

## 1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 23, 2015 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 07:08 PM by Mr. Barhite.

## 1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

### 1.2.1. Elect President Pro Tempore

A. Nominations for President Pro Tempore  
Mr. Michael Barhite Nominated

B. The motion is made by Dr. Chichura second by Mr. Richmond to close the nominations and elect Mr. Barhite as President Pro Tempore (2/3 majority).

Motion 175 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

Mr. Michael Barhite was elected President Pro Tempore.

## 1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mrs. Ellen Aherne, Treasurer, Mr. Michael Barhite, Mr. Jason Casselbury, Dr. Andrew Chichura, Mr. Jason Richmond, Mrs. Sondra Stine and Ms. Brittany Wilkins, Secretary, Non-Member

Absent:

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, President, Mr. Roy Twining, First Vice President, and Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Second Vice President

Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Dr. Christopher Lake, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent:

Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager

## 1.4 **PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

### 1.5 Approval of the Minutes – November 9, 2015.

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the minutes dated November 9, 2015, as presented.

Motion 176 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

## 1.6 Dine-In

FCS students December 3, 2015

Emma Locke and Jesse Johnson invited everyone to participate in the Dine-In breakfast on December 3, 2015.

**1.7 Comprehensive School Counseling Program Presentation**

Jamie White, Donna Porter, Allison Martino, Carole Heier-Rainey, and Diana Slick

**1.8 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report:** Ellen Aherne, Treasurer, reported as listed.

**1.9 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: Jason Richmond, Andrew Chichura

Financial Reports

**2.1 Approve October Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to confirm payment of the October 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 \$4,050,987.47.

Motion 177 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

**2.2 Approve November 23, 2015 Bill Lists**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the November 23, 2015 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$84,990.41.

Motion 178 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

**2.3 Approve ACA Letter**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the letter of engagement with DeHey McAndrew for compliance of the employer school responsibility under ACA as presented.

Motion 179 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

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

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Jason Casselbury

**3.1 Approve Supplemental Salary Resignation**

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept George Barbolish's resignation from his supplemental salary position as yearbook co-advisor for 2015/2016 as presented.

Motion 180 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

**3.2 Approve Volunteer**

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

- A. Jason Cameron Brooklyn Twp.-Girls Jr. High Basketball
- B. Kenneth Travis Jr., Nicholson-Girls Jr. High Basketball

Motion 181 Carried (6 Yes, 3 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. Casselbury, to approve the following field trip requests:

- a) Sheri Ransom, Maggie Ritter and 5-6 students on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, to attend Nay Aug Park, Scranton, Pa. (Transportation \$94.80)
- b) Sheri Ransom and 3 students on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 to attend Bob Stark Artist Studio, Uniondale, Pa. (Transportation \$49.30)
- c) Mason Stiver and 4 students on Friday, December 4 and Saturday December 5, 2015 to attend Marywood Jr. Wind Band Celebration, Dunmore, Pa. (Registration \$240.00, Substitute \$95.00, Transportation \$34.50; Total \$369.50)
- d) Roger Thomas, Alicia Marmo and 22 students on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, to attend Jeffers Tree Farm, Kingsley, Pa. (Transportation \$57.25)
- e) Roger Thomas, Alicia Marmo and 22 students on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 to attend Price's Sawmill, Lenox, Pa. (Transportation \$70.00)
- f) Heidi Page and 6 students on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 to attend Tobyhanna Operation Santa Claus Christmas Party, Tobyhanna, Pa. (Transportation \$153.64)
- g) Mason Stiver, Jamie Boerio and 7 students on Saturday, December 12, 2015, to attend District Jazz Pre-auditions, Dallas Middle School, Dallas, Pa. (Transportation \$51.75, Registration \$64.00; Total \$115.75)
- h) Allison Martino, Donna Porter, and 25 students on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, to attend SCCTC 9<sup>th</sup> grade tour, Dimock, Pa. (Transportation \$133.40)
- i) Stephanie Kile, Katie Ross, and 45 students on Friday, December 18, 2015, to attend Gino Merli and Allied Services, Scranton, PA. (Transportation \$223.75, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$413.75)

Motion 182 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

**5.2 Approve Conference Requests**

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

- A. Amy Seamans, Heidi Page, Jaimie Mirabelli, Kelly Richmond, Molly Virbitsky on Thursday, November 19, 2015 to attend Alternate Eligible Content Intro to Essentialization, IU #19 (Travel \$25.30, Substitute \$475.00; Total \$500.30)

- B. Katie Holzman, Jenny Keating, Ernie Griffis, and Jackie Ferenczi on Tuesday December 1, 2015 to attend 60 in 60 Conference, IU #19, Archbald, Pa. (Registration \$240.00, Substitute \$380.00; Total \$620.00) (Ready to Learn)
- C. Jamie White on Tuesday November 24, 2015 to attend Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk, Commonwealth Medical College, Scranton, Pa. (No cost to the district)
- D. Whitney Johnson on Friday December 18, 2015 to attend Chemical Management Training, IU # 19, Archbald, Pa. (Substitute \$95.00)

Motion 183 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

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

Committee Members: Roy Twining, Sondra Stine

Mr. Taylor's report

- Wood boiler had a failure during start up.
- Drinking fountain dispensers are on site and ready to be installed.

**7. Transportation Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Andrew Chichura

**7.1 Approve Substitute Car/Van Driver**

The motion is made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve Vicky Mason, Kingsley, PA, to the Car/Van Substitute List, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 184 Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

**8. Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson**

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

**9. Administration**

**9.1 Principal's Comments**

**Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly**

- Thanked Mrs. McHenry and PTO for a successful craft fair
- Thanked Mrs. Price for a great Veteran's Day Program
- Sixth grade field trip chaperones will be picked soon.

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

- Conferences weren't as good of a turn out.
- \$1,200 was raised for Jeans for Troops.
- Sip and Paint was a success.
- December 3, 2015 is the Basketball Cheerleaders annual Vera Bradley Bingo.
- Chorus and band concert will be held on December 9.

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

- IU19 is doing some restructuring.
- A list of staff members and their new rolls will be out shortly.

## **9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Christopher Lake**

- Added new requirements for NOLA students

## **9.4 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

- The Community Foundation- Library Fund \$310.00 to be shared with the elementary and high school libraries
- Wednesday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m. alumnus John Darcy will be at the high school library discussing his book on the Martins Creek Viaduct.
- Randall Farr and Shane Visneski were named Students of the Month at CTC.
- Tonight is the last board meeting for Mrs. Aherne and Dr. Chichura.

## **New Business from Board Members**

### **Second Hearing of Visitors**

Ashley Kilmer, Gibson Twp., asked what the policy for Sunday practices is.

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, November 9, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:05 PM for Personnel
- Monday, November 23, 2015 – 6:00 PM to 7:05 PM for Personnel

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, December 7, 2015, after the public meeting

## **10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mrs. Aherne, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5–October 14, 2015 Minutes
- 1.7-Comprehensive School Counseling Program
- 1.8- Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1–October Disbursements
- 2.2- November 23, 2015 Bill List
- 3.1- Barbolish
- FYI 1- District Health Services Report
- FYI 2- Elimination of Act 1 Exceptions
- FYI 3- Conference Report
- FYI 4- Conference Report

FYI 5- Community Foundation Letter  
FYI 6- Conference Report

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany L. Wilkins  
Board Secretary