

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on December 15, 2014 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 07:19 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, Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer, Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Mr. Jason Richmond, Mrs. Sondra Stine, Mr. Roy Twining and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent

Mr. Jason Casselbury

1.3. Administration Present

Mrs. Voigt, Acting Superintendent & Director of Curriculum & Instruction & Federal Programs, Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, and Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager and Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – December 1, 2014.

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the minutes dated December 1, 2014 as corrected.

Motion 352 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1.6 Physical Education Curriculum – Mrs. Voigt read a statement from Mr. Loman on the Physical Education Curriculum.**1.7 SGA Presentation – Ali Virbitsky updated the Board on the various club activities at the high school.****1.8 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer, reported as listed.****1.9 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.****2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

Financial Reports**2.1 Approve November 2014 Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to confirm payment of the November 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 \$2,047,003.70.

Motion 353 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.2 Approve December 15, 2014 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for the December 15, 2014 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$117,574.23.

Motion 354 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Mr. Twining questioned on check #2201987 to Howard Gardner how many students attended. He also questioned on the multiple check report why the difference in the girls' and boys' assistant coaches stipend.

2.3 Approve Athletic Transfer

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve an athletic transfer in the amount of \$10,500.00.

Motion 355 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.4 Authorize Participation in the National Purchasing Cooperative and the National Buyboard Purchasing Program

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize participation in the National Purchasing cooperative and in the National Buyboard Purchasing Program as presented.

Motion 356 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.5 Accept Constitution Pipeline Community Grant

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to accept the Constitution Pipeline Community Grant in the amount of \$6,600.00.

Motion 357 Carried – (8Yes, 1 Absent)

Karen Voigt reported that Mr. Haley had applied for this grant and will use it to purchase 4 new AED machines.

2.6 Approve Security Benefit Benefits Plan

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the Security Benefit Flexible Benefits Plan as presented.

Motion 358 Carried – (8Yes, 1 Absent)

Mr. Patchcoski explained that this is an annual requirement.

3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Approve Addition to Substitute List

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the addition of Lynda DeSantis, South Gibson, PA to the elementary substitute list. Elementary Education Certification, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 359 Carried – (8Yes, 1 Absent)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Richmond

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Jason Casselbury

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

1. Jamie Boerio and 5 Students on January 21st through January 23rd, 2015 to participate in District 9 Chorus Festival, at Tunkhannock Area High School, Tunkhannock, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$29.12 (District Van to be Scheduled), Registration Fee - \$812.10 and Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$1,031.22.)
2. Brenda Sinkovich, Stephanie Kile, Donna Porter and 35 National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Students on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 to go Caroling at Veterans Center and Allied Rehab in Scranton, Pa. (Transportation Cost - \$206.50, Substitute Cost - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$396.50)
3. Kevin Haugland and 2 Students on January 8th through January 10th, 2015 to participate in PMEA District 9 Band at Marywood University, Scranton, PA. (District Van to be Scheduled – Substitute Cost - \$190.00)
4. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Molly Virbitsky, Melissa Berish, Sheri Ransom and 13 Students on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 to go Christmas Caroling at various nursing home residences. (Transportation \$230.50 – District Vehicles to be Scheduled)
5. Jamie Boerio, Kevin Haugland and 10 Students on Saturday, December 20, 2014 to volunteer for Salvation Army at Viewmont Mall, Dickson City, PA. (No Cost to the District – parents will be dropping off and picking up students)
6. Catherine Sekely, Molly Virbitsky and 40 Students on January 9, 2015 and every Friday through February 27, 2015 to go to Elk Mountain Skiing. (No Cost to the District)
7. Catherine Sekely, Molly Virbitsky and 30 Students on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 to go on the Boulder Mountain Ski Trip. (Substitute Cost - \$95.00)
8. Molly Virbitsky, Catherine Sekely, Roger Thomas and 35 Students on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 to go on the Hunter Mountain Ski Trip. (Substitute Cost - \$190.00)

Motion 360 Carried – (7 Yes, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained

Dr. Plonski-Sezer left the meeting at 8:35 PM

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- a) Carole Heier-Rainey on Thursday, December 4, 2013 to attend E-2 Summit, Peckville, PA. (No cost to the District)
- b) Mona L. Hoadley on February 25th through February 27th, 2015 to attend A/CAPA Spring Conference, Hershey, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$160.16, Lodging - \$512.00, Registration - \$225.00, Substitute - \$261.00 – Total Cost - \$1,188.16)
- c) Mary Ann Tranovich on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 to attend ELA – Common Core at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$95.00)

Motion 361 Carried – (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

5.5 Approve 7-12 Physical Education Curriculum

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the 7 through 12 Physical Education Curriculum as presented.

Motion 362 Carried – (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's report

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

7.1 Approve Car/Van Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve David Harvey, Hop Bottom as a car/van substitute pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 363 Carried – (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

Dr. Plonski-Sezer returned to the meeting at 7:45 PM

8. Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer, Michael Barhite
MVESPA Committee Members, Sondra Stine, Roy Twining, Jason Richmond

Mr. Stoddard noted the meeting that had been scheduled for December 9th had been cancelled due to the weather. He questioned Mrs. Holzman when the MVEA had been notified PSEA had changed their representative. He asked that in the future the Board be kept informed of any changes. The next meeting with the MVEA is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The committee is to report at 5:30 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly – Mrs. Voigt reported for Mrs. Kelly

- Progress Reports went home today
- Ag Lab – the 3 days missed will be made up in March
- Christmas Concert is December 17th
- Math Night is scheduled for December 17th at 6:30 PM
- Online Math Program will be available to students in grades K – 8 – this is a free program
- Festive Holiday Sweater Competition on December 19th
- PBIS Blowout will be December 19th with EJ the DJ

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Progress Reports went home today
- Thanked the Board for the purchase of the lights for the wrestling meets and for reinstating the program
- Thanked Exxon Mobil/Liberty Petroleum for the grant – It will be used to purchase supplies for the greenhouse
- FBLA – Breakfast with Santa was a success
- SGA will have a Regional Representative
- Chorus and Band Concert is December 16th

Mr. Presley then brought up the problem with the high school not be open after 3:00 PM on Saturdays. This does not allow our sports teams to practice on Sunday. This then lead to a very lengthy discussion on the availability of custodians to work on Saturday and Sunday to allow more sports practices and games. Mrs. Voigt is to check into this with Mr. Taylor, the principals and Mr. Patchcoski.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski reported the life skills class and autistic class will be going caroling on Tuesday

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski reported the Federal Audit for the cafeteria monitoring is underway

9.4 Acting Superintendent's Comments - Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Dining In was a success with the faculty and staff dining with the students
- Santa's Secret Workshop wrapped up today. Thanks to the custodians for getting the room ready for tonight's meeting
- ACT's were held Saturday, December 13th
- WAN meeting results should be less expensive next year. Also working on getting better internet connection
- Scheduling – Dr. Rettig will come in the spring for two days to help rebuild the scheduling process to better meet our needs
- 21st Century – 6 students went to Bellville Teen Center, Coopers and Nay Aug Park on a field trip Saturday. The next trip is scheduled for January 13th.

New Business from Board Members

Second Hearing of Visitors

Ashley Kilmer asked for an executive session.

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 1, 2014 – 7:55 PM to 8:20 PM for Personnel
- Monday, December 15, 2014 – 6:00 PM to 7:12 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, December 15, 2014, after the public meeting for Personnel
- Monday, January 12, 2015, before and after the public meeting for Personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary