

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 26, 2013 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by First Vice President Stoddard.

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

Present:

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, First Vice President; Mrs. Ellen Aherne, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Michael Barhite, Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Roy Twining, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

Mr. Elwood Williams, President, and Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan was absent.

1.4. Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, and Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs, and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – August 12/13, 2013.**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne, to approve the minutes dated August 12/13, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 19 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer, reported as listed.

1.7 Library Curriculum K-12 – Mrs. Voigt introduced Corrine McNabb and Peter Regeski to explain the library curriculum.

1.8 Baseball Spring Training Proposal – Ernie Griffis presented his request for Spring Training for the baseball team. He is proposing the team travel to the Cal Ripkin complex in South Carolina.

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

Ann Corbin, Brooklyn questioned what the parent drivers were paid per mile.

2. Finance Committee: Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Chairperson

Committee Members: Thomas Stoddard, Roy Twining

Financial Reports

- 2.1** The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine, to confirm payment of the July 2013 General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the amount of \$1,590,658.03.

Resolution 20 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

- 2.2** The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the list of bills for the August 26, 2013 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$76,790.50.

Resolution 21 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

Mr. Twining questioned check # 9437, 9449 & 9497. Mr. Stoddard questioned why the temporary help in the business office was not listed on the multi check report. It was the consensus that it should be. Mrs. Aherne questioned how many students attended Arts Alive Summer Program.

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer

3.1 Appoint Supplemental Positions for 2013-2014

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint the following supplemental positions for the 2013-2014 school year, pending receipt of all documentation:

- a) Jamie Janesky, Hop Bottom, PA – Mentor
- b) Brandi Miller, Jermyn, PA – Mentor
- c) Brion Stone Montrose, PA– Mentor
- d) Ryne Luce, Nicholson, PA – Assistant Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach

Resolution 22, - Motion Carried (6 Yes, 2 Absent, 1 Abstain) Mrs. Stine Abstained

3.2 Appoint Music Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Kevin Haugland, Bushkill, PA as a K-12 Music Teacher, B Column, Step 1, Salary \$37,901.00, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 23 – Motion carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

- A. First reading of policy # 221 – Dress & Grooming – Pupils Section
Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented policy #221 for the first reading. She noted this policy would be posted on the website for review.
- B. First reading of policy # 237 – Electronic Devices – Pupils Section
Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented policy #237 for the first reading. She noted this policy would be posted on the website for review.

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine

Mrs. Aherne recognized retired teacher Laurie Rood for volunteering in the elementary school this coming year.

6. Building and Site Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

Mr. Taylor's reported he administered the blood pathogen testing this morning to the professional staff. Most of the elementary staff have been fingerprinted. The internal cameras are up and running. The outside cameras need to be hooked up. Work at the high school will be done during second shift. Completion date at the elementary should be done within two week and the end of September for the high school.

7. Transportation Committee: Mr. Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Roy Twining

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

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

A meeting was held August 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM with the MVEA. Meetings are scheduled for 6:00 PM September 19th & 24th and October 7th. Committee to report at 5:30 PM.

8.1 MVESPA Labor relations committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

Committee Members, Stephen Kilmer, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Sondra Stine

A meeting with the MVESPA was held August 16th at 6:00 PM. Tentative meetings dates have been scheduled for 6:00 PM on August 29th, September 17th & 26th, October 3rd & 16th. Committee to report at 5:30 PM

9. Consent Agenda

Items removed for separate action; _____

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Twining to approve the consent agenda with no exceptions.

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.1 Approve Elementary Computer Curriculum

The motion is made to approve the Elementary Computer Curriculum as presented.

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.2 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made to approve the following elementary volunteer, pending receipt of all documentation:

- Laurie J. Rood, New Milford, PA

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.3 Approve Athletic Transfer

The motion is made to approve a transfer of \$10,500.00 from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund.

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.4 Approve 2013-2014 Graduation Handbook

The motion is made to approve the 2013-2014 Graduation Handbook as presented.

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.5 Approve Parent Driver for 2013-214

The motion is made to approve the following parent drivers:

- Lisa Himka, Nicholson, PA
- Aileen Shay, Thompson, PA

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.6 Approve Conference Request

The motion is made to approve conference request for the following:

- Judy Wech and Karen Voigt on Thursday, September 5, 2013, at PaTTAN, Harrisburg, Pa to attend Data Quality – PIMS Workshop. District Van is scheduled. Substitute Cost \$63.44.

Mr. Twining questioned why a substitute is needed.

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.7 Approve Reading Recovery Instructor & Hours

The motion is made to approve Mary Harrison, Nicholson, PA to teach ongoing professional development for Reading Recovery for up to 40 hours at the professional rate of \$26.75 on September 6th, October 25th, November 22nd, January 31st, March 6th, and May 22, including school visits, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

9.8 Accept Letter of Retirement

The motion is made to accept the letter of retirement for Karen Bolcavage from her paraprofessional position effective August 25, 2013.

Resolution 24 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

10. Administration

10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea reported opening day went well.

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

Mr. Patchcoski reported all bus, car and van contracts have been signed.

10.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal –

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley reported the 7th grade orientation was well attended. He thanked student government students and staff that attended. August 28th will be the first day of school for the students.

He asked if the board would motion to advertise for a wrestling coach. Mr. Presley is to resubmit his proposal for consideration on September 9th.

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

- Summer VLINC (NOLA) results – 19 students participated – 13 were successful
- Data Quality/PIMS/PVAAS – data must be submitted correctly the first time – there is no longer a correction window.
- PA Waiver went through – there is no more AYP. We are still held accountable. Funding is tried to both federal and state monies.
- There was one student who completed the course work at Scranton High School this summer. Graduation ceremony was held in the lobby at the high school this summer.

Dr. Plonski-Sezer questioned if there are any changes with NCLB. Mr. Twining asked how much of a role will the IU play? He also thanked Mrs. Voigt for her involvement with NOLA.

Mrs. Shea reported she is working on special education schedules. IEP's will be on Tuesdays at the high school and Thursdays at the elementary school.

10.5 Director of Special Services –

New Business from Board Members

Second Hearing of Visitors

Melody Haley, Clifford Township asked for an executive session.

Dan Anthony, Brooklyn, questioned what the criteria was that was used in awarding the bus contract.

John Corbin, Brooklyn asked for an executive session.

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

HELD:

- Monday, August 22, 2013, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Personnel
- Monday, August 26, 2013, 6:00 PM to 7:20 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, August 26, 2013 after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, September 9, 2013, before and after the public meeting for personnel

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary