

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 7:06 P.M., by president, Mr. James Zick.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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| P- Mr. James W. Zick, President | P- Mr. Kevin M. Griffiths |
| P- Mrs. Ellen B. Aherne, 1 st V.P. | A- Mr. Mark Phillips |
| P- Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, 2 nd V.P. | A- Mrs. Sondra E. Stine |
| P- Mrs. Gina Yarrish, Treasurer | P- Mr. Jay Wescott |
| P- Dr. Todd L. Adams | P- Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary
(Non-Member) |

ADMINISTRATION

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| P- Dr. Andrew Chichura, Superintendent | P- Mr. Andrew Doster, Jr. /Sr. High School Principal |
| P- Mr. James Mirabelli, Business Manager | P- 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 | |

REVIEW MINUTES: Reviewed the August 15, 2011, public meeting minutes.

FIRST HEARING OF VISITORS

Roy Twining asked what the revisions to the high school course of studies were. He was told these would be discussed during the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kevin Griffiths
Committee Members: Mark Phillips, Todd Adams

REVIEW AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS: Reviewed the August 2011, 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 **\$1,147,253.96.**

REVIEW LIST OF BILLS: Reviewed the preliminary list of bills for the September 12, 2011, General Fund Bill List, and Cafeteria Fund Bill List in the amount of **\$101,358.80.** Mr. Griffiths questioned check #5444 to Gloria Calabro, #5455 to Jersey Shore Area School District and check #5478 to One Call Now. How many people are trained to use the system? He also questioned the checks for the I-3 stipend.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan noted the software licensing seemed high. Are we using everything to capacity? Mr. Mirabelli said we are now.

REVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES FINANCIAL REPORTS: Reviewed the student activities financial reports for the Mountain View Elementary School, the Mountain View High School, the Mountain View High School Scholarship Fund, and the Mountain View Athletic Department, for the quarter ending June 30, 2011, and to file for audit. Mr. Mirabelli noted the athletic student activities fund report would be mailed in Thursday's packet.

REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR REFUNDING 2007 BOND ISSUE: Mr. Mirabelli received three proposals on refinancing the bond issue. It appears we could save

approximately \$200,000.00 over the remaining eight years. He briefly explained the timeline to selecting an advisor in September to possibly have a presentation at the October meeting and committing to a firm price.

Dr. Chichura said we have up to 90 days before call date to lock in a rate. The specifics will be discussed further in executive session.

Mr. Stoddard how much were we refinancing? (\$7,123,000.00)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Sondra Stine
Committee Members: Todd Adams, Jay Wescott

REVIEW RESIGNATION: Reviewed the resignation of Nancy Raub from her Library Clerical position retroactive to September 16, 2011, as presented.

REVIEW POSTING AND ADVERTISING: Review posting and advertising for a library clerical position and advertising for a long-term substitute Science teacher with applications due by October 4, 2011. It was questioned if we really needed a full time library clerical position. It was explained that this person currently works ½ day in each building.

Dr. Adams questioned when we would be advertising for a long term Spanish teacher? (October)

Ivie Simons, Harford, asked if it is decided to post would you please have an internal posting for five days, per contract, then if necessary issue another posting in conjunction with the advertising and use that end date.

REVIEW ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LISTS: Reviewed additions to the substitute list(s) in executive session.

REVIEW VOLUNTEER: Reviewed Diane Congdon, 332 Smith Road, Hop Bottom, PA, as a girls' soccer volunteer for the 2011-2012 school year.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ellen Aherne
Committee Members: Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Kevin Griffiths

REVIEW POLICIES: Reviewed the following policies to be adopted on September 19, 2011: revised policy #907 School Visitors.

FIRST READING: First reading of the following policies #113 Special Education, #113.1 Discipline of Students, #113.2 Behavior Support, #113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities, #113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, and #718 Service Animals in Schools.

Roy Twining expressed concerns with the special education policies on for first reading. He would like to discuss his ideas with administration as to not take up valuable time during the meeting.

When one visitor asked how they could obtain a copy of the policy she was told she needed to request it through the right to know process.

Mr. Griffiths asked if the policy manual was still in the library or faculty room. He did not believe this was a right to know issue and wants a written legal opinion on it.

Mr. Twining said they should be made available to the public with the agendas. He has several concerns with these policies and will make them available to the board.

These policies will be placed on the next agenda for second reading.

Corinna Kinney, Hop Bottom, asked how far ahead the board received their packets (Friday before the board meeting) She questioned if it would be possible to send their packets one to two weeks ahead of the board meeting.

REVIEW ORGANIZATION CHART: Reviewed the #008 Organization Chart. Dr. Chichura presented changes proposed to the Organizational Chart. After some discussion a revised Chart will be presented for first reading at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Chichura stated we have had five days off since the start of school. The teachers did manage to have the in-service days on August 30 & 31. The students started school on September 6th. They had the 8th and 9th off due to flooding in the Kingsley, Brooklyn, and Hop Bottom area. He noted the use of the one call now system and it will be used from here on out.

Corinna Kinney stated what a fiasco last Thursday and Friday was. Thursday morning she received a call but never received a call Thursday night to call off Friday. She suggested to continue with the paper chain in the event the power goes out.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan said we need to be proactive to what is going on in the district. We need to communicate better.

Ann Corbin, Brooklyn, said we need to use common sense and consideration with the contractors. We need a back-up plan.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Mr. Doster and Mr. Presley had no report

FEDERAL PROGRAMS UPDATE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Todd Adams
Committee Members: Jay Wescott, Ellen Aherne

REVIEW CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE: Reviewed the Conference attendance requests for:

- a. **Jenifer Pliska, Kristin Hogan-Smith, Katie Naegele, Melissa Wasko, Kristy Moher, Anne Bode**, on Thursday and Friday, October 6 & 7, 2011, to attend Kid

- Writing, NEIU #19, Archbald, PA, with cost estimated at \$1020.00 registration, \$1020.00 substitute, (Title II/Special Education) (District Van is Scheduled)
- b. **Peter Regeski**, on Thursdays, September 22, 2011, and February 2, 2012, to attend Free Stock Market Game Workshop, NEIU #19, Archbald, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00,
 - c. **Diane Makosky**, on Friday, September 23, 2011, to attend PASBO Elements of Government Fund Accounting Workshop, Holiday Inn Lansdale, Kulpsville, PA, with cost estimated at \$185.00 registration,
 - d. **Peter Regeski, JoAnn Voda**, on Friday, October 14, 2011, Thursday, December 1, 2011, Thursday, February 23, 2012, and Monday, April 30, 2012, to attend Gifted Network, NEIU #19, Archbald, PA, with cost estimated at \$178.00 substitute,

Regarding conference (a) there was a lot of discussion the cost of the conference. It was noted October 7th is an in-service and questioned why we would need a substitute. The substitute rate is to be cut to \$510.00.

Mr. Stoddard questioned what Kid-Writing was.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan asked how many teachers are currently trained. (4) Why can't they train our teachers? She also asked if Reading Recovery was for 1st grade only (yes)

Mrs. Voigt said Kid Writing is being taught by an expert at NEIU. She feels the money spent will be worth it, but ultimately it is the Board's decision whether or not to approve the conference.

Under conference (b) why is there no substitute cost and under (d) why is there a substitute for only one?

REVIEW SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION: Reviewed the School Calendar revision. Dr. Chichura noted the three days built into the calendar and two days at the end of June will be used to make up the five days we were off due to weather.

Ivie Simons asked since our area was designated a disaster area will we get a reprieve in making up some of the days? Dr. Chichura said we would be notified within the next couple of weeks.

REVIEW SPECIAL EDUCATION AREA FOR CLASSES AND STAFFING: Reviewed the special education area for classes and staffing. Mrs. Pipitone explained the need for additional staffing due to an additional five students registering for school. She is looking for an additional two paraprofessionals.

Dr. Chichura suggested the board look at splitting the elementary life skills class into two, K thru 3rd and 4th thru 6th and split the focus class at the high school into two, 7th thru 9th and 10th thru 12th. This would result in the hiring of two teachers and two paraprofessionals, or you can just hire paraprofessionals. He recommends dividing them.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan questioned how many highly qualified teachers there were in each building. There are 6 in the elementary and 6 of the 8 teachers at the high school are highly qualified. This led to a heated discussion on what the two non-highly qualified teachers are doing.

Mr. Twining asked if the board had been informed last year of the two teachers not being highly qualified? (no)

Dr. Chichura said this became an issue last year through PIMS reporting.

Discussion ended as this will further be discussed in executive session.

REVIEW STRATEGIC PLANNING (COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS)

COMMITTEE: Reviewed the Strategic Planning Committee membership and procedures for 2011-2012. Mrs. Voigt asked for volunteers from the board to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee (Mr. Zick and Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan volunteered) The first meeting is scheduled for November 9th.

REVIEW A REVISION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDIES: This will be discussed in executive session.

BUILDING AND SITE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dava Rinehart-Cowan
Committee Members: Gina Yarrish, Kevin Griffiths

ROBERT TAYLOR'S MONTHLY REPORT REVIEW: Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan went over Mr. Taylor's report of projects completed in the summer.

There was some discussion on when the roof would be repaired over Mr. Doster's office.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Jay Wescott
Committee Members: Mark Phillips, Dava Rinehart-Cowan

REVIEW BUS DRIVER FUEL ESCALATION: This will be discussed in executive session.

Ann Corbin noted diesel fuel has risen \$.93 a gallon since last September. She hopes the board will take that into consideration when reviewing the fuel escalation.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: James Zick
Committee Member: Ellen Aherne, Gina Yarrish, Sondra Stine, and Dava Rinehart-Cowan as Alternate

FINALIZE SCHEDULE: Finalize schedule and attendance for PSBA Workshop on September 23, 2011. Dr. Chichura asked who planned on attending the PSBA Workshop on September 22, 2011 (Mrs. Stine, Mrs. Aherne, and Dr. Chichura)

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Griffiths said he had been contacted by someone on how to go about donating money to the school for computers and smart boards.

Mr. Mirabelli said he would need more information. How much would be donated and to

which building. It was also suggested that they contact the community foundation.

SECOND HEARING OF VISITORS

Corinna Kinney understood the district was going to be enforcing the 1-2 miles walking route to the bus stop. It was presented to the board but they did not agree. It will possibly be looked at next year when all routes are to be reviewed. She then asked when we were going to stop being a taxi service. When does the responsibility go back to the parent to get their children to the bus stop?

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

HELD

Monday, August 15, 2011, 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. – Personnel

Monday, August 15, 2011, 10:00 P.M. to 11:55 P.M. – Personnel &

Negotiations

SCHEDULED

Monday, September 12, 2011 – following public meeting

Monday, September 19, 2011 – following public meeting

Monday, October 10, 2011 – following public meeting

ADJOURN: The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.