

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 22, 2014 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 07:07 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Roll Call – Board Members 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, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent

Mr. Roy Twining

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, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

1.4 Approval of the Minutes – September 8, 2014.

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the minutes dated September 8, 2014 as presented.

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

1.5 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer, reported as listed.

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

Daniel Bonham asked what SKRP stood for on the bill list.

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Stephen Kilmer

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve August 2014 Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond to confirm payment of the August 2014 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 \$1,595,378.79.

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

2.2 Approve September 22, 2015 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the list of bills for the September 22, 2014 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$420,454.69.

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

2.3 Approve Agreement with NHS

The motion is made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the agreement with NHS for 2014-2015 as presented.

Resolution 276 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Approve Addition to Substitute List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the following addition to the substitute list, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Kelly McLaughlin, Clifford, Pa to the cafeteria substitute list
2. Amie Yasnovitch, New Milford, Pa to the paraprofessional list
3. Macie Karhnak, Springville, PA to the paraprofessional, clerical, cafeteria, maintenance/custodian and hall/cafeteria monitor
4. Cynthia Sabine, Union Dale, PA to the paraprofessional, clerical, cafeteria, maintenance/custodian and hall/cafeteria monitor

Resolution 277 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.2 Correct Rate for Pay

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to correct the hourly rate of pay for Adam Wnorowski from \$14.10 to \$14.00.

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

3.3 Appoint Elementary Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint Allison Butash, Throop, PA as an elementary certified teacher at B column, Step 2, salary \$38,401.00 effective September 26, 2014, pending receipt of all documentation.

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

3.4 Approve New Professional Staff Induction Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the New Professional Staff Induction Plan for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016.

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

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the first reading Policy #246 Student Wellness

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond

5.1 Approve Science Curriculum – 7th through 12th Grade

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the High School Science Curriculum, grades 7 through 12 as presented.

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

5.2 Approve Homebound Instructor

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following homebound instructor for 2014-2015:

1. Mary Ann Tranovich

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

5.3 Approve CBLE Field Trip Requests

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

- a) Molly Virbitsky, Melissa Berish and 2 Students on Monday, September 29, 2014 and every Monday thereafter for the duration of the 2014-2015 school year to visit the Clifford Market, Clifford, PA. (Transportation Costs \$13.44 each trip)
- b) Molly Virbitsky, Melissa Berish and 2 Students on Friday, October 3, 2014 and once a month for the duration of the 2014-2015 school year on Friday thereafter to visit the bank, Rob's Market and the post office New Milford, PA. (Transportation Costs \$33.60 each trip)
- c) Molly Virbitsky, Melissa Berish and 2 Students on Friday, September 26, 2014 and every Friday thereafter for the duration of the 2014-2015 school year to visit the Blue Ridge Senior Center, Great Bend, PA. (Transportation Costs \$33.60 each trip)
- d) Sheri Ransom and 2 Students on Monday, September 29, 2014 and every Monday thereafter for the duration of the 2014-2015 school year to visit Dehaven Farm, Union Dale, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$56.10 per trip)
- e) Pamela Ealo, Casey Myrkalo, Charlene Anastasio, Robyn O'Brien, Judy Bell, Colleen Heller, Marion Seamans, Mary Booth (TSS Worker), 2 parents and 20 students on Thursday, October 23, 2014 to visit Roba Family Farms, North Abington Township, PA (Transportation Cost – \$240.76, Registration Cost - \$126.00 – Total Cost - \$366.76)
- f) Sheri Ransom and 1 to 3 Students on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 to visit Keystone College Radio Station, LaPlume, PA (Transportation Cost - \$59.60)
- g) Sheri Ransom and 1 to 2 Students on Friday, October 17, 2014 to visit Shamrock communications, Scranton, PA (Transportation Cost - \$85.90)

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

5.4 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- 1) Robert Presley, Donna Porter, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 13 students on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 to attend Rachel's Challenge Summit at Keystone College, LaPlume, PA. (Transportation Cost \$136.57 paid by the Activity Account – Substitute Cost \$95.00)
- 2) Anthony Borgia, Charleene Martens, Kevin Reuss & 80 Students on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 to attend Senior Government Day At Blue Ridge High School, New Milford, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$269.40, no substitute required – coverage within the building)
- 3) Michael Talabiska, Whitney Twining and 45 Students on Friday, October 17, 2014 and Wednesday, May 6, 2014 to attend the Envirothon Fall Event at Salt Springs State Park and County Envirothon Competition at Elk Mountain, Clifford Township. (Transportation Costs - \$337.80, Substitute Cost - \$380.00 – Total Cost \$717.80)
- 4) Jenny Keating, Jamie Esgro, 20 Chaperones and 36 Students on Thursday, October 9, 2014 (rain date October 15, 2014) to visit JoSan Farms, Susquehanna, PA. (No cost to the District – trip paid by Empet family)
- 5) Janet Karhnak, John Arnold, Colleen Heller, 20 chaperones and 38 Students on Thursday, October 9, 2014 (rain date October 15, 2014) to visit Empet Farms, Kingsley, Pa. (No cost to the District – trip paid by Empet family)

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

5.5 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Christine Kelly, Katherine Holzman, Kristen Hogan-Smith, Corrine McNabb, Katie Naegele, Lisa Kozloski, Maureen Beamish, Diana Slick and Anne Gregory on October 7, 8, 9, 2014, January 27, 2015 (Snow Date January 29, 2015) and May 20, 2015 to attend RTII Tier 3 Project at PaTTAN, King of Prussia, PA (Transportation and Substitute Cost of \$1,900.00 to be reimbursed by NEIU – RTII Tier Project)
- B. Mona Hoadley on Friday, October 3, 2014 to attend A/CAPA Fall Meeting 2014, Hershey, PA. (Transportation Cost \$160.16, Substitute \$87.00 – Total Cost \$247.16)
- C. Ann Bode, Kristin Hogan-Smith, Brandi Miller, Jamie Janesky and Maureen Beamish on October 21, 2014 and February 24, 2015 to attend the Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Transportation Cost \$67.20, Substitute Cost \$760.00 for a total cost \$827.20)
- D. Katherine Holzman and Katie Naegele on December 4, 2014 to attend PVAAS Teacher Specific Reporting: Prof Growth not Gotcha and NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Substitute Cost \$95.00 – Each is ½ day session)
- E. Leslie Gossage on October 26, 27, 28, 29, 2014 to attend Keystone State Reading Association “Read Like a Champion” at Penn State Conference Center

- Hotel, State College, PA. (Transportation Cost \$171.36, Lodging \$166.95 and Registration \$385.00 – Total Cost - \$723.31)
- F. Christine Kelly, Robert Presley, Carole Heir-Rainey and Donna Porter on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 to attend Keeping Kids Safe, at the Hilton Scranton & Convention Center, Scranton, PA (no cost to the District)
 - G. Diane Makosky on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 to attend Personnel Review & Budgeting Training at CSIU 16, Lewisburg, PA. (Transportation cost \$114.80)
 - H. Lori Cobb, Holly Benedict and Judy Wech on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 to attend PIMS training at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA (Transportation cost - \$28.00)
 - I. Katie Ross on Friday, October 3, 2014, Friday, November 7, 2014 and Thursday, January 29, 2015 to attend Teacher Induction 2014-2015 at NEIU 29, Archbald, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$13.83, Substitute - \$285.00 – Total Cost - \$298.83)
 - J. Jan Price, on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 to attend Academics & Athletics Conference 2014, at Penn State, State College, PA (Transportation Cost - \$184.80, Registration Cost - \$110.00 – Total Cost - \$294.80)
 - K. Gail Wnorowski on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 and Thursday, October 30, 2014 to attend Eastern PA Special Education Administrators Conference (EPASEAC) in Hershey, PA. (Lodging Cost - \$254.00 – District Van is scheduled)

Resolution 285 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.6 Appoint Supplemental Positions

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint the following supplemental positions for 2014/2015:

1. Corrine McNabb – Mentor – 20 hours - \$576.50
2. Joseph Scanlon – Intramural Boys & Girls Volleyball - \$732.00

Resolution 286 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.7 Approve 21st Century Learning after School Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the 21st Century after School Program for 2014/2015 to begin September 23, 2014, for grades 6, 7 & 8.

Resolution 287 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.8 Approve 21st Century Learning after School Program Teachers

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve Mary Ann Tranovich, Jenny Keating, Patricia Dietrich, Diane Supancik and Stephanie Kile as the teachers for the 21st Century after School Program.

Resolution 288 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Roy Twining

Mr. Barhite noted some information was received on the ball fields, which needs to be looked at.

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

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Fire Prevention Week begins September 22nd
- Progress Reports to be mailed September 29th
- Held First Coffee Klatch – went well

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Progress Reports to be mailed September 29th
- Parent night went well
- Thanked everyone for participating in the school wide fundraiser
- CDT is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Attended the first meeting of the special education leaders at Penn State. Thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend
- Crises Prevention will take place in the Board Room for the next 4 days

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Thanks to Gary Sanauskas, Dan Anthony, Ann Corbin, Pocono Transportation and Laura Fuller for helping train Kindergarten students on how to approach the bus and proper bus conduct.

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

- Thanked the parents who attended the Coffee Klatch. Two of the parents volunteered to serve on the wellness committee.
 - Previewed the school performance profile:
 - Elementary School went from 70.3 to 72.8
 - High School went from 71.1 to 71.7
- She would like to have NEIU come us and review the results and offer ways to improve.

9.5 Acting Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Karen Voigt

1. PA Basic Education Funding Campaign Statewide Video Conference – asked if any Board Members would like to attend
2. Race for the Cure – 17 people made up the Mountain View team

New Business from Board Members

Mr. Barhite questioned how often fire drills and tornado drills are held.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Kenny Decker, Hop Bottom thanked the Board for reinstating the wrestling program. He is interested in purchasing a light for the mat. He asked if the Board would pay for the hoist for the mat. (Information is to be provided regarding the cost)

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

- Monday, September 8, 2014 – 8:44 PM to 10:10 PM for Personnel
- Monday, September 15, 2014 – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Personnel
- Monday, September 22, 2014 – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 22, 2014, after the public meeting
- Monday, October 13, 2014, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary