

The regular public meeting of the Mountain View School District Board of Education was held this date in the board room at the elementary school. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M., by vice-president, Dr. Todd Adams.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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| A- Mr. James W. Zick, President | V- Vacant |
| P- Dr. Todd L. Adams, 1 st V.P. | P- Mrs. Sondra E. Stine |
| P- Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, 2 nd V.P. | P- Mr. Thomas Stoddard |
| P- Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer | P- Mr. Roy Twining |
| P- Mrs. Ellen B. Aherne | P- Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary
(Non-Member) |

ADMINISTRATION

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| P- Dr. Andrew Chichura, Superintendent | A- Mr. Andrew Doster, Jr. /Sr. High School Principal |
| P- Mrs. Janice Finnochio, Business Manager | A- Mr. Robert Presley - Elementary School Principal |
| A- Mrs. Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager | P- Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum &
Instruction/Federal Programs |
| P- Mrs. Susan Pipitone, Director of Special
Services | |

Dr. Adams introduced the Business Manager, Mrs. Finnochio.

REVIEW MINUTES: Reviewed the March 7, 2012, regular public meeting minutes.

INTERVIEWS: Interviews were held for the Lathrop Township Board Member vacancy. Mrs. Corinna Kinney was interviewed for the Lathrop Township Board vacancy.

FIRST HEARING OF VISITORS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dava Rinehart-Cowan
Committee Members: Thomas Stoddard, Ellen Aherne

REVIEW FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS: Reviewed the February 2012, General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Fund Bill List, Capital Reserve Fund Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the total amount of **\$2,220,634.55.**

REVIEW LIST OF BILLS: Reviewed the preliminary list of bills for the March 12, 2012, General Fund Bill List in the amount of **\$102,969.29.**

Mr. Twining questioned check #6509, #6531, and #6562 regarding off campus placement. Do we owe this money because the parent resides in the district. Yes. On check #6544 to the NEIU early intervention. He noted we recently approved the contract with the NEIU and did not see it addressed in the contract. It was explained that if a parent chooses to hold their child back from entering kindergarten then we are responsible for payment. This is not covered under the NEIU contract. The Board would like to see a breakdown for services.

REVIEW SIGNATURE REMOVAL FROM FUNDS:

Dr. Chichura explained this would be to remove his name from the accounts and add the business manager.

REVIEW THE BUSINESS MANAGER FOR FUND SIGNATURES: Reviewed authorizing the Business Manager, Janice Finnochio to sign checks for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Debt Services Fund, and Capital Reserve Fund.

REVIEW NEIU #19 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET: Reviewed the NEIU #19 general operating budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

It was noted the NEIU is overstaffed with 75% of the budget going to salaries and benefits.

REVIEW INSURANCE BROKER: Reviewed the insurance broker for the 2012-2013 school year.

Dr. Chichura recommended staying with Tri-County Insurance Agency. Corinna noted sending it out for bid may prove beneficial.

REVIEW SCHOOL DENTIST: Reviewed the need for a school dentist for the 2012-2013 school year.

REVIEW ACCEPTANCE FORMS FROM UNITED CONCORDIA: Reviewed the Acceptance Forms from United Concordia with the 2012 renewal.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Sondra Stine
Committee Members: Todd Adams, Roy Twining

REVIEW COACHES FOR 2012-2013: Reviewed coach recommendations for 2012-2013, and need to authorize advertising.

Recommendations were not available and will be reviewed next Monday.

REVIEW VOLUNTEER(S): Reviewed volunteer(s) for the 2011-2012 school year. This will be reviewed in executive session.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Christine Plonski-Sezer
Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Roy Twining

REVIEW BOARD POLICY NO 006 SECTION 5: Reviewed Board Policy No. 006 Section 5. It was noted with the Board changing to meet on the second and third Mondays the policy should also be changed. All times to start at 7:00 P.M. and read as adopted by the Board at the reorganization meeting. This will be placed on the agenda for first reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

No report

FEDERAL PROGRAMS UPDATE

Mrs. Voigt reported the Scholastic Team competed in Cortland New York and won all three rounds. Tomorrow they will compete in the semi-finals.

SAT were held Saturday – 59 students took the test; 39 were Mountain View students. She attended the play “Oklahoma.” It was excellent. Dr. Plonski-Sezer and Mrs. Aherne agreed and sent congratulations to the students.

PSSA testing started today.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Todd Adams

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine

REVIEWED CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE FOR TITLE II; i3 ASSET SCIENCE; AND READING RECOVERY: attendance requests for:

- a. **JoAnn Voda, Robert Fisher, Scott Fisher**, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 2, 3, & 4, 2012, to attend the Leadership Academy – i3 Science, Penn State Great Valley, Malvern, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- b. **Mark Ezdebski, John Arnold, Marilyn Jackson, Anne Bode, Melissa Wasko, Karen Voigt, Robert Presley**, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 11, 12, & 13, 2012, to attend Leadership Academy – i3 Science, Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- c. **Cynthia Singer, Janet Karhnak, Sue Wildrick, Debbie Earley, Jen Pliska, Kristy Moher, Laurie Barlow**, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 17, 18, & 19, 2012, to attend Leadership Academy – i3 Science, Penn State Great Valley, Malvern, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- d. **Patricia Brown, Karen Krizauskas, Mary Ann Tranovich**, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 24, 25, & 26, 2012, to attend Leadership Academy – i3 Science, State College, PA, with cost estimate at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- e. **JoAnn Voda, Robert Fisher**, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 30, 31, August 1, & 2, 2012, to attend the Institute for Assessment, State College, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- f. **Laurie Barlow**, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2012, to attend the Institute for Assessment, Harrisburg, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- g. **Karen Krizauskas, Mary Ann Tranovich, Scott Fisher** on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 9, 10, 11, & 12, 2012, to attend the Institute for Assessment, Pittsburgh, PA, and State College, PA – Scott Fisher only), with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- h. **John Arnold, Mark Ezdebski, Debbie Earley**, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 16, 17, 18, & 19, 2012, to attend the Institute for Assessment, Bloomsburg, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- i. **Sue Wildrick, Janet Karhnak, Cynthia Singer, Robert Presley**, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 25, 26, 27, & 28, 2012, to attend the Institute for Assessment, Penn State Great Valley, Malvern, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3-ASSET Science Grant)
- j. **Ann Bode, Melissa Wasko, Karen Voigt**, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 18, 19, 20, & 21, 2012, to attend the Institute for Assessment – i3 Science, Bloomsburg, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3 ASSET Science Grant)

Mr. Twining questioned why teachers with their notice of intent to retire were being scheduled for conferences in June and July.

REVIEWED CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE: Review Conference attendance requests for:

- a. **Carole Rainey, Donna Porter, Jamie White**, on Friday, March 23, 2012, to attend Gender, Bullying, and Harassment: Strategies to End Sexism and Homophobia in Schools, NEIU #19, Archbald, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00,

REVIEWED FIELD TRIP ATTENDANCE: Review the Field Trip attendance requests for:

- a. **Karen Voigt, Peter Regeski, Shirley Granger, (24 Students)**, on Wednesday May 2, 2012, to attend the 2012 Reading Competition, Western Way High School, with cost estimated at \$209.90 bus, \$80.00 registration,
- b. **Shirley Granger, (10 Elementary Students) and Abigail Barrett, (17 High School Students)** on Monday April 30, 2012, to attend the Student Council District IX Conference, Mid Valley High School, with cost estimated at \$109.34 bus, \$170.00 substitutes,

BUILDING AND SITE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Roy Twining

Committee Members: Kevin Griffiths, Dava Rinehart-Cowan

ROBERT TAYLOR'S MONTHLY REPORT REVIEW: Discussed high school roof project.

Mr. Taylor highlighted his report. He noted the roof project came in at a cost of \$119,060.70. The Board would like a breakdown before the next meeting.

Mr. Taylor noted on Thursday he would be holding a meeting and tour the wood boiler.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kevin Griffiths

Committee Members: Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Todd Adams

REVIEW BUS FUEL ESCALATION FOR 2011-2012: Reviewed the fuel escalation for 2011-2012 school year for bus contractors.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan thought they were being provided cost analysis based on various percentages.

REVIEW CAR/VAN FUEL ESCALATION FOR 2011-2012: Reviewed the fuel escalation for 2011-2012 school year for car/van contractors.

REVIEW LETTER OF RESIGNATION: Reviewed a letter of resignation due to retirement from a car/van contractor.

The letter of resignation would be effective at the end of the school year. The driver would like to be placed on the substitute list for next year.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Thomas Stoddard

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

Mr. Stoddard reported there would be a meeting with the MVEA on Wednesday, March 14th.

Dr. Chichura reviewed his presentation from last week adding the information requested.

For the professional, Brenda Sinkovich, Ernie Griffis, Mary Harrison, Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Katie Holzman, George Barbolish, and Diana Slick expressed concerns on the class size. What is your bottom line? Why don't you ask us for our opinions? We have good ideas. Have you looked at the savings with teachers retiring vs. those replacing them? You cannot eliminate certain electives as they are required.

From the public, Jeff Smith, Jessup; Monica Miller, Kingsley; Jason Richmond, Kingsley, Rob Supancik, Harford; Danielle Scott, Kingsley; Corinna Kinney, Hop Bottom. Have you raised taxes to the maximum in the past years? What has been done to generate income? The teachers need to be more open with the Board. What would additional serving line cost? Cannot see how you can reduce to two lunch periods. Concerns were expressed with getting the number of instructional hours in. When will course of studies be approved? Does the Strategic Planning come into play with proposed changes? When will decisions be made? There were concerns with Vo-Tech getting required courses.

From the Board we cannot deficit spend, so it may mean larger classes. Students come first, but we need to look at all aspects. We need to look at cutting electives especially for 9th and 10th grades. Also do we need a certified librarian in both buildings? If the planning period was before or after school could reduce elementary specialist to 30 minute class time and split time between both buildings. Cuts need to be made before schedules are made.

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

SECOND HEARING OF VISITORS

Corinna Kinney asked for an executive session. This was denied as interviews for Board vacancies must be conducted in public. She questioned when position had to be filled by (30 days). Then it would go to the judge to appoint.

Mary Harrison asked if the bill list will be made available to the public next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Announcement by the Board President of executive sessions held and/or scheduled prior to the next meeting.

HELD

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 9:30 P.M. to 10:05 P.M. – Personnel

SCHEDULED

Monday, March 12, 2012 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting

Monday, March 19, 2012 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting

Monday, April 9, 2012 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting

ADJOURN: The meeting is adjourned at 10:03 P.M.