

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on March 9, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:15 PM by President Stoddard.

1.2. Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, President, Mr. Roy Twining, First Vice President Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President, Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer Mr. Jason Casselbury Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Mr. Jason Richmond, Mrs. Sondra Stine, 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 and Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager,

Absent

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

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff

- Keegan Ficarro – PMEA District 9 Band, PMEA Region IV Band, 2015 PMEA All-State Concert Band
- Adam Lynn – PMEA District 9 band
- Hayley Maloney – 1st place, 1st Soprano State Chorus
- Boys' Soccer All-Stars

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – February 23, 2015.

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the minutes dated February 23, 2015 as presented.

Motion 406 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1.6 Budget Presentations

- Jim Soya and Matthew Georgetti presented the proposed budget for Information Technology for 2015-2016 in the amount of \$486,975.06. This is an increase of \$120,800.53 over last year. Most of the increase is to replace and expand the infrastructure.
- Bob Taylor, Building & Grounds presented his proposed budget for 2015-2016 in the amount of \$1,607,500.00. This is an increase of \$473,774.00 over last year. His budget included repaving the elementary parking lot and moving the lights, installing a building management system at the elementary school, finish replacing the lockers at the high school, fixing the floor in the lobby at the elementary school and finishing the ball fields.

There was much discussion on each item with no decision made on the projects that would be done.

1.7 School Performance Profile (SPP) – Karen Voigt noted the High School Academic Score went from 71.1 in 2012-2013 to 71.8 in 2013-2014 and the Elementary Academic Score went from 70.3 in 2012-2013 to 72.8 in 2013-2014. There was improvement in Math and Science, however the reading and writing needs improvement.

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

Daniel Bonham, Kingsley asked what the NEIU Operating Budget was.

Kevin Haugland, Band Teacher thanked the Board for their support of the music program. He is grateful for the opportunity to teach the students. He noted that it would be helpful if there was another music teacher at the elementary to better develop the feeder program for the high school.

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve March 9, 2015 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for the March 9, 2015 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$150,272.51.

Motion 407 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.2 Approve NEIU 2015-2016 Operating Budget

Motion Held

2.3 Approve Renewal of Second Year Nutrition Inc Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Richmond to renew the second year of the 5 year contract with Nutrition Inc. for the school year 2015-2016 with the provisions of the contract remaining in full force and effect.

Motion 408 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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 following addition to the substitute list, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Thomas Fontana, Thompson, Pa – emergency substitute, elementary

Motion 409 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.2 Approve the Following Volunteers:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the following sports volunteers, pending receipt of all documentation:

- a) Kerri Jarnagin, Nicholson, Pa – Boys' Volleyball
- b) Rex Tiffany, Kingsley, Pa – Girls' Varsity/JV Softball

Motion 410 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.4 Accept Letters of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to accept the following letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective the last day of the 2014-2015 school year:

- a) Anne Bode from her elementary teaching position
- b) Scott Fisher, from his elementary teaching position
- c) Marilyn Jackson, from her elementary teaching position
- d) Janet Karhnak, from her elementary teaching position

Motion 411 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.5 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to accept the letter of resignation from Danny Griffin from his maintenance position effective May 29, 2015, as presented.

Motion 412 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.6 Accept Voluntary Quit

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to accept the voluntary quit from Melvina Burgess from her food service position effective March 2, 2015.

Motion 413 Carried – (7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstained) Mrs. Stine Abstained

3.7 Appoint Part-time Custodial Position

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Douglas Phelps, Harford, PA as a part-time custodian for up to 16 hours a week at an hourly rate of \$11.10, pending receipt of all documentation, effective March 10, 2015.

Motion 414 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.8 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize posting and advertising, if necessary for a 3.25 hour food service position.

Motion 415 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3.9 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to authorize posting and advertising if necessary for a full time maintenance position.

Motion 416 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: Sondra Stine, Jason Casselbury

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

- a) Lisa Kozloski on Friday, April 17, 2015 to attend Why Use RTII for SLD Determination at PATTAN, King of Prussia, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$157.55)
- b) Karen Voigt, Judy Wech and Matthew Georgetti on Sunday, March 22, 2015, Monday, March 23, 2015, Tuesday, March 24, 2015 and Wednesday, March 25, 2015 to attend PDE Data Summit, Hershey Lodge, PA. (Lodging \$900.00)
- c) Madonna Munley on Thursday, May 21, 2015 to attend the Collins Writing Program – day 2 at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration - \$90.00, Substitute - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$185.00)
- d) Adrienne Brown **or** Brenda Sinkovich on Monday, March 23, 2014 to attend What's New in Young Adult Literature, Bethlehem, PA (Transportation Cost - \$103.50, Registration - \$219.00, Substitute - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$417.50)
- e) Jamie Boerio, Kevin Haugland on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, Thursday, March 26, 2015, Friday, March 27, 2015 and Saturday, March 28, 2015 to perform at the All-State Music Festivals, Hershey, PA (Lodging - \$300., Registration - \$310.00, Substitute Cost - \$285.00 – Total Cost - \$895.00)

Motion 417 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- a) Allison Martino, Donna Porter, Stephanie Kile, Jacquelyn Bain, David Breese, Erin Rupp and the Sophomore Class (80 Students) on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 to visit Marywood University, Johnson College and Penn State Worthington. (Transportation Cost \$500.00, Substitute Cost - \$380.00 – Total Cost - \$880.00)
- b) Jamie Boerio and 19 Chorus Students on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 to participate in County Chorus, Susquehanna Community High School, Susquehanna, PA. (Transportation Cost 90.91, Registration - \$190.00, Substitute Cost - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$375.91)
- c) Kevin Haugland and 1 student on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, Thursday, March 12, 2015, and Friday, March 14, 2015 to participate in PMEA Northeast Region

- Orchestra at the Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton, Pa. (Transportation cost - \$31.05, Substitute Cost - \$285.00 – Total Cost \$316.05)
- d) Jamie Boerio, Kevin Haugland and 2 Students on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, Thursday, March 26, 2015, Friday, March 27, 2015 and Saturday, March 28, 2015 to perform at the All-State Music Festivals, Hershey, PA (Transportation - \$82.80, Registration -\$750.00 – Total Cost - \$832.80) – District Vehicle to be Scheduled
- e) Pamela Ealo, Heidi Page, Colleen Heller, Robyn O'Brien, Marion Seamans, Judy Bell and 13 Students on Thursday, April 2, 2015 to go to the movies, shopping and lunch in Dickson City, PA. (Transportation - \$329.00, Registration & Lunch - \$161.12 – Total Cost - \$490.12)

Motion 418 Carried – (8 Yes, 1 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

8. Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson

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

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Science Showcase – May 13th – PTO to host a program on internet safety

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Spring Sports began this week
- Congratulations to the cast & crew of *Hairspray*
- Class meetings being held to start work on scheduling
- Congratulations to the CTC & MV Students of the Month
- Progress Reports went home today

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- Mr. Patchcoski reported last week there was a minor bus accident. He thanked the EMT and police

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

- a) PEMA Spring Weather Drill will be held in March
- b) Susquehanna County Farm Bureau will be sending two teachers to Kentucky this summer to introduce farm & agricultural into the classroom

- c) NEIU Convention dinner – April 28, 2015 – cost \$47.00 – Let Karen know if you are interested in attending
- d) PJAS (Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science) was March 7th – 4 Students participated – 3 placed 1st and 1 placed 2nd – Joe Nally received a plaque for overall excellence in zoology.
- e) On Friday Christine and Karen were asked to present in Harrisburg on Asset Science – Scott Fisher was unable to attend but was recognized for his work with the program.

New Business from Board Members

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced the Endless Mountains Choir will be meeting on Thursday at the United Methodist Church, South Gibson. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- Mr. Richmond thanked Bob Taylor and the maintenance staff for their help with the recent basketball tournament

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

- Monday, February 23, 2015 – 7:50 PM to 8:30 PM for Personnel
- Monday, March 9, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, March 9, 2015 after the public meeting for Personnel
- Monday, March 23, 2015 before and after the public meeting for Personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary