

## 1. Opening Activities

### 1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on July 14, 2014 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Stoddard.

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

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, 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.

Absent

Mrs. Ellen Aherne, First Vice President

### 1.3. Administration Present

Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor

Absent

Mrs. Voigt, Acting Superintendent & Director of Curriculum & Instruction & Federal Programs and Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

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

### 1.5 Approval of the Minutes – June 23, 2014.

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated June 23, 2014 as presented.

Resolution 263 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**1.6 Discussion of Math Curriculum – Grades 7 through 12 – Rob Presley explained the addition of Algebra 1A and 1B, which would be taught over a 2 year period. The Keystone Exam would be given after Algebra 1B. The new math series will be implemented grades 7 & 8.**

### 1.7 Discussion of Handbooks – Rob Presley & Gail Wnorowski

Mr. Presley said there were not many changes to the handbooks. The new dress code was updated in the student handbook. He asked if the coaching positions would be vacated each year. If so then the athletic handbook needs to be revised to reflect this change. Also for future consideration he questioned the need for the graduation project. Although he feels it is a worthwhile project it is no longer mandated by the state with the implementation of the Keystone Exams.

Ms. Wnorowski presented the new handbook for the paraprofessionals. She thanked Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bognatz for their input.

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

Mr. Wayne Williams questioned the raise for the parent driver and why he did not get a raise. How was it determined? This was not discussed as it is being pulled from the agenda.

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

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Stephen Kilmer

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve July 14, 2014 Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the July 14, 2014 General Fund bill lists in the amount of \$234,984.33.

Resolution 264 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Mr. Stoddard questioned the check for homebound for over \$3,000.00. Why such a long delay in submitting the time sheets. It was the consensus all time sheets should be submitted on a monthly basis.

#### **2.2 Approve Fund Transfer**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund cross reference #52401 to Debt Service Fund cross reference #DSR002 in the amount of \$55,136.25 for the August 1, 2014 Bond payment of \$55,136.25 for the Bond Series of 2011.

Resolution 265 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### **2.3 Approve Fund Transfer**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Casselbury to authorized transfer of funds from General Fund cross reference #52501 to Cafeteria Fund #CR013 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Resolution 266 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

## **3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

#### **3.1 Appoint Athletic Director**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Jan Price, Clifford Township, PA, as the athletic director for the 2014-2015 school year with a stipend of \$6,000.00.

Resolution 267 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Mr. Presley questioned if there was any consideration for increasing the stipend for the athletic director. Not at this time since there should be a reduction in the work that she will be doing.

**3.2 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to accept the letter of resignation from Abigail Fitzpatrick from her high school math position effective 6/30/14.

Resolution 268 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.3 Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize posting and advertising for Certified High School Math Teacher grades 7 – 12 and a Gifted Teacher Certified K – 12 with application due August 15, 2014

Resolution 269 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.4 Approve Permanent Dean of Students Position**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to continue the Dean of Students position as a permanent fulltime position with benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Resolution 270 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.5 Authorize Additional Summer Days for Dean of Students**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize an additional 10 summer days for Dean of Students, at his per diem rate.

Resolution 271 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.6 Approve Recall of Furloughed Teacher**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the recall of Diana Lombardi, Clarks Summit, PA Certified in Art, effective August 25, 2014, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 272 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

**3.7 Appoint Coaches for the 2014-2015 School Year**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint the following coaches for the 2014-2015 school year, pending receipt of all documentation:

- a. Basketball Cheerleading Co-Coach – Megan Clough, Susquehanna, PA - \$1,625.00
- b. Basketball Cheerleading Co-Coach – Allison Martino, Kirkwood, NY - \$1,625.00
- c. Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach – Spencer Lunger, Nicholson, PA - \$4,030.00
- d. Boys' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Ryne Luce, Nicholson, PA - \$3,250.00
- e. Boys' Jr. High Basketball Coach – Jason Henke, Lenox, PA - \$2,795.00
- f. Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach – Tom Rudzinski, Clarks Summit, PA - \$4,030.00

- g. Girls' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Whitney Twining, Jackson, PA - \$3,250.00
- h. Girls' Jr. High Basketball Coach – Glenn Wilder, Clifford Township, PA - \$2,795.00
- i. Boys' Varsity Volleyball Coach – Dave Breese, South Gibson, PA - \$3,410.00
- j. Boys' Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach, Joseph Scanlon, Harford, PA - \$2,750.00
- k. Track & Field Varsity Coach – Melody Haley, Clifford Township, PA - \$3,410.00
- l. Track & Field Assistant Coach – Anthony Gaynor, Kingsley, PA - \$2,750.00
- m. Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach – Ernest Griffis, Brooklyn, PA - \$3,410.00
- n. Boys' JV Baseball Coach – Anthony Borgia, Clarks Summit, PA - \$2,750.00
- o. Girls' Varsity Softball Coach – Tom Rudzinski, Clarks Summit, PA - \$3,410.00
- p. Wrestling Varsity Coach – Kenneth Decker, Kingsley, PA - \$4,030.00
- q. Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach – Roger Thomas, Kingsley, PA - \$3,410.00

Resolution 273 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.8 Appoint Special Services Clerical**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Holly Benedict, Union Dale, PA to the 223 special services clerical position at an hourly rate of \$11.10, effective July 28, 2014 and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA, pending receipt of all documentation

Resolution 274 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.9 Appoint Elementary Clerical**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Barbra Presley, Kingsley, PA to the 223 elementary clerical position at an hourly rate of \$11.10, effective August 4, 2014 and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA, pending receipt of all documentation

Resolution 275 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **3.10 Approve Additional ESY Staff**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to approve Heather Larkin and Anne Gregory as additional staff for ESY from July 7, 2014 to July 31, 2014.

Resolution 276 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained

### **3.11 Authorize Advertising for all Remaining Vacant 2014-2015 Coaches**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize advertising for all remaining vacant 2014-2015 coaches.

Resolution 277 – Motion 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: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

### 5.1 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following conference requests:

1. Corrine R. McNabb on Friday, September 12, 2014, Thursday, October 9, 2014 and Monday, November 24, 2014 to attend Reading Apprenticeship for the Middle School Classroom at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration Fee - \$255.00)
2. Maureen Beamish and Alicia Waters on Monday, October 27, 2014 to attend Mid-Atlantic Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Conference at Shippensburg, PA. (Lodging - \$154.00, Registration - \$330.00 – Total Cost - \$484.00)
3. Holly James and Marybeth Langdon on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 to attend Meeting the Challenge of Common Core with the Collins Writing Program and NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration Cost - \$160.00 – Substitute Cost - \$170.00 – Total Cost - \$330.00)
4. Matt Georgetti and Jim Soya on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 to attend the 2014 Sapphire User Conference at Hershey Country Club, Hershey, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$157.92)
5. Gail Wnorowski, Lori Cobb, Christine Kelly and Brenda Daniels on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 to attend the 2014 Sapphire User Conference at Hershey Country Club, Hershey, PA. (No cost to the District)
6. Christine Kelly on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 to attend Meeting the Challenge of Common Core with the Collins Writing Program and NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration Cost - \$80.00)

Resolution 278 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### 5.2 Adoption of Language Arts Book

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to adopt the Language Arts Book *Collections* copyright 2015, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for grade 11.

Resolution 279 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### 5.3 Approve Handbooks

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to adopt the following handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year:

- a) High School Student Handbook
- b) High School Faculty Handbook
- c) Graduation Handbook
- d) Coaches Handbook
- e) Parent-Student Handbook
- f) K-12 Paraprofessional Support Handbook

Resolution 280 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### 5.4 Authorize Closure of Student Activity Account

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize closure of the Class of 2014 Student Activity Account with the balance of \$4,717.20 going to the Yearbook Activity Account.

Resolution 281 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Mr. Presley thanked the class of 2014 for voting to turn their money over to the yearbook activity account. This will bring the account out of the red and help keep the cost of the yearbook down.

#### 5.5 Approval of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Summer Program (SOI)

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Summer Program – SOI (Summer of Innovations) to run August 4, 2014 through August 8, 2014 from 8:30 AM to Noon.

Resolution 282 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### 5.6 Approve 21<sup>st</sup> Century Summer Program Teachers and Substitute

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve MaryAnn Tranovich and Katherine Holzman as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Teachers and Jenny Keating as the substitute.

Resolution 283 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### 5.7 Award Photography Proposal

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to award the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, & 2016-2017 Photography proposal to Craiges, Montrose, PA according the specification outlined in the final proposal for a 3 year fixed price, as amended.

Resolution 284 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Roy Twining

Mr. Taylor's reported that the lockers that are to be replaced at the high school are being removed. He asked if a decision had been made on the phone system (need something in writing). With the power failure he realized that we need a generator for the sewage treatment plant. Cost is \$17,000.00 plus \$10,000.00 installation fee. There was a discussion on the sidewalk at the high school. Mr. Taylor feels we should be able to do the work ourselves.

Mr. Barhite questioned how the survey was coming along on the ball fields? They have been working on it. Looking at the drainage now. The Board would like to review the proposals before it is sent out.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Richmond

**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 was a meeting with the MVEA on June 24, 2014. Mr. Stoddard reported we are possibly looking at going to fact finding.

**9. Administration****9.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Karen Voigt, Acting Superintendent**

- Hybrid Learning Initiative – Mr. Presley reported that the line item in the state budget for Hybrid Learning was removed. However there is a Ready to Learn Grant that can be used for Hybrid Learning.

**9.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski** reported the State bus inspection is set for July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**9.3 Principal's Comments**

**Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly** reported the Kindergarten Readiness Program began today. She gave hats off to the custodial staff in readying the school for the first day.

**High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley** reported the lockers are being removed. Summer School there is one session instead of two.

Mr. Stoddard questioned how the scheduling was coming along. Mr. Presley expressed his concerns that he is having scheduling.

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

**9.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski** reported ESY is back on track. Everyone is working well together. Books-on-Wheels is coming weekly and they are using the compass lab.

**New Business from Board Members****Second Hearing of Visitors****Executive Session – Announcement of executive sessions held and/or scheduled.****HELD:**

- Monday, June 23, 2014, 7:55 PM to 9:45 PM for personnel
- Thursday, June 26, 2014, 5:30 PM to 7:45 PM for personnel
- Monday, July 14, 2014, 6:00 PM to 7:35 PM for personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

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

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky  
Board Secretary