

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on June 8, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:15 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Roll Call – Board Members Present:

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

Absent – Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President

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 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff

- Stephanie Ostir – Essay –The New Milford Area Rotary Club – 1st Place and Rotary District 7410 – 3rd Place – unable to attend will be here June 22nd.
- Adam Lynn – PMEA District 9 Band – unable to attend
- Hayley Maloney – 1st place, 1st Soprano State Chorus, All-Eastern Chorus, Providence, RI

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –May 18, 2015.

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the minutes dated May 18, 2015 as presented.

Motion 486 Carried (8 yes, 1 Absent)

**1.6 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: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve June 8, 2015 Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for the June 8, 2015 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$80,127.71.

Motion 487 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.2 Approve Signature Removal from Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the removal of Michael Barhite from the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Reserve Account, effective June 30, 2015.

Motion 488 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.3 Approve Signature Addition to Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the addition of Jason Richmond to the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Reserve Account effective July 1, 2015.

Motion 489 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.4 Appoint Group Leaders

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Ralph Welch and Rose Williams as Group Leaders for the 2015-2016 school year with an annual stipend of \$750.00.

Motion 490 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.5 Appoint School Solicitor

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Joseph F Gaughan, Scranton, PA as school solicitor for the 2015-2016 school year with an annual retainer of \$10,500.00 and at a rate of \$140.00 per hour for other services according to proposal, as presented.

Motion 491 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.6 Appoint Special Counsel

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Sweet, Stevens, Katz, Williams, Pittston, PA as Special Counsel for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$150.00 per hour and other services according to proposal, as presented.

Motion 492 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.7 Approve Coaches Salaries for 2015-2016

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the coaches' salaries for 2015-2016 at an increase of \$1.00 per day as presented.

Motion 493 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.8. Approve DE Video Streaming Services

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the DE Video Streaming Services for 2015-2016, with an annual cost of \$1,307.50 as presented.

Motion 494 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.9 Approve ASSET STEM Education Membership Agreement – 2015-2016

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the ASSET STEM Education Membership Agreement for 2015-2016 as presented.

Motion 495 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Approve Summer IT Help

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following summer IT help at a rate of \$10.10 an hour effective June 16, 2015, not to exceed 29 hours per week, per person, **pending receipt of all documentation:**

1. Ben Maitland, Lenoxville, PA
2. Keith Maitland, Lenoxville, PA
3. Lucas Jodon, Clifford Township, PA

Motion 496 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.2 Approve ESY Staff

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following ESY staff for July 6, 2015 through July 30, 2015, **pending receipt of all documentation:**

- Professional Staff at the professional rate of \$26.75
 - Erika Lewis
 - George Paterno
 - Karen Galvin – Speech Pathologist
 - Heather Hall
 - Christine Raughley
 - Nicole Evans - Substitute
- Paraprofessional at their contracted hourly rate
 - Veronica Thomas
 - Colleen Heller
 - Robyn O'Brien
 - Judy Bell
 - Linda Shupp
 - Dawn Neri
 - Macie Karhnak
 - Chantel Kraft
 - Sherri Ransom

Motion 497 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.3 Approve ESY Summer Health Staff

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following ESY Summer Health Staff for July 6, 2015 through July 30, 2015:

- Professional Staff substitutes at the professional rate of \$26.75
 - Linda Gigliotti - Nurse
 - Melissa Martin – Nurse (Substitute)

Motion 498 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.4 Approve Summer School Staff

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following Summer School staff:

- Professional Staff at the professional rate of \$26.75
 - Todd Calabro, Hallstead, PA – Strategies for Success
 - Dawn Chase, Nicholson, Pa – Math
 - William Ritter, Scranton, PA – History
 - Melinda Darrow, New Milford, PA - English

Motion 499 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.5 Approve 21st Century Summer STEM Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the 21st Century STEM Program to run June 22, 2015 through July 30, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Motion 500 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.6 Approve 21st Century Summer STEM Staff

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following 21st Century STEM staff for Jun 22, 2015 through July 30, 2015, **pending receipt of all documentation:**

- Mary Ann Tranovich
- George Paterno
- Erika Lewis
- Roger Thomas

Motion 501 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.7 Authorize Vacating Spring Sports Coaching Positions

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize vacating all spring sports coaching positions.

Motion 502 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.8 Authorize Advertising for Spring Sports Coaches

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize advertising for spring sports coaches.

Motion 503 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.9 Approve Rate of Pay for Susan Gravine

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the rate of pay for Susan Gravine from Masters, Step 3 - \$50,486 to Masters+12, Step 3 - \$52,493.00, effective August 25, 2014.

Motion 504 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.10 Approve Superintendent Contract

Motion Combined in 3.11

3.11 Approve Contract and Appoint Superintendent

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve a four year superintendent contract for Karen K. Voigt, South Abington Township, PA effective June 16, 2015 to June 16, 2019 at an annual salary of \$110,000.00.

Motion 505 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.12 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following elementary volunteers, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Bridget Evans, Kingsley, Pa
2. Dorothy Kielar, Nicholson, PA

Motion 506 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.13 Authorize Vacating Athletic Director Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne second by Mr. Richmond to authorize vacating Athletic Director position.

Motion 507 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.14 Authorize Advertising for Athletic Director

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne second by Mr. Richmond to authorize advertising for Athletic Director on the website, with letter of interest due June 19, 2015.

Motion 508 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Casselbury

5.1 Approve Conference Requests:

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

1. Diana Slick on Monday, July 20, 2015 to attend Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Children - Non-Medication Approaches at the Hilton, Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost – 20.25, Registration \$189.99 – Total Cost - \$210.24)
2. Matthew Georgetti and James Soya on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 to attend Sapphire University at the Hershey Country Club, Hershey, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$134.55)
3. George Barbolish on Thursday, July 16, 2015, Friday, July 17, 2015, and Monday, July 20, 2015 to attend Commonwealth Approved SAP Training K-12 at Lackawanna College, Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$83.37, Registration Cost - \$275.00)
4. Mary Ann Tranovich on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 to attend 21st Century meeting at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (No cost to the District)
5. Mary Ann Tranovich on Monday through Friday, June 21 – 26, 2015 to attend NASA PA Multi Regional Science and Math Partnership in Greenbolt, MD. (Transportation Cost - \$323.11 – Title IIA)
6. Mary Ann Tranovich, Jacquelyn Ferenczi and Katherine Holzman on Monday through Friday, July 26-31, 2015 to attend NASA PA Multi-regional Science and Math Partnership in Immaculata, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$197.50)

Motion 509 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.2 Approve Field Trip Request

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following field trip request:

1. Molly Virbitsky, Kelly Richmond, Melissa Berish, Danielle Scott and 12 Students on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 for a Park Picnic, South Abington Park, Clarks Summit, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$212.08)

Motion 510 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Mr. Casselbury left the meeting at 7:45 PM

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's reported the Ford van has been taken off the road. He suggested replacing it with a ten passenger van. Then two seats could be removed to allow for equipment to be transported. Since he has the money left in his budget it was the consensus to order it now in hopes it would be in for the beginning of school.

He also reported that three of the six ovens in the cafeteria are no longer working. After some discussion it was the consensus to proceed with replacing all six ovens, with the money coming from this year's budget.

There was an error in reporting the cost of replacing the rest of the lockers at the high school. The correct figure to replace the lockers is \$53,846.00. This is about \$30,000.00 less than previously presented. This will be discussed and decided on later.

NEP will be coming back in the summer to clean, update and resolve any pending phone issues.

Mr. Taylor is still working on the performance contract. They are to do a feasibility study, at no cost to the District, to see if it is feasible here.

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

7.1 Authorize Advertising for Bus Contractors

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize advertising for three (3) Bus Contractors.

Motion 511 Carried (7 Yes 2 Absent)

7.2 Approve Addition to Car/Van Substitute List

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following additions to the car/van substitute list, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Larry Castorina, Nicholson, PA
2. Linda Castorina, Nicholson, PA
3. Melvina Burgess, Hop Bottom, PA

Motion 512 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

7.3 Accept Letter of Non-renewal of Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to accept the letter from Elwood Phelps to non-renew his bus contract as presented.

Motion 513 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

7.4 Approve Addition to Bus Substitute List

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following addition to the Bus substitute list, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Elwood Phelps, Hop Bottom, PA

Motion 514 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

8. Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer, Michael Barhite

MVESPA Committee Members, Roy Twining, Steve Kilmer Jason Richmond

There is a meeting scheduled with the MVEA on June 11, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Committee to report at 5:30 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Kindergarten Finale went well
- 5th & 6th Grade Awards were held
- Washington Trip – many comments on the good behavior of the students
- 6th Grade Promotion will be June 11th
- PREK finale will be June 10th
- Thanked everyone for their support the past couple of weeks

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Senior awards were last week
- Final exams will be Wednesday
- Thanked FBLA for end of the year dance
- End of the year carnival will be Friday
- Report Cards will be going home Friday
- Graduation will be June 13th
- Congratulations to the Softball Team and Coaching Staff for their first District II Title
- Congratulations to Jamie Boerio for the Pops Concert last week
- Thanked the Board for appointing Karen Voigt as the Superintendent
- Thanked everyone for their support while he was out.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Wrapping up the end of the school year
- Working on ESY

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Summary of Benefits have been posted on the web page – please review
- Presented the proposed preliminary budget
- Congratulations to Karen being appointed as Superintendent
- Presented the YTD figures as of May 31st. Income is low

Melody Haley asked why a representative from Blue Cross couldn't come and explain the changes so she didn't have to compare them.

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

- Thanked everyone for their support and confidence
- PTO is looking at working on the playground
- Title I meeting – “Dip into Literacy” will be June 9th
- Fingerprinting from NEIU will be onsite August 25th & October 9th for staff

- Relay for Life – May 29th - \$32,000.00 plus has been raised
- PTO Staff Appreciation was held June 5th
- Kindergarten Finale – great program – needed license to check in, in order to visit the classroom
- There is an eagle on the front of the high school made of bottle caps

New Business from Board Members

Second Hearing of Visitors

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

Abbey Mecca – Student Government Representative spoke about not having any advisors for any after school activities for next year. She does not want to be in school without any extracurricular activities. She asked that negotiations proceed to resolve these issues.

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

HELD:

- Monday, May 18, 2015, from 9:00 PM to 10:35 PM for Personnel
- Monday, June 8, 2015, from 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, June 8, 2015 after the public meeting
- Monday, June 22, 2015 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary