

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 11, 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, Mr. Roy Twining, First Vice President, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President, Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Aherne Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Mrs. Sondra Stine, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent – Mr. Jason Casselbury and Mr. Jason Richmond

1.3. Administration Present

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

Absent - Laurie Cobb, Asst. Business Manager & Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff

Andrea Aten was recognized as District IX Student Council Advisor of the Year

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – April 27, 2015.

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne, to approve the minutes dated April 27, 2015 as presented.

Motion 467 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

1.6 2015-2016 Budget Review – Joseph Patchcoski reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 budget. Total expenditures \$21,481,684.73; Total revenue \$17,810,570.31; leaving a deficit of \$3,671,114.42 that will come from the fund balance. The Board then reviewed Mr. Taylor's projects for consideration. It was decided to proceed with replacing part of the lockers at the high school, purchasing a new 8 passenger van and moving the light poles. The parking lot will have the holes patched not repaved. More information is needed on the ball field. Replacing the carpeting in the business office, re-tubing of the wood boiler, the management system and fixing the lobby floor will not be considered this year. A performance contract will be looked into in lieu of the management system.

When discussing the lobby floor Justin Fletcher, Clifford asked how much the floor rose, was it a liability issue and is there structural damage.

Ernest Griffis, Brooklyn felt the estimate for the ball field is high, it needs to be itemized better. He thinks if he goes out to the community he can get help.

Jamie Janesky questioned what the maintenance budget was. Also are the retired teachers in the budget.

**1.7 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.
(Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)**

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

2.1 Appoint School District Treasurer for 2015-2016

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mr. Kilmer to appoint Jason Richmond as school district treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year, at a rate of \$2,400.00 per year.

Motion 468 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Approve Volunteer

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

1. Miranda Price at the elementary building

Motion 469 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent) Mr. Barhite left the meeting @ 7:56 PM

3.2 Authorize Advertising for Elementary Teachers

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to authorize advertising for K-6 Elementary Certified Teachers with applications due June 19, 2015, position to start August 24, 2015.

Motion 470 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3.3 Authorize Advertising for Director of Curriculum

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to authorize advertising for a Director of Curriculum, Administrative Certification required, with applications due July 1, 2015.

Motion 471 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent) Mr. Barhite returned at 8:01 PM

3.4 Rescind Motion to Appoint Part Time Custodian

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to rescind motion # 338 to appoint Theodore Petrochko, Kingsley, PA as a part time custodian for up to 16 hours at a rate of \$11.10 per hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA, for failure to provide proper documentation.

Motion 472 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

3.5 Appoint Food Service Worker

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Kilmer to appoint Charissa Ofalt, Nicholson, PA to the 6.5 hour food service position at a rate of \$10.10 per hour, and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 473 Carried (7 Yes, 2 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 Extended School Year Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) program to run July 6, 2015 through July 30, 2015 from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Motion 474 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the following field trip requests:

1. Sheri Ransom, Patricia Dietrich, Maggie Ritter and 8 Students on Thursday, May 14, 2015, Tuesday, May 26, 2015 and Tuesday, June 2, 2015 to visit Laura's Hope Rescue, Hop Bottom, Pa. (Transportation Cost - \$33.10 per trip)
2. Elaine Chichura and 4 Students on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 to dine at Thai Rak, Thai Restaurant, Scranton, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$34.50, Meals - \$75.00 (Paid by the Student Activity Account) – Total Cost \$109.50)
3. Susan Gravine & 4 Students on Friday, May 15, 2015 to visit the New York Stock Exchange in the Financial District of NYC, visit the Federal Reserve Gold Vault, the 9/11 Museum and Memorial as a result of placing first in the Stock Market Game. (No Cost to the District)

Motion 475 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

5.3 Approve Continuation of Student Activity Accounts

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve continuation of the following activity accounts:

1. High School Activity Account
2. High School Art Club
3. High School Chorus
4. Class of 2016
5. Class of 2017
6. Family & Consumer Sciences
7. FBLA

- 8. High School Focus/Partial
- 9. High School Drama Club
- 10. Jr./Sr. Band
- 11. MVSGA
- 12. National Honor Society
- 13. Olweus
- 14. SADD
- 15. Scholastic Team
- 16. Science Club
- 17. Snow Riders Club
- 18. Spanish Honor Society
- 19. Strategies for Life
- 20. Student Leadership
- 21. Yearbook

Motion 476 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Twining questioned how the phone system was working.

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

7.1 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Barhite to accept the letter of resignation from Ann Corbin as a bus driver at the end of the 2014-2015 school year as presented.

Motion 477 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

7.2 Approve Substitute Bus Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Mr. Barhite to approve Ann Corbin, Brooklyn, PA as a substitute bus driver pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 478 Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

8. Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

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

Mr. Stoddard reported that would be a meeting with the MVEA at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Committee is to report at 5:30 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Final Progress Reports went home today
- PSSA testing is done
- Science Showcase will be Wednesday, May 13th
- Choral & Band Concert will be Friday, May 15th
- As a chaperone for the prom she was impressed with the behavior of the students

Linda Castorina asked Mrs. Kelly to please keep the bus drivers informed when there is a change in the schedule and elementary students are to be dropped off at the high school.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley (Mrs. Kelly reported for Mr. Presley)

- Progress Reports went home today
- Keystone Exams will begin this week
- Congratulations to the students on the Chorus Concert
- Band concert is May 12th

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Also impressed with the behavior of the students at the prom
- Working hard on keeping kids on track for the end of the year
- Received notice from the Department of Education that the Special Education Plan was approved

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- He asked the professional staff in attendance to be sure to return the paperwork that is in with their paycheck. It is important for Obama Care.

Jamie Janesky requested that an email be sent out when paperwork is included in the paychecks so she knows to open her check.

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

- Stock Market Game – First Place Winners – Grade 7 & 8 will be traveling to NYC on May 15th
- Nate Freeman & Donald Kelly – Students of the Month at CTC for April
- Science Showcase/Health & Wellness Fair/ Internet Safety – May 13th
- Reading Competition @ Western Wayne – May 14th – We have 4 teams competing
- Transition meeting for Pre-K will be May 14th – we will be hosting a luncheon
- Legislative meeting – May 21st
- Dr. Rettig will be here May 12th & 13th for scheduling
- At the Federal Conference – Title 1 funds for 2015-2016 will be \$258,000.00 which is a reduction of \$13,000.00; Title II will remain the same.

New Business from Board Members

Mr. Stoddard said it nice to see the gifted program doing so well.

Dr. Plonski-Sezer noted the passing of Jane Manzer. She also thanked everyone for the cards she received.

Second Hearing of Visitors

(Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)

Justin Fletcher, Clifford asked:

1. Why the dress code is not being followed at the elementary school
2. How come the playground is locked up at night
3. Why aren't shade trees planted around the playground
4. Can't there be a water fountain outside
5. Can the basketball hoops be fixed
6. When is the wooden play structure going to be replaced
7. Is all the equipment on the playground working properly

Jen Pliska, Gibson Township noted there needs to be water outside for the students – need more shade or possibly a pavilion. She also noted there are lots of bees outside. Mr. Bonham noted that was the first he has heard about the bee problem.

Karen Galvin thanked the Board for their support of the music program. Her children have had many positive experiences with Mr. Haugland.

Linda Castorina said there was a bad accident the other day that closed Route 167. She noted that Brittany Wilkins did not contact Larry to let him know so he could make arrangements for getting his students home. As a result he had to walk a student home.

Kathy McHenry asked how many 6th grade teachers there would be next year. Would the Class Size Reduction teacher be moving to 6th Grade? She doesn't want to see the larger class size.

Diana Slick, Clifford Township noted the difference having a hybrid teacher in the classroom makes. She is concerned that there is only 1 hybrid teacher in 4th grade.

Mr. Stoddard noted how nice it was to see so many teachers out and hearing their views.

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

- Monday, April 27, 2015 from 9:35 PM to 11:10 PM for Personnel
- Monday, May 4, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 8:05 PM for Negotiations
- Monday, May 11, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, May 11, 2015 after the public meeting for Personnel
- Monday, May 18, 2015, before and after the public meeting for Personnel

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Twining to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary