

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 9, 2015 was postponed until February 16, 2015, 2015, due to weather. The meeting was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:14 PM by President Stoddard.

**1.2. Roll Call – Board Members Present:**

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, President, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President, Mr. Jason Casselbury, Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Mr. Jason Richmond, Mrs. Sondra Stine, Mr. Roy Twining and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent:

Mrs. Ellen Aherne, First Vice President and Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer

**1.3. Administration Present**

Mrs. Voigt, Acting Superintendent & Director of Curriculum & Instruction & Federal Programs, Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, and Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Recognition for students and staff

- Art II/Advanced Art Students Alexia Presley and Heather Chrzan were recognized for their art work in the Board Room.
- Boys' Soccer All-Stars – will be recognized February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – January 26, 2015.**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated January 26, 2015 as presented.

Motion 385 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**1.6** Alexia Presley, Student Government Representative, updated the Board on various activities at the high school.

**1.7** Program of Studies – Robert Presley gave a brief update to the changes made to the Program of Studies for 2015-2016.

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

Lisa Schmidt, Harford, PA presented her objections to the book *Beet Fields* being in the high school library.

**2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

**2.1 Approve Contract with Conrad Siegel**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve a contract with Conrad Siegel, Harrisburg, PA, to perform the triennial GASB 45 Valuation.

Motion 386 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

**3.1 Approve Addition to Substitute List**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to approve the following addition to the substitute list pending receipt of all documentation:

- A. Theodore Petrochko, Kingsley, PA to the custodian/maintenance substitute list.
- B. BethAnn Masters, Kingsley, PA to the Cafeteria, Paraprofessional, Hall/Cafeteria Monitor substitute lists.

Motion 387 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**3.2 Appoint Part Time Custodian**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to appoint Theodore Petrochko, Kingsley, PA as a part time custodian for up to 16 hours at a rate of \$11.10 per hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 388 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**3.3 Correct and Appoint Supplemental Salary Positions**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Twining to appoint Jaimie Himka and Richard Loman as mentors for 40 hours with a stipend of \$1,153.00 and correct Corrine McNabb and Katherine Holzman as mentors for 20 Hours at a stipend of \$576.50 as presented.

Motion 389 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**3.4 Correct and Appoint Supplement Salary Coaches Positions**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to correct and appoint the following Supplemental Salary Coaches Positions:

- a) Remove Katie Ross as Jr. High Softball Coach
- b) Appoint Katie Ross as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach - \$2,750.00
- c) Appoint Megan Clough as Jr. High Softball Co-Coach - \$1,182.50
- d) Appoint Allison Butash as Intramural Volleyball Coach - \$732.00

Motion 390 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**3.5 Appoint 6.5 Hour Food Service Position**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to appoint Ann Rogers, Hop Bottom, PA to the 6.5 hour Food Service position effective February 17, 2015 at \$10.10 per hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 391 Carried (7 Yes, 2 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 Request:**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the following conference request:

- a) Allison Butash and Ernest Griffis on Thursday, March 26, 2015 and Friday, March 27, 2015 to attend Asset Training – Environments in Malvern, PA. (No cost to the District – Paid by Asset)
- b) Any Mountain View Coaches on Saturday, March 7, 2015 to attend the ASEP Coach Certification Workshop at North Pocono School District. (Registration Cost - \$98.00 per Coach)
- c) Peter Regeski, Corrine McNabb and James Soya on Thursday, March 26, 2015 to attend ACCESS PA – Follett Destiny Users Groups at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Regeski & McNabb to attend all day, Soya to attend AM session only) (Substitute Cost - \$190.00)
- d) Melody Haley, on Friday, March 27, 2015, Saturday, March 28, 2015 and Sunday, March 29, 2015 to attend PASNAP 2015 Annual Ed Conference at Penn State. (Transportation Cost - \$103.50, Lodging - \$256.00, Registration - \$375.00, Substitute - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$829.50)
- e) Corrine McNabb & Pete Regeski on Monday, April 20, 2015 to attend ACCESS PA Training – New 14 Platform at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$190.00)
- f) Corrine McNabb and Madonna Munley on Thursday, March 12, 2015 to attend ESL Teacher Professional Development at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$190.00)
- g) Madonna Munley on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 to attend Technology and Danielson at NEIU 19 Archbald, PA (Substitute Cost - \$95.00)

Motion 392 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the following field trip requests:

1. Kevin Haugland and 1 Student on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, Thursday, February 12, 2015 and Friday, February 13, 2015 to participate in PMEA District 8/9 Region 4 Band at Williamsport Area High School. (Transportation Cost - \$122.52, Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$312.52)

2. Jamie Boerio and 2 Students on Thursday, February 26, 2015, Friday, February 27, 2015 and Saturday, February 28, 2015 to participate in Region 4 Chorus Festival at Milton High School, Milton, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$128.80, Registration Cost - \$192.00, Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Total Cost \$510.80)
3. Erin Rupp, Whitney Twining, Karen Voigt and 5 Students on Saturday, March 7, 2015 to participate in Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Regional Meeting at Wilkes University. (Transportation Cost - \$118.99, Registration Cost - \$216.00 – Total Cost - \$334.00)
4. Glen Mackey as an additional chaperone on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 to participate in the PA Science Olympiad, NE Regional Tournament at Penn State Wilkes Barre Campus, Wilkes Barre, PA.
5. Glen Mackey, Matt Donnelly, Donna Jacoby and 2 Students on Thursday, March 19, 2015 to attend PA High School Computer Fair at Keystone College, LaPlume, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$23.00, Substitute Cost - \$274.00 – Total Cost - \$297.00 – District Van to be scheduled)
6. Susan Gravine, Molly Love-Birosak and 30 Students (grades 2 through 12) on Thursday, March 5, 2015 to attend the Educational Performance of “Into the Woods” at Valley View High School. (Transportation Cost - \$187.70, Substitute Cost - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$282.70)
7. Susan Gravine and 17 Students on Monday, March 30, 2015 to participate in the 2015 K’NEX challenge at Johnson College. (Transportation Cost - \$255.50)

Motion 393 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

### **5.3 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 7 & 8**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the Program of Studies, Grades 7 & 8 for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Motion 394 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

### **5.4 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 9 through 12**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the Program of Studies, Grades 9 through 12 for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Motion 395 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

### **5.5 Approve Driver’s Education Agreement**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the 2015-2016 Driver’s Education Agreement with Mark Beach to allow him to administer the on-road driving test to Mountain View students, per the new State requirements as presented.

Motion 396 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**5.6 Discuss 2015-2016 District Calendar –** Mrs. Voigt said the calendar for 2015-2016 was being looked at by the professional development committee. She wanted to give the Board an opportunity for input. She is looking for suggestions on when snow make up days would take place and what holidays should be kept.

**5.7 Book Challenge**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to uphold the Superintendent's decision, which upheld the decision of the District Materials Review Committee regarding the challenge of *Beet Fields* by Gary Paulsen, to maintain the book in the High School Library.

Motion 397 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**5.8 Approve Community Based Learning Experience Field Trip**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the following field trips:

- a) Jessika Black, NEIU 19 Orientation & Mobility Instructor and 1 Student on Thursday, April 16, 2015 and Thursday, May 14, 2015 to go to Scranton for Community Based Instruction to fulfill IEP (crossing streets, making purchases, stove familiarization etc) (Transportation Cost - \$197.60)
- b) Sheri Ransom and 2 Students on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 and every Tuesday thereafter for the rest of the 2014-2015 school year to visit Endless Mountain Learning Center, New Milford, Pa. (Transportation Cost - \$49.62 each trip)
- c) Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Sheri Ransom and 9 Students on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 to visit Lackawanna Healthcare Center, Olyphant, PA, Walmart and Royal Buffet, Dickson City, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$28.82 – District Van to be Scheduled)
- d) Diane Supancik, Melanie Lasher, Sheri Ransom and 10 Students on Thursday, April 9, 2015 to visit Pleasant Mount for job and community awareness. (Transportation Cost - \$23.00 – District Van to be reserved)

Motion 398 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's reported we have used up the ice melt and he had to purchase another 8 tons. This morning the coil in the air handler in the science wing burst. Repairs have been made. The wood boiler also went down due to a burst hydraulic line. It was down about 4 hours before repairs could be made.

Mr. Twining inquired how the new phone system was working. There are a few problems that are still be worked on.

**7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

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

MVEA Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer, Michael Barhite  
MVESPA Committee Members, Roy Twining, Steve Kilmer Jason Richmond

Mr. Stoddard reported a meeting with MVEA was held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Committee to report at 5:30 PM.

## 9. Administration

### 9.1 Principal's Comments

#### **Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly**

- Kindergarten hosting the January Blowout (Go Noodle) did a great job.
- February's Blowout will be a staff basketball game. This will be a dress down day with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended
- There was a bake sale the night of conferences to help offset some expenses for the Washington Trip. Profit - \$243.25
- The focus students will be participating in a snow shoeing experience through a grant Mrs. Slick obtained through the Susquehanna County Chapter of PA School Retirees. Angela Lambert, from Lackawanna State Park will provide instruction.
- As a result of the dine in event, Mr. Scott Fisher's picture was featured in the Scranton Times on Valentine's Day.

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

- Congratulations to Keegan Ficarro for earning a spot in the 2015 PMEA All-State Concert Band. They are researching to find the last student who qualified.
- Winter sports are coming to an end. The girls' basketball team will play on Tuesday at 7:00, at Meyers, the boy's basketball team will play on Wednesday at 7:00 at Mid Valley and the wrestling team will play on Friday and Saturday at the Kingston Armory.
- Drama Club will present *Hairspray* on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, with some faculty participation.
- There is need for storage at the high school. With the budget process approaching please consider the purchase of some kind of storage container.
- Scheduling will now start taking place

Mr. Stoddard noted that All-State Concert Band used to be All-State Orchestra. He was the first one selected from Mountain View in 1957 for playing the violin and Dr. Plonski-Sezer was selected in 1961 for the violin as well.

### 9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- The Special Education Plan needs to be updated every 3 years. It needs to be submitted to PDE by May 1, 2015. She is in hopes to have it ready for public review on March 31<sup>st</sup> and ready for Board approval on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- We have begun to use Buyboards
- We will beginning the budgeting process
- Thanked custodians, bus drivers – they are doing well with the adverse weather conditions

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

- Two Hour Delay – Must make the call before 6:00 AM. She appreciates everyone patience.
- Brain Bee was held Saturday – we had a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish

- Math Counts we were recognized for most improved going from 9<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> – received a trophy
- NEPA High School Challenge Mountain View placed 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, behind Delaware Valley, Lakeland and Abington Heights

**New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Richmond thanked Mrs. Schmidt for her time and efforts. It was done very professional. Mr. Presley felt the book's message outweighed the language. It is a parent's decision to make since it is not required reading. Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Twining and Mr. Stoddard all felt the same; it is a parental decision to make.

**Second Hearing of Visitors**

- Rich Visneski expressed concerns with the play director's rules regarding attendance. His son works on the weekend and has missed a couple of makeup practices. He is in danger of being let go from the play. He has a minor part and does not want that to happen. The attendance does not apply to those students who play sports or participate in educational events. Only those who work does it apply to. He hopes to work it out with the director.

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

- Monday, January 26, 2015 – 7:50 PM to 8:20 PM for Personnel
- Monday, February 16, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, February 16, 2015 after the public meeting for Personnel
- Monday, February 23, 2015 before and after the public meeting for Personnel

**10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky  
Secretary