

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mountain View School District Board of Education was held this date in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Williams.

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

Present:

Mr. Williams, President; Mr. Thomas Stoddard, First Vice President; Mrs. Ellen Aherne, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Mr. Roy Twining, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer Absent, 1 Vacant

Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mr. Andrew Doster, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Mr. Michael Slesinski, Director of Special Services and Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs

**1.5 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff****Recognize Student Accomplishments in PSSA Assessment Scores****Math, Reading, Science & Writing @ Proficient Level**

- Alyssa Clarkson

**CTC Student of the Month – Not present**

- Ashley Davidson – March Student of the Month, Susquehanna County CTC, in Cosmetology.

**Self Portrait art work**

- Robin Phillips, Teacher
- Scarlett Catalfamo, Alyssa Evans, Jason Seamans, Aiden Sekely, Aaron Weida, Selena Knowlton, Hope Perez, James Penny, Matthew Schwarztrauber, Alan Peterka, Daniel Trans, Kailee Schlegel, Tristan Beebe, Christopher Masters, Miranda Button, Alexis Wilbur, Dwight Davies, Evan Clarkson, Tyler Striefsky, and Katelyn Satunas

Mr. Williams passed the gavel to Mr. Stoddard for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Williams corrected the minutes to read “President Williams cited policy #903 which states” not “Mr. Williams noted”. He also requested the last statement “Mr. Williams will then refer your question.” Be deleted from the minutes.

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes – March 11 & 25, 2013.**

The motion is made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Twining, to approve the minutes dated March 11, 2013 as presented & March 25, 2013 as corrected.

Resolution 250 - Motion Carried (7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant)

**1.7 Interview Candidates for Clifford Township School Board Director**

Mr. David Schulte and Mr. Michael Barhite were interviewed for the Region 1 Clifford Township Board Vacancy position.

**1.8** The motion is made by Mr. Twining, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to appoint Michael Barhite, of Clifford, PA to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Todd Adams, representing Clifford Township, expiring December 2013.

Resolution 251 – Motion Carried (7 yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant)

**1.9** Brittany Wilkins administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Barhite took his seat on the board.**1.10** First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.

Jay Wescott asked if there were any changes made to the March 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. (They were approved as presented tonight; corrections were only made to the March 25<sup>th</sup> minutes)

**2. Finance Committee: Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Thomas Stoddard, Roy Twining

## Financial Reports

**2.1** Approve List of Bills – April 8, 2013

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the April 8, 2013 General Fund bill lists in the amount of \$68,850.55.

Resolution 252 - Motion Carried. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**2.2** Approve School Breakfast and School Lunch Prices for 2013-2014

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve school breakfast and school lunch prices for the 2013-2014:

High School Breakfast:	Student - \$1.10	Adult - \$2.85
High School Lunch:	Student - \$1.85	Adult - \$2.85
Elementary Breakfast:	Student - \$1.10	Adult - \$2.85
Elementary Lunch:	Student - \$1.60	Adult - \$2.85

Resolution 253 - Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**2.3** Approve Ala Carte Prices for 2013-2014

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the 2013-2014 Ala Carte price increase of 5 cents per item.

Resolution 254 - Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer

**4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

**5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine

**6. Building and Site Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

Mr. Taylor's Report – Mrs. Shea reported there were no major breakdowns. He will be meeting with Johnson Controls tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup>. He is in hopes to have quotes on the security & fire alarm update by the next meeting.

**7. Transportation Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Roy Twining

**8. Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Christine Plonski-Sezer

A meeting was held April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next scheduled meetings will be May 21, 2013 at 6:00 PM and June 4, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

**Labor Relations Committee – MVESPA: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Steven Kilmer, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Sondra Stine

The next meeting is April 9, 2013.

**9. Consent Agenda**

**Items removed for separate action; 9.1, 9.2, 9.3**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3.

Resolution 255 - Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**9.1 Approve Homebound Instruction**

The motion is made to approve homebound instruction for:

- Student #13218, effective 03/11/2013 ending with a date to be determined.
- Student \$14043, effective 03/26/2013 ending with a date to be determined

Removed for separate action

**9.2 Approve Field Trip Requests**

The motion is made to approve the following field trips:

**JoAnn Voda, Ronald Gardoski, Robert Fisher and the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**, on Friday, May 10, 2013 to attends Friends of Salt Springs State Park E-3 Environmental

Education Program. Trip to be paid by Transportation Costs to be paid by Salt Springs State Park. No Substitutes necessary.

**Charleene Martens and 4 scholastic team students**, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to compete at Nationals in Chicago, IL. Transportation Costs \$1,500.00, Lodging \$912.00, Meals \$625.00, Registration \$600.00, Substitute Cost \$255.00. Total Cost \$3,892.00. (\$1,700.00 paid by Scholastic Team Activity Account, \$500.00 (STD & TE) \$500.00 Coupon Profits, Balance of \$1,192.00 to be paid by the District.

**Donna Porter, Allison Martino & Junior Class**, on Monday April 29, 2013 to attend college fair at Woodlands Inn and college visit to tour Misericordia University.

**Karen Voigt, Susan Gesford, MaryAnn Tranovich, Katherine Holzman and 16 students** on Thursday, May 16, 2013 to attend NPCTM Math Competition at Marywood University. Transportation cost \$137.60, Registration cost \$72.00, and Substitute cost \$255.00 (one teacher will be on maternity leave) for a total cost of \$464.60.

**Jacqueline Ferenczi, Scott Fisher, Katherine Holzman & the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 to attend Vehicular Career Day at Montrose Area High School, Montrose, PA. Transportation cost paid by NTIEC, No substitutes requires. No cost to the District.

Removed for separate action

### 9.3 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made to approve the following conference requests:

**Marilyn Jackson, Melissa Wasko, Mark Ezdebski, & Andrea James**, on Thursday May 23, 2013 to attend Effective Fractions Instructions on Common Core at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. Substitute cost \$340.00.

**Holly James & Stephanie Kile**, on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 to attend Teaching Grammar in Context at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. Substitute cost \$170.00.

**Francine Shea**, on Tuesday & Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to attend New Superintendent's Academy Part1-Entry in Harrisburg, PA. Transportation cost \$201.00, Lodging \$95.00, Registration cost \$195.00. Total cost \$491.00.

**Anthony Borgia & Kevin Reuss**, on Thursday, April 11, 2013 to attend The Integration of Economics & Literacy into World History at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. Substitute cost \$170.00.

Removed for separate action

### 9.4 Approve 6 hour Food Service Worker pending receipt of all documentation

The motion is made to approve **Heather Powers**, Susquehanna, PA as a 6 hour food service worker, effective April 10, 2013, at a rate of \$7.85 an hour and benefits according to contract, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 255 - Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### 9.5 Approve Homebound Instructors pending receipt of all documentation

The motion is made to approve the following as homebound instructors for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year pending receipt of all documentation:

- John Fitzpatrick, Scranton, PA
- Megan Clough, Susquehanna, PA

Resolution 255 - Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**9.6 Approve establishing Elementary Student Activity Account**

The motion is made to approve establishing Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Student Activity Account.

Resolution 255 - Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**9.7 Approve Extended School Year Program**

The motion is made to approve the Extended School Year Program for 2013 as follows: July 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2013. Four days a week starting at 8:30 AM and ending at 12:00.

Resolution 255 - Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**9.8 Approve Revision to Program of Studies Grades 9 – 12**

The motion is made to approve a revision to the program of studies, grades 9 – 12 as presented.

Resolution 255 - Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**9.9 Approve Settlement Agreement**

The motion is made to approve settlement of a matter concerning special education student # 14073; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include the provision of a job coach, consultation services by Linda Fusco (not to exceed 50 hours), and reimbursing \$ 7500 in attorney's fees. Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Resolution 255 - Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**9.10 Approve use of ball fields by the Susco East Little League, pending receipt of all documentation**

The motion is made to approve use of ball fields by the Susco East Little League, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 255 - Motion carried under consent agenda. (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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- Student \$14043, effective 03/26/2013 ending last day of school 2013

Resolution 256 - Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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Resolution 257 - Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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These two field trips were held pending information on chaperones.

## 9.3 Approve Conference Requests

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Resolution 258 - Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to approve the following conference requests as corrected:

**Marilyn Jackson, Melissa Wasko, Mark Ezdebski, & Andrea James (ONLY TWO MAY ATTEND)**, on Thursday May 23, 2013 to attend Effective Fractions Instructions on Common Core at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. Substitute cost \$170.00.

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Resolution 259 - Motion Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

## 10. Administration

### 10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea

1. Immunization Requirements & Students w/Disabilities – Mrs. Shea updated the board on the new immunization requirements and students with disabilities.
2. We also need to revise the harassment policy. This will appear on the next agenda for first reading.
3. She will also be presenting an e-signature policy for the board's consideration.

### 10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

1. Mr. Patchcoski has received word that our 2011-2012 audit has been accepted.

### 10.3 Principal's Comments

#### Elementary Principal – Mr. Andrew Doster

Mrs. Voigt reported PSSA testing at the elementary building would begin Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The end of the marking period would be April 10<sup>th</sup> with report cards going home April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

Mr. Presley reported PSSA testing began today for reading and math. The students of the month were taken to lunch. Spring sports are in full force. Arts Alive will be April 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend.

He presented preliminary figures to start the wrestling program. For coaches salaries, new mats, minimum busing for league matches, officials, uniforms and supplies he said we would need a minimum of \$21,500.00. He will be attending a meeting April 24<sup>th</sup> and will address at the meeting the procedure to reinstate the program.

There was some discussion from the board on how many students would be involved, the necessity of new mats vs. the current mats we have, and the contribution from the booster club. It was suggested a survey be made to find out what the interest is.

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

1. Pre-K Counts grant was been submitted 3/29/13. We will be waiting to hear if we are awarded the grant since this now a competitive grant.
2. Title I Annual Meeting & Cafe - Tuesday, April 9 - 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Library
3. 21st Century Community - Lego Workshops begin Tuesdays in April, and Tingley Glass workshops will be held in May
4. PSSA testing - April 8- 18, 2013 Reading and Math, Science will be the end of April.
5. The PTO is working with the IU to have the Rosewood Ensemble from the Philharmonic to perform on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**10.5 Director of Special Services – Mr. Michael Slesinski**

1. Mr. Slesinski reported the office of vocational rehabilitation will be here April 30<sup>th</sup> for a meeting.
2. He is working on a program “*Life after School with Kids with Disabilities*” on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business from Board Members**

Mr. Stoddard questioned why our retired faculty that is on the substitute list are not being called to substitute. (It was explained that is a directive from PSERS. Mrs. Makosky will provide the documentation)

Mrs. Shea proposed limiting the students going to VoTech to only juniors and seniors. It was the consensus of the Board not to make any changes and continue to allow sophomores to attend as well.

A motion was made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to reconsider the vote on the consent agenda.

Resolution 260 - Motion Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Items removed from the consent agenda are 9.1 9.2 9.3 9.9

**9.9 Approve Settlement Agreement**

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Resolution 261 – Motion Carried – (7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain)

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, and 9.9.

Resolution 262 - Motion carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

President Williams advised Mr. Barhite that he would be serving on the Policy Committee, Building & Site Committee, and Chairperson of the Transportation Committee.

**Second Hearing of Visitors**

Terry Goodenough, Gibson commented on the decision to reduce the number of faculty allowed to go to the conferences. She feels that to improve our school we should be letting the teachers go that want to go. It is good there are interested. 2) She feels if maintenance is responsible to taking care of the ball field then they should be held accountable as the fields do need work. 3) She appreciates the Board’s intention to improve the school. However she referred to a situation last fall she feels the students and parents were disrespected. She said there have been many complaints in the community that you cannot ignore. She is asking that the Board consider this when completing Mrs. Shea’s evaluation. (Mr. Williams noted that an evaluation should not be used for discipline)



Robert Helmacy, Lathrop Township, spoke to the letter sent to Lathrop Township as for at \$12,500.00 contribution towards the School Resource Officer. He asked if there would be a public hearing so many questions could be answered. (Yes, the supervisors will be notified)

Paul Himka, Lathrop Township said he was waiting for a response from Mrs. Shea. Is this going to be a one time or ongoing expense? The supervisors need more information to make a decision.

Mr. Wescott questioned the conference for Mrs. Shea. Why is the transportation cost so high? Why wouldn't you take the district vehicle? (She will if it is available) He asked if the basketball team is scheduled for new uniforms next year. (Mr. Wescott is to call Mr. Presley on Tuesday for an answer)

Ann Corbin, Brooklyn, said on the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting I questioned is a company in the Poconos had been contacted and given information regarding the school bus routes. At that time I was told it was rumors. Then there was a school bus drivers meeting recently and at that time Mrs. Shea told us that it was the rumors were due to a feasibility study of double tier busing within Mountain View. Was a transportation company in the Poconos consulted regarding double tier bussing? (Mrs. Shea stated we did not go out soliciting Pocono Transport for this information. He happened to be here for a disciplinary action and we were talking about the issues we are having with discipline on the buses. He happened to mention did you ever consider tier busing. Mrs. Shea replied no we do not have the staff right now, we do not have the time to do that kind of study, He stated he has the software and he would be willing to do that for us since I am not charging to have his people trained in the child abuse. It would be a simple thing for him to do. She could not guarantee any additional runs, but if he wanted to do it, it would be more information she could share with the board. It was based purely on discipline. We provided that information to him and will be meeting with him this week on the results of the study. We are not considering any changes in the routes as far as reduction of the routes like a few years ago. What we were looking at was providing the board with information about tiering based on disciplinary actions.)

Ann Corbin said that software is not always accurate, second of all I don't understand why you would consider or discuss the feasibility of two tiered busing when you are discussing budget, we are getting cut in our monies. Why would you even think of two tiered bussing?

Mrs. Corbin asked if there are any changes proposed to the way school bus routes are awarded. (no)

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

##### **HELD:**

- Monday, March 25, 2013, 10:20 PM to 11:20 PM for personnel
- Monday, April 1, 2013 6:30 PM to 9:39 PM for personnel
- Monday, April 8, 2013 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for personnel

##### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, April 8, 2013, following the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, April 22, 2013 before and after the public meeting

**11. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky  
Secretary