

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on April 13, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:14 PM by President Stoddard.

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

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, President, Mrs. Ellen Aherne, First Vice President, Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer, Mr. Jason Casselbury, Mrs. Sondra Stine, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

**Absent**

Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President, Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Mr. Jason Richmond and 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, and Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

**Absent**

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager

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

NEIU STEM ACADEMY – First Place

Kailey Bridgeman, Olivia Ainey, Lena Penny, Jacob Housel and Mrs. Gravine, Teacher

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – March 23, 2015.**

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated March 23, 2015 as presented.

Motion 435 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

**1.6 Budget Presentations**

1. Gail Wnorowski, Special Services Director presented a proposed special education budget for 2015-2016 in the amount of \$556,203.28 which is a decrease of \$105,989.00.
2. Rob Presley presented the proposed 2015-2016 Athletic budget in the amount of \$102,350.00 which shows a slight increase of \$290.00 over last year.
3. Joe Patchcoski, District Office presented a proposed Business Office budget for 2015-2016 in the amount of \$187,661.70 which is a decrease of \$15,341.28.
4. Karen Voigt, Curriculum, Superintendent, and Federal Programs & Grants, the curriculum budget for 2015-2016 increase by \$2,000.00 to accommodate expenses for the special education director. She will know more on the Federal Programs after attending the annual conference next month.

**1.7 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 April 13, 2015 Bill Lists**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve the list of bills for the April 13, 2015 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$304,929.56.

Motion 436 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

**2.2 Appoint Collector of Delinquent Taxes**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to appoint G. H. Harris Associates, Inc., Dallas, PA as delinquent per capita and delinquent occupational tax collector for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion 437 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

**2.3 Approve Real Estate Tax Collector Exoneration**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve exonerating tax collectors from further collection of the 2014 delinquent real estate taxes as per the list submitted by the tax collectors to Susquehanna County for collection and that taxes will not be exonerated, but collected by Susquehanna County as per liens filed by the tax collectors in Susquehanna County Courthouse.

Motion 438 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

**2.4 Approve Per Capita Taxes & Occupation Tax Collectors Exoneration**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to approve exonerating tax collectors from further collection of per capita and occupational taxes for 2014 as per the list submitted by the tax collectors, and that taxables not be exonerated but turned over to the delinquent occupational/per capita tax collector to collect such taxes as are collectable.

Motion 439 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

**2.5 Appoint Insurance Broker**

Motion removed – No Action Taken

**2.6 Award 2014-2015 Copy Paper Bid**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury to award the 2014-2015 copy paper bid to CGP in the amount of \$16,253.20.

Motion 440 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

**3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

### 3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to accept the letter of resignation from Courtney Donovan from her full time custodian position effective March 24, 2015.

Motion 441 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

### 3.2 Approve Addition to Substitute List

Motion Removed – No Action Taken

### 3.3 Appoint Supplemental Salary Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to appoint Mary Ann Tranovich as Sixth Grade Advisor for 2014-2015 - \$230.00.

Motion 442 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

### 3.4 Vacate and Advertise Fall & Winter Coaches

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to vacate all fall and winter coaches effective June 30, 2015 and authorize advertising for fall and winter coaches for the 2015-2016 season.

Motion 443 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

### 3.5 Authorize Posting and Advertising for Custodian Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to authorize posting and advertising, if necessary, for a fulltime, 260 day custodian.

Motion 444 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 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 Mrs. Stine to approve the following Conference Requests:

- a) Richard Loman, Daniel Frost and Amy Getz on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 to attend CPR Instructor/AED in Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$28.75, Registration - \$90.00, Substitute Cost - \$285.00 – Total Cost - \$403.75)
- b) Karen Voigt on Sunday, May 3, 2015, Monday, May 4, 2015, Tuesday, May 5, 2015 and Wednesday, May 6, 2015 to attend PAFPC at Seven Springs,

- PA. (Travel - \$345.00, Lodging - \$700.00, Registration - \$360.00 – Total Cost - \$1,405.00 – Title 1 Funds)
- c) Leslie Gossage on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 to attend Collins Writing Program Day 2: Text Dependent Analysis and Augment Writing at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration cost - \$90.00)
  - d) Leslie Gossage, Maureen Beamish, Alicia Waters, Andres James and Lisa Kozloski on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 to attend Dr. Reid Lyon – Reach Out and Read at the University of Scranton, Brennan Hall, Scranton, Pa. (No Cost to the District)
  - e) Matthew Georgetti & James Soya on Thursday, April 30, 2015 to attend the Technology Coordinators Meeting, at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$28.29)

Motion 445 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

## 5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- a) Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 5 Students on Friday, March 27, 2015 to go grocery shopping at Walmart and have lunch at Royal Buffet in Dickson City, PA (Transportation Cost – 34.50 – District Van Scheduled)
- b) Sheri Ransom and 5 Students on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 and Wednesday, May 6, 2015 to participate in Trout Stocking with Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Lenoxville, PA (Transportation Cost - \$37.62)
- c) Sheri Ransom, Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 10 Students on Thursday, April 16, 2015 to visit Lackawanna Healthcare Center, Olyphant, PA and Keystone Rescue Mission, Scranton, PA (Transportation Cost - \$115.49)
- d) Kelly Richmond, Molly Virbitsky, Danielle Scott, Melissa Berish, Heidi Page, Judy Bell, Robyn O'Brien, Pamela Ealo, Colleen Heller, Marion Seamans, Veronica Thomas, Tiffany Cosklo, Rebecca Mordent, TSS Worker, Kathy Walker and 27 Students on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 (rain date Thursday, April 23, 2015) to participate in the Special Olympics Track & Field, at Tunkhannock Area School District. (Transportation Cost - \$549.25)
- e) Kevin Haugland and 11 Students to participate in PMEA District 9 Band Fest on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$129.85, Substitute Cost - \$95.00 – Total Cost \$224.85)
- f) Donna Porter, Allison Martino, Carissa Carpenter, Counseling Intern, and 45 Students on Monday, April 27, 2015 to attend NE Regional College Fair and Tour of Kings College at Kings College. (Transportation Cost \$260.50)
- g) Michael Talabiska and 50 Students on Friday, May 1, 2015 for Envirothon Prep Day at Mountain View High School and Talabiska Wood Lot. (Transportation Cost - \$35.80, Substitute Cost - \$95.00 – Total Cost - \$130.80, District Van to be Scheduled)
- h) Erin Rupp, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 4 Students on Sunday, May 17, 2015, Monday, May 18, 2015, and Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to participate in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Meeting, at Penn State. (Registration - \$1,050.00, Substitute Teacher - \$380.00 – Total Cost - \$1,430.00)
- i) Kelly Richmond, Molly Virbitsky and 10 Students on Friday, May 1, 2015 to attend the Life Skills Prom at Elk Lake. (No cost to the District – Limousine has been sponsored for the class)

- j) Scott Fisher, Ernest Griffis, Allison Butash, Katherine Holzman on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 to attend Vehicular Career Day, Harford Fair Grounds, New Milford, PA. [Transportation cost - \$163.90 – To be paid by Northern Tier Industry & Educational consortium (NTIEC)]
- k) Adrienne Brown, Holly James, Peter Regeski, Steven Farrell, Susan Gravine, Madonna Munley, Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Marybeth Langdon, Karen Voigt and 40 Students on Thursday, May 14, 2015 to participate in the Spring Reading Competition at Western Wayne High School. (Transportation Cost - \$270.50, Registration Cost - \$160.00 – Total Cost - \$430.50)
- l) Molly Love-Birosak, Jamie Boreio & 18 Students on Friday, May 8, 2015 to perform and Chorus Fest at Lackawanna Trail High School. (Transportation Cost - \$87.98, Registration - \$738.00, Substitute - \$190.00 – Total Cost - \$1,015.98)

Motion 446 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

### 5.3 Discuss 2015-2016 School Calendar

- Mrs. Voigt reviewed the calendar for 2015-2016 and noted the new design. She went over some of the changes. There being no suggestions for changes it will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

### 5.4 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to approve homebound instruction for Student #19057, beginning 3/17/15 with an unknown ending date, but not beyond the end of the school year.

Motion 447 Carried – (5 Yes, 4 Absent)

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

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's reported the wood boiler has been repaired and has now shut it down due to the temperature. The tractor is at the repair shop to replace the clutch. They have started working on the ball fields. Hopefully they will be playable by the end of the week. He thinks he knows where the water leak is between the two buildings. He will have to turn the water back on to be able to check it out. He is still waiting on a figure for the building management system.

## 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

Mr. Stoddard reported there is a meeting scheduled for April 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

## 9. Administration

### 9.1 Principal's Comments

**Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly**

- Kindergarten Registration went very well last week
- Spirit week was last week followed by a PSSA pep rally on April 10<sup>th</sup>
- PSSA testing began April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Report Cards will go home on April 15<sup>th</sup>
- May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Science Showcase with a Mini Health Fair at 6:00 PM
- May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Choral Concert – 7:00 PM
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC trip is May 19<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>

**High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley**

- District IX Student Government Conference was held- thanks to all who helped – Mrs. Aten was named District IX Advisor of the Year
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Health Fair
- Started PSSA Testing today
- May 16<sup>th</sup> will be Arts Alive – 6 to 9 PM – Everyone is invited to attend
- Report Cards will go home on April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Sports – The first two weeks of baseball & softball have been cancelled by the league due to field conditions – track just had their first meet – Volleyball team is undefeated
- May 29<sup>th</sup> is the Mini-Relay for Life

**9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski**

- We are joining with Abington Heights on Tuesday night, April 14<sup>th</sup> with a presentation by Center for Independent Living.
- Special Education Plan has been on the website for public viewing and will be on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda for approval so it can be submitted

**9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski****9.4 Acting Superintendent and Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

1. Congrats on Health Fair at high school. Made sense to have the fair during the day so all students could participate. Not many students would come back in the evening.
2. Jesse Chidester - third place in Building Construction at PA 48<sup>th</sup> Annual State Leadership and Skill Conference at Hershey April 8-10 representing Susquehanna CTC.
3. GeoDome coming to Mountain View Elementary this Thursday thanks to Jackie Ferenczi, Katie Holzman, and Mary Ann Tranovich and their participation in Title II-B Math Science Partnership grant where they attend professional development at Goddard and Immaculate College.

**New Business from Board Members****Second Hearing of Visitors**

1. Jane Mack, Brooklyn, Pa expressed concerns on the Program of Studies and the changes made after it had been approved and after schedule selections had been made. She had discussed and agreed with the guidance counselor the course her child would take. Now after three semesters she finds out a change had been made to the schedule. She feels when a change like that is made the parents should be made aware of the change. Everyone agreed.

2. Monica Miller, Kingsley questioned if the Keystone Exams can be retaken and is there remediation?

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, March 23, 2015, 8:55 PM to 10:23 PM for Personnel
- Monday, April 13, 2015, 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, April 13, 2015 after the public session for Personnel
- Monday, April 27, 2015, before and after the public session for Personnel

**10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky  
Board Secretary