

1. Opening Activities

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 27, 2014 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Roll Call

Present:

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

1.4. Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent, Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs, and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor

Absent

Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager; Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, and Mrs. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services.

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

- Years of Service
 - Donna Jacoby – 10 years
 - Ralph Welch – 10 years

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – January 13, 2014.

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Twining, to approve the minutes dated January 13, 2014 as presented.

Resolution 99 – Motion Carried - (9 Yes)

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

1.7 Student Government Liaison – Brandon Hawn updated the Board on the various club activities at the High School.

1.8 IT Presentation – Matthew Georgetti & James Soya gave an update on the implementation of all the new software and how well it is working. They were thanked for their hard work and were asked to stay for an executive session after the meeting.

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

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Stephen Kilmer

Financial Reports

2.1 The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine, to confirm payment of the December 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 \$2,027,069.52.

Mr. Richmond questioned the loan to the cafeteria.

Mr. Twining questioned the disbursement from the capital reserve account.

Resolution 100 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

2.2 The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the January 27, 2014 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$59,028.34.

Mrs. Twining questioned check # 22000317 to K-12 System – mileage.

Resolution 101 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the first reading of the following policies:

4.1 First Reading – Policy 707 – Use of School Facilities

4.2 First Reading – Policy 248 – Unlawful Harassment – Pupils

4.3 First Reading – Policy 348 – Unlawful Harassment – Employees

4.4 First Reading – Policy 448 – Unlawful Harassment – Professional Employees

4.5 First Reading – Policy 548 – Unlawful Harassment – Classified Employees

4.6 First Reading – Policy 249 - Bullying Policy/Cyberbullying - Pupils

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

5.1 The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to approve the following conference:

1. Whitney Twining, Stephanie Kile, and Peter Regeski on Friday, February 14, 2012, Friday, March 14, 2014, and Tuesday, April 29, 2014 to attend High School Reading Apprenticeship at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$28.00, Substitutes - \$765.00 – Total Cost - \$793.00)

Mrs. Aherne questioned why a chemistry teacher would be attending a reading conference.

Resolution 102 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

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

- a) Kelly Richmond, Sheri Ransom, Maggie Ritter, Chantel Kraft and 16 Students on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 to attend Susquehanna County CTC, Elk Lake School District, Dimock, PA to explore career options. (Transportation Cost - \$93.60)
- b) Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on every Tuesday for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year to attend the YMCA, Carbondale, Pa for the purpose of transition, volunteer in different areas and social skills. (Transportation Cost per Trip - \$53.53)
- c) Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on every Thursday for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year to attend the Lenoxville Community Hall, Senior Citizens, Lenoxville, PA for the purpose of transition, volunteer in different areas and social skills. (Transportation Cost per Trip - \$32.72)
- d) Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on every Monday for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year to attend the Interfaith Mission, Montrose, PA for the purpose of transition, volunteer in different areas and social skills. (Transportation Cost per Trip - \$41.56)
- e) Kelly Richmond, Sheri Ransom, Chantel Kraft, Maggie Ritter and 16 Students on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 to attend Valley Lanes Bowling, Walmart, and Royal Buffet in Carbondale and Dickson City, PA to work on social skills, recreation/leisure sources, and comparison shopping. (Transportation Cost - \$200.12)

Resolution 103 – Motion Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Abstained) Mr. Twining abstained.

Mrs. Aherne acknowledged Dr. Elaine Chichura as being elected at the North-East District Chair on the PAFCS 2013-20104 Board of Directors.

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Roy Twining

Mrs. Shea reported damage to the 5th grade gang bathroom. There is about \$500.00 damage.

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Richmond

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

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

Mr. Stoddard stated he is still waiting for the PSEA liaison and the mediator to come up with some dates for meetings.

8.1 MVESPA Labor relations committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

Committee Members, Stephen Kilmer, Sondra Stine, Roy Twining

8.1.1 Ratify MVESPA Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Barhite to ratify the MVESPA Contract (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016) as presented.

Resolution 104 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

Ivie Simons, Harford Township announced we have a contract.

9. Consent Agenda

Items removed for separate action; _____

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the consent agenda with no exceptions.

Mr. Twining expressed concerns on the job descriptions for the Technician I and Technician II. It was the consensus to pull the item from the consent agenda. Mr. Aherne rescinded her second. Motion died for lack of second.

Items removed for separate action; 9.7

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.7.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried – (9 yes)

9.1 Adopt Policy #202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students

The motion is made to adopt policy #202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students as presented.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.2 Approve Field Trips

The motion is made to approve the following field trips:

1. Jamie Boerio & 2 Students on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, Thursday, February 13, 2014, and Friday, February 14, 2014 to attend Region 4 Chorus at Tunkhannock Area High School, Tunkhannock, PA to prepare and perform choral music at an advanced level. (Transportation Cost - \$58.14, Registration Cost - \$323.10 and Substitute Cost - \$170.00 – Total Cost \$551.24)
2. Charleene Martens, Karen Voigt, & 5 Students on Saturday, February 22, 2014 to attend the Scholarship Challenge at Patterson Ed Building, Sayre, PA to improve student achievement and student climate. (Registration Cost - \$375.00)
3. Donna Porter, Jacquelyn Bain, Erin Rupp, Stephanie Kile, Allison Martino, Brion Stone and the Sophomore Class on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 to attend Johnson College, Marywood University and Penn State Worthington to gain an understanding of the college admissions process and to assist students in developing academic and career goals. (Transportation Cost -\$ 447.84, Substitute Cost - \$85.00 - Total Cost - \$532.84)
4. Karen Voigt and 5 Students on Saturday, February 8, 2014, to participate in the Brain Bee at the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA to improve student achievement and student climate. (No cost to the District – District Van has been scheduled)

5. Pamela Ealo, Jamie Himka, Danielle Scott, Debbie Pompey, Judy Bell, Robyn O'Brien, Lisa Ingaglio, Marion Seamans and 10 students on Thursday, February 27, 2014 to bowl and Idle Hour Lanes and dine at Royal Buffet, Dickson City, PA to promote community awareness, social skills, functional reading and math skills) (Transportation Cost - \$171.18, Bowling - \$87.10, and Dining - \$133.98 – Total Cost - \$392.26)
6. Glen Mackey, Matthew Donnelly, Donna Jacoby and 3 Students on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 to attend PA High School Computer Fair, Regional Competition at Keystone College, LaPlume, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$47.20, Substitute Cost - \$170.00 – Total Cost - \$217.20)

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.3 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made to approve the following conference requests:

1. Diana Evans Slick on Monday, February 3, 2014 to attend Non Violent Crisis Intervention (Refresher Course) and NEIU 19, Archbald. (No Cost to the District)
2. Melody Haley on Friday, March 28, 2014, Saturday, March 29, 2014, and Sunday, March 30, 2014 to attend annual PASNAP Conference at Penn Stater Conference Center, Penn State, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$201.60, Lodging - \$270.00, Registration - \$275.00, and Substitute - \$85.00 – Total Cost - \$831.60)
3. Roberta Harvey, Jacqueline Ferenczi, Kristin Hogan-Smith, and Christine Kelly on Monday, February 10, 2014 to attend Student Learning Objectives at the NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$28.00, Substitute Cost - \$255.00 – Total Cost - \$283.00)
4. Diane Supancik, Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Anthony Borgia, Robert Presley on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 to attend Student Learning Objectives at the NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$28.00, Substitute Cost - \$255.00 – Total Cost - \$283.00)
5. Marybeth Langdon, Holly James, Alisha Marmo, and Megan Clough on Thursday, February 20, 2014, Thursday, March 13, 2014, and Monday, April 28, 2014 to attend Reading Apprenticeship – Middle School at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$28.00, Substitute Cost - \$1020.00 – Total Cost - \$1,048.00)
6. Donna Porter on Thursday, March 20, 2014 to attend Understanding children's Grief and Loss and the University of Scranton, PA. (No Cost to the District)

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.4 Accept Quarterly Reports

The motion is made to accept the following quarterly reports dated December 30, 2013 and file for audit:

- A. High School Activities Report
- B. High School Scholarship Report
- C. Athletic Report
- D. Elementary Activities Report

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.5 Approve Language Arts Curriculum

The motion is made to approve the Language Arts Curriculum as presented.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.6 Adopt Changes to 2013-2014 School Calendar

The motion is made to approve changes to the 2013-2014 school calendar as presented.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.7 Approve Job Descriptions

The motion is made to approve the following job descriptions:

- a) Technician I
- b) Technician II

Motion withdrawn – no action taken

9.8 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made to approve Jonathan Rogan as a long term high school art substitute having served 90 consecutive days in the same position, Salary B-1, \$37,901.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA effective January 28, 2014, the 91st day.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.9 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made to approve George Paterno as a long term elementary music substitute having served 90 consecutive days in the same position, Salary B-1, \$37,901.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA effective January 28, 2014, the 91st day.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.10 Approve Parent Driver

The motion is made to approve Lisa Vanteger, Nicholson, PA as a parent driver.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.11 Approve Junior Varsity Baseball Coach

The motion is made to approve Anthony Borgia at Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

9.12 Approve Substitute

The motion is made to approve Heidi Page, Susquehanna as a substitute teacher certified in Elementary Education, Special Education pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 105 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda – (9 yes)

1. Administration

10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea reported she received a letter from the auditor general that our state audit would begin February 12th.

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski not present.

10.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly not present. Mrs. Shea updated the board on activities at the elementary school.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley not present. Mrs. Shea updated the board on activities at the high school.

10.4 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt reported the following:

- NEPA High School Challenge would be February 1st. Public is invited.
- Recognized Dr. Elaine Chichura for her recent appointment to the North-East District Chair on the PAFCS 2013-20104 Board of Directors.
- We will be field testing – PSSA writing
- We will be reviewing the Health & Wellness policy at the next meeting

10.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski not present.

New Business from Board Members**Second Hearing of Visitors**

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

HELD:

- Monday, January 13, 2014, 8:55 PM to 10:00 PM for personnel
- Monday, January 27, 2014, 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 27, 2014 after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, February 10, 2014, before and after the public meeting for personnel

2. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Secretary