Brooklyn questioned why the most recent MVEA proposal was not used. Is it proper to use Matt Georgetti during the school day to update the website for Board business?

Kevin Reuss asked how much of the \$7,200 bill to Sweet Stevens was for negotiations. Couldn't the money spent on negotiations the last 3 years have been better spent?

Abbey Mecca asked which Board members were willing to stay long into the night to settle the contract. How much of a difference is there to reach an agreement? She agreed that money spent on lawyers for negotiations would have been better spent on the teachers. Why not use a local lawyer?

Corey Gesford – other than salaries what are the other issues – Have other alternatives been explored for health care – When was the last teachers strike?

Ernie Griffis noted the website indicated we would need a 6 to 10 mill tax increase. There were several years when the taxes were not increased. Was that fiscally responsible?

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

HELD:

- Monday, July 27, 2015, 9:40 PM to 10:20 PM for Personnel
- Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 6:00 PM to 9:45 PM for Negotiations & Personnel
- Monday, August 10, 2015, 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, August 10, 2015, following the public meeting for Personnel
- Monday, August 24, 2015, before and after the public meeting for Personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Chichura to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary