

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 18, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:25 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. Jason Casselbury, Mr. Jason Richmond, Mrs. Sondra Stine, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent – Mr. Stephen Kilmer

1.3. Administration Present

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

Absent - Laurie Cobb, Asst. Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, and Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal

1.4 Pride in Mountain View: Recognition for students and staff

Mrs. Voigt recognized Andrea Aten as the District IX Advisor of the Year. Student Government received the Council School of Excellence Award and received a plaque for hosting the District IX Conference. Members of the Student Government were recognized.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – May 11, 2015

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the minutes dated May 11, 2015 as presented.

Motion 479 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Mr. Michael Barhite, Treasurer, reported as listed.**1.7 Student Government Representative – Ali Virbitsky updated the Board on various activities at the high school.****1.8 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.**

Justin Fletcher, Clifford Township asked why the Board did not start the meeting on time and why is the Lord's Prayer said?

2. Finance Committee: Roy Twining, chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Jason Richmond

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve April 2015 Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to confirm payment of the April 2015 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 \$2,854,718.08.

Motion 480 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.2 Approve May 11, 2015 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the list of bills for the May 11, 2015 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$381,789.37.

Motion 481 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.3 Approve Preliminary General Fund Budget – 2015-2016

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve a preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the Mountain view School District totaling \$20,962,684.74 based on 37.7128 mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, Occupational Assessment Tax at 100 mills, 1% Earned Income Tax under Act 511 and 1 % real Estate Transfer Tax.

Motion 482 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

Mr. Richmond questioned why the difference on the total of the budget.

3. Personnel Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

3.1 Motion to Appoint Full Time Custodian

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to appoint Allan Phelps, New Milford, PA as a full time custodian at a rate of \$11.10 per hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 483 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 Request

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

- Jamie White on Monday, July 20, 2015 to attend Oppositional Defiant & disruptive Children & Adolescents (Non-medication approaches to the most challenging behaviors) at the Hilton, Scranton, PA. (Registration Cost - \$189.99)
- MaryAnn Tranovich on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 to attend PA 21st Century community Learning Center in Mechanicsburg, PA (Transportation \$182.64 and Substitute – 495.00 to be paid by 21st Century: Lodging \$63.00 – paid by the District)
- Kristin Hogan-Smith and Alicia Waters on Friday, May 29, 2015 to attend Foundations at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Registration cost - \$175.00, Substitute Cost - \$95.00 – Total Cost – 445.00)
- Corrine McNabb and Peter Regeski on Thursday, May 28, 2015 to attend the Susquehanna County Librarians Meeting at the Montrose Library, Montrose, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$190.00)
- Cheryl Decker on Monday through Friday, June 15, 2015 through June 19, 2015 to attend National Agriculture in the Classroom in Louisville, Kentucky. (Expenses paid by the Farm Bureau)

Motion 484 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.2 Approve Continuation of Elementary Activity Accounts

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond to approve the continuation of the following activity accounts:

- a) Elementary Vocal Music
- b) Elementary Washington
- c) Elementary Instrumental Music
- d) Elementary Play
- e) Elementary Library
- f) Elementary Student Council
- g) Elementary – 5th Grade
- h) Elementary Life Skills
- i) Elementary P B I S
- j) Elementary Office Account

Motion 485 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

5.3 Approve Field Request

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

1. Jacqueline Ferenczi, JoAnn Voda, Mark Ezdebski, Debbie Pompey, Veronica Thomas and the Fourth Grade Class on Friday, June 5, 2015 to tour Orphans School, Harford, Pa (Substitute Cost - \$95.00, Transportation cost - \$163.42 – Total Cost - \$258.42 – To be paid by the Harford Historical Society)

Motion 486 Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

6. Building and Site Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mrs. Voigt reported for Mr. Taylor to replace the left side of the lockers would cost \$65,949.00 and to replace the lockers on the right side would cost \$19,019.00. Still working on the baseball field

7. Transportation Committee: Stephen Kilmer, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Jason Casselbury

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

A meeting was held on May 14, 2015 with the MVEA. Two additional meetings have been scheduled for June 11 and June 23.

9. Administration

9.1 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

Ms. Wnorowski reporting for Mrs. Kelly:

- a) The Science/Health Fair was well attended by many parents, students and staff
- b) May 14th we hosted a countywide early childhood training and collaboration meeting with over 40 participants from early learning centers, school districts, head start and the PAKey
- c) Elementary Band & Chorus Concert was amazing on Friday night. She thanked all who helped to make it a success.
- d) 6th grade leaves for Washington in the morning. She thanked the Board, Mrs. Voigt and staff for their continued support of the trip.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

9.3 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

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

- a) Received notice funding for Ready To Learn Grant has been increased to \$190,000.00
- b) Reading Competition – our 7th & 8th graders place 1st. Presented with a plaque
- c) Glen Mackey's class designed four (4) portable closets for Cinderella's Closet - received the Golden Hanger Award and received \$250.00. They voted to donate the money to Relay for Life.

- d) Keegan Ficarro – Allstate for Bassoon – received plaque

New Business from Board Members

Second Hearing of Visitors

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

Roger Whitaker, Harford, PA asked why we do not see more items in the newspaper under school notes and around the school for Mountain View.

Jamie Janesky, Lathrop Township:

- a) Express concerns with Mr. Stoddard & Dr. Plonski-Sezer letters that were mailed
 - a. Low test scores
 - b. Better communication
 - c. Support of faculty
 - d. Fact finding

- b) Questioned if the negotiating team was OK with the length of the sidebar

Justin Fletcher, Clifford Township:

- a) Why have a dress code if you do not follow it?
 - a. Jenny Keating, Teacher we need to focus where it is important – not on what the child is wearing
 - b. Molly Love-Birosak, Teacher we should have an elementary level dress code
 - c. Madonna Munley, Teacher – don't change a thing at the high school
 - d. Teri Edwards, Teacher – have some faculty on the committee when re-visiting the dress code this summer
- b) When is the playground going to be fixed?
 - a. Bees everywhere
 - b. Missing swings
 - c. No nets on the basketball hoops
- c) Contract needs to get settled

Melody Haley, Clifford Township asked if Mrs. McHenry got paid extra for updating the website. She noted after a track meet she is up late doing the paperwork for the newspaper.

Melissa Wasko, Teacher said it was wonderful to recognize all the students tonight. We all share in their success

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

HELD:

- Monday, May 11, 2015 – 9:00 PM to 9:30 PM for Personnel
- Monday, May 18, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:20 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, May 18, 2015 following the public meeting for Personnel
 - Monday, June 8, 2015 before and after the public meeting
10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary