

1. Opening Activities

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on April 13, 2014 in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by President Stoddard. A moment of silence was held for Mary Ketterer.

1.2. Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, President, Mrs. Ellen Aherne, First Vice President, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President, Mr. Jason Casselbury, Mr. Jason Richmond, Mr. Roy Twining and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

Absent

Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer, Mr. Michael Barhite and Mr. Stephen Kilmer

1.3. Administration Present

Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal arrived at 7:30 PM, Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor

Absent

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent and Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

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

Year of Service

Kristy Bayle – 5 years

Cast & Crew of *Hello Dolly* and *I Never Saw Another Butterfly!*

Margaret McCarty, Director; Jamie Boerio, Musical Director; Lighting, Kevin Haugland Jolie Winemiller, Bethany Klees, Ryan Martin, Kyle Heide, Genavieve Maloney, Peter Maloney, Jacob Baranski, Alexandra Pollack, Hayley Maloney, Denise Vonada, Timothy Hill, Shane Visneski, David Miller, Andrew Graham, Kelsey Murphy, Bryana Visneski, Sarah Alessi, Scarlett Catalfamo, Josie Evans, Sophia Ficarro, Andrew Graham, Douglas Martin, Elizabeth Miller, Emmillie Miller, Kelsey Murphy, Leach Saam, Emily Supancik, Jon Wiggins, Jamie Supancik, Kelcie Pratt, Mark Fontana and Kerstin Kupiec.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – March 24, 2014 and March 31, 2014.

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the minutes dated March 24, 2014 and March 31, 2014 as presented.

Resolution 132 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

1.6 - Removed

1.7 Social Studies Curriculum – Karen Voigt and Anthony Borgia presented the Social Studies Curriculum.

1.8 Budget Presentations – 2014-2015

1. Mrs. Voigt – Curriculum and Federal Programs – Mrs. Voigt present a proposed curriculum budget for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$8,150.00. This is an increased of \$2,850.00. This increase is due primarily to including the Director of Special Services expenses. The proposed Title II Budget for 2014-2015 is \$24,000.00. Title I Budget is \$2,750.00, i3 Reading Recovery Grant is \$3,400.00.
2. Ms. Wnorowski – Special Education – Ms. Wnorowski proposed Special Education Budget for 2014-2015 is \$332,700.00. This is an increase of \$119,386.00. The proposed Medical Access Budget is \$662,192.00, an increase of \$173,228.00.
3. Mr. Patchcoski – Support Services, Superintendent and Administrative Board Budget – Mr. Patchcoski proposed 2014-2015 support services Board and Superintendent Budget of \$169,530.00 which is an increase of \$47,856.00.

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

Greg Maxon, questioned the check for the chaperone for the Florida trip. He questioned why the Board Secretary was receiving a travel expense when she is paid a stipend. He also questioned if the pencil machine was approved by the Board as he felt it was a gambling issue.

Ruth Zeck, Gibson Township also had concerns about the chaperone to Florida.

Dan Bonham, Kingsley questioned why we were hiring special counsel when we already have an attorney hired.

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Casselbury

Financial Reports

- 2.1** The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the list of bills for the April 14, 2014 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$122,017.23.

Resolution 133 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

- 2.2** Approve submission of Pre-K Counts Continuation Grant Application

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the submission of the Pre-K Counts Continuation Grant Application for the 2014-2015 school year.

Resolution 134 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

- 2.3** Authorize Establishing Fifth Grade Field Trip Elementary Student Activity Account

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to authorize establishing the Fifth Grade Field Trip Elementary Student Activity Account.

Resolution 135 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

2.4 Approve Hiring of Special Counsel

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the hiring of George Shovlin, Pittston, PA as special counsel regarding a personnel matter, at a rate of \$185.00 per hour, effective April 14, 2014.

Resolution 136 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve Jason Casselbury as a volunteer for Baseball, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 137 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent) – Mr. Casselbury Abstained

3.2 Approve Addition of Substitutes

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the following substitutes pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Kristin Riley, Scranton, PA – Certified Secondary English
2. Susan Schaffer, Clarks Summit, PA – K-12 Special Education Certification

Resolution 138 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3.2 Motion to Approve FMLA Leave of Absence

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve an FMLA leave of absence for Francine R. Shea, Superintendent effective April 3, 2014 for medical reasons.

Resolution 139 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3.2 Motion to appoint Substitute Superintendent

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Casselbuy to appoint Karen Voigt as substitute Superintendent effective April 3, 2014, and ending June 27, 2014 at a per diem rate of \$384.62.

Resolution 140 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

4.1 Second Reading – Policy 913 - Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals-Community

Policy 913 was held pending changes

Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the following policies for second reading:

- 4.2 Second Reading – Policy 220 - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials – Pupils
- 4.3 Second Reading – Policy 222 – Tobacco Use – Pupils
- 4.4 Second Reading – Policy 323 – Tobacco Use – Administrative Employees
- 4.5 Second Reading – Policy 423 – Tobacco Use – Professional Employees
- 4.6 Second Reading – Policy 523 – Tobacco Use – Classified Employees

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

- 4.7 First Reading – Policy 335 – FMLA – Administrative Employees
- 4.8 First Reading – Policy 435 – FMLA – Professional Employees
- 4.9 First Reading – Policy 535 – FMLA – Classified Employees

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

5.1 Approve Life Skills Curriculum

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the life skills curriculum as presented at the March 24, 2014 meeting.

Resolution 141 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

5.2 Approve Conference Requests:

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following conferences:

- a) Andrea Aten and Marybeth Langdon on Thursday, May 15, 2014 to attend Macbeth – Active Teaching and Learning at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration Cost - \$100.00, Substitute Cost - \$170.00 – Total Cost - \$270.00)
- b) James Soya on Monday, May 5, 2014, Tuesday, May 6, 2014 and Wednesday, May 7, 2014 to attend Tech Talk Live 2014 in Lancaster, PA. Mr. Soya will be presenting. (Transportation Cost - \$145.60, Lodging - \$197.58 – Total Cost - \$343.18)
- c) Abigail Fitzpatrick, Christopher Robinson, and Mary Ann Tranovich on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 to attend Susquehanna Community School District Carnegie Learning Math, Susquehanna, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$255.00)
- d) James Soya and Matt Georgetti on Monday, April 14, 2014 to attend Technology Coordinator's Meeting at IU 13. (Transportation Cost - \$31.36)
- e) Karen Voigt on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 and Wednesday, May 21, 2014 to attend required Pre-K Counts Grant, Bridging our World's: Creating a System for Effective Engagement at the Blair Convention Center, Altoona, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$235.20)
- f) Madonna Munley, on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 to attend Teaching Methods Update 2014 at the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA. (Registration Cost - \$25.00, Substitute Cost - \$85.00 – Total Cost - \$110.00)

Resolution 142 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

- g) Francine R. Shea on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Thursday, May 15, 2014, Friday, May 16, 2014, Saturday, May 17, 2014 and Sunday, May 18, 2014 to attend NTSA 2014 STEM Forum and Expo in New

Orleans. (Transportation Cost - \$920.00, Lodging - \$1,111.00, and Registration - \$265.00 – Total Cost - \$2,396.00)

Conference (g) was pulled – no action taken

5.3 Approve Field Trip Requests:

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

1. Sheri Ransom and 1 Student on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 to go to Susquehanna Conservation, Montrose, PA. (Transportation Cost – \$50.20)
2. Sheri Ransom and 1 Student on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 to go to Susquehanna Conservation, Montrose, PA. (Transportation Cost – \$50.20)
3. Allison Martino, Donna Porter and 30 Students on Monday, April 28, 2014 to attend College Fair at King's College and Wilkes University. (Transportation Cost - \$183.58)
4. Sheri Ransom and 1 Student on Monday, April 28, 2014 to go to Susquehanna Conservation, Montrose, PA. (Transportation Cost – \$50.20)
5. Kelly Richmond, Pamela Ealo, Jaimie Himka, Molly Virbitsky, Sheri Ransom, Chantel Kraft, Melissa Berish, Danielle Scott, Robyn O'Brien, Judy Bell, Lisa Ingaglio, Marion Seamans, Veronica Thomas, TSS Worker Marcy Booth, TSS Worker Mrs. Kane and 21 Students to attend Special Olympics, Tunkhannock School District, Tunkhannock, PA. (Rain date – April 24, 2014) (Transportation Cost - \$41.50)
6. Erin Rupp, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 8 Students on Sunday, May 18, 2014, Monday, May 19, 2014 and Tuesday, May 20, 2014 to attend Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) State Competition at Penn State, Main Campus. (Registration Cost - \$1,300.00, Substitute Cost - \$340.00 – Total Cost - \$1,640.00)
7. Kevin Reuss, Karen Voigt, and 40 Students on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 to attend the 26th Annual Teen Symposium on the Holocaust at Marywood University, Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$225.20, Substitute Cost - \$85.00 – Total Cost \$310.20)
8. Mary Ann Tranovich and 7 Students on Friday, May 2, 2014 to attend 2014 PASC District IX Conference at Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School. (Transportation Cost – \$ 30.80 and Substitute Cost - \$85.00 paid by the Student Council Activities Account)
9. Sheri Ransom and 1 Student on Thursday, April 10, 2014 to go to Susquehanna Conservation, Montrose, PA. (Transportation Cost – \$50.20)
10. Pamela Ealo, Jaimie Himka, Lisa Ingaglio, Marion Seamans, Robyn O'Brien, Danielle Scott, Judy Bell and 13 Students on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 to tour Wegmans, shopping at Walmart and lunch at Pizza Hut in Dickson City and Eynon. (Transportation Cost - \$171.12, Lunch \$121.48 – Total Cost - \$292.66)
11. Jenny Keating, Andrew Granick, United Neighborhood and 10 Students on Sunday, April 13, 2014 to attend Cirque Dreams Rock, Scranton Cultural Center. (No Cost to the District – paid by 21st Century Grant)
12. Michael Talabiska and 50 Students on Friday, May 2, 2014 to attend Envirothon Prep Day at Mountain View High School and Talabiska wood lot. State and County experts in their fields will be present to prepare the students for the county competition. (Transportation Cost – \$25.80, Substitute Cost - \$85.00 – total cost - \$110.80)

13. Janet Karhnak, John Arnold, Judy Bell, 20 Chaperones and 38 Students on Friday, May 2, 2014 (Rain date May 6, 2014) for their farm trip to Empet's Farm, Kingsley, PA. (No cost to the District. Trip is being paid by a private donor)
14. Jenny Keating, Jamie Esgro, 20 Chaperones and 35 Students on Friday, May 2, 2014 (Rain date May 6, 2014) for their farm trip to JoSan Farms, Susquehanna, PA. (No cost to the District. Trip is being paid by a private donor)
15. Jamie Boerio and 10 Students on Friday, May 9, 2014 to attend Chorus Fest/Jazz Chorus Fest at Mid-Valley School District. (Transportation Cost - \$68.97, Registration Cost - \$245.00, Substitute Cost - \$85.00 – Total Cost \$398.97)
16. Katie Holzman, Ernie Griffis, Scott Fisher and 75 students on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 to attend Vehicular Career Day at the Harford Fair Grounds, Harford, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$50.00 – to be paid by NTIEC. No cost to the District)

Resolution 143 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

5.4 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve homebound instruction for Student #15018 beginning March 7, 2014 ending March 31, 2014.

Resolution 144 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Jason Casselbury

Mr. Taylor's reported that the wood stove was shut down last week. He will start it up again on Tuesday when it gets colder. The Kubota is here and he is trying to work on the ball fields.

Mr. Stoddard questioned if the violation of getting into the high school had been resolved.

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Richmond

7.1 Approve Parent Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve Stacy Barney, Clifford Township, PA as a parent driver, effective 4/23/14.

Resolution 145 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

7.2 Approve Parent Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve Kelly Miller, Kingsley, PA as a parent driver effective 4/23/14.

Resolution 146 – Motion Carried – (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

8. Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson

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

MVESPA Committee Members, Stephen Kilmer, Sondra Stine, Roy Twining

There are tentative meeting dates with the MVEA on April 15th and May 1st. Committee to report at 5:30 PM

9. Administration

9.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea

- Mrs. Voigt reported that Mrs. Shea is interested in reestablishing the Mountain View Newsletter.
- She also reported that a volunteer recognition was held for the elementary volunteers.

9.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Mr. Patchcoski thanked everyone who helped when Mrs. Shea was in need.
- State Audit Exit Report – Mr. Patchcoski reported we received no citations and thanked everyone for their input.
- New Cafeteria Online Parent Charging System will start next year.
- Audio Law was passed. If you are going to implement this we will need to change the bus contracts.

9.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- PSSA's are done in reading, math & writing. She thanked the staff for their cooperation.
- She thanked Empet's Farm for covering the cost of the 2nd grade field trip.
- 21st Century Field Trip on April 13th. She received many comments of the excellent behavior of the students.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- March students of the month will be taken to lunch on April 15th.
- Energy Day was held at NTIEC for 9th & 10th grades
- Student Government received the National Council of Excellence Award again this year
- PSSA Science is left along with the Keystone Exams in Literature, Biology and Algebra
- Since so many games have been postponed because of the weather there may be a scheduling issue and permission was asked to be able to schedule games on Sunday.
- Sport's Budget Question – because there have been so many postponements and there is money left in the budget the baseball teams as asking to spend the money for items needed for the 2014-2015 season. Permission granted for safety issues only.
- Summer School costs were presented to the Board. More data was requested and is to be included in the next packet.

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

- 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program will be run again this year.
- Summer Kindergarten Reading Program (SKRP) will also be run for a 2 week period

- Coffee Klatch will be held April 24th 6:00 – 8:30 PM – Elementary Parents

9.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- We are partnering with Susquehanna on the Early Outreach Program through OVR.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Twining asked how the mini relay 4 life was coming along.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Tom Makosky, Brooklyn asked if there would be a Science Fair this year.

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

HELD:

- Monday, March 31, 2014, 9:50 PM to 10:30 PM for personnel
- Monday, April 7, 2014, 6:00 PM to 8.10 PM for personnel
- Monday, April 14, 2014, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 14, 2014 after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, April 28, 2014, before and after the public meeting for personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Twining to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary