

1. Opening Activities**1.1. Call to Order**

The special scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 31, 2014 in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. 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, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs arrived at 9:05 PM, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor

Absent

Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager and Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

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

1. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

Mr. Presley purposed eliminating 7th grade Honors Science, Honors English and Honors Geography. In 8th grade he purposed eliminating Honors Science, Honors English, and Honors World History. At the High School level he purposed the following cuts in Business Education; Eliminate Small Business Management, Business Law, Introduction to Business and Sports & Entertainment Marketing. Under Health & Physical Education he purposed cutting Play Ball/ Get in Shape, Lifetime Sports and Advanced Physical Education (P.E.).

These purposed changes lead to a lengthy discussion from both parents and teachers that were in attendance. They felt there should be no cuts as it is important for students to have a choice.

2.1 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 7 and 8

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Barhite to approve the program of studies for grades 7 and 8 for the 2014-2015 school year as amended. (Honors English will remain. Only Honors Science in both 7th & 8th grades and Honors Geography in 7th Grade and Honors World History in 8th grade will be eliminated

Resolution 130 - Motion Carried (9 Yes)

2.2 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 9 through 12

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the program of studies for grades 9 through 12 for the 2014-2015 school year with no changes.

Resolution 131 - Motion Carried (9 Yes)

2. Administration

3.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea

- There will be a meeting on Monday, April 7th to recognize volunteers

3.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

3.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- A Blowout was held on Friday – a karate demonstration was held by some of our students.
- Friday evening the PTO had movie night and showed *Frozen*.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Friday night there was also a dance held at the high school.

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

- Pre-K Continuation Grant application was submitted on Friday
- 21st Century students attended Spirited Arts
- There is also a field trip on Sunday, April 13th for the 21st Century students. Since the Board meeting is on April 14th Mrs. Voigt asked permission for them to go.

3.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Whorowski

- This is Cerebral Paisley month

New Business from Board Members

Second Hearing of Visitors

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

HELD:

- Monday, March 24, 2014, 9:40 PM to 11:20 PM for personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 14, 2014, before and after the public meeting for personnel

3. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary