

1. Opening Activities**1.1. Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mountain View School District Board of Education was held this date in the James W. Zick board room. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by President Todd Adams.

1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**1.3. Board of Education Roll Call**

Present:

Dr. Todd Adams, President; Mr. Thomas Stoddard, First Vice President; Mrs. Ellen Aherne, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Mr. Roy Twining, Mr. Elwood Williams and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

1.4. Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mr. Andrew Doster, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal and Mr. Michael Slesinski, Director of Special Services. Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs arrived at 8:32 PM.

President Todd Adams acknowledged that most everyone attending the meeting was there because of soccer. He explained the business part of the meeting would be conducted first and said they could wait in the gym until the business part of the meeting was concluded. The Board would then recess to the gym for their public comments. No one elected to go to the gym.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students, staff, and community.

KEYSTONE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Mrs. Shea unveiled the Keystone Achievement Award presented to the elementary school for meeting AYP for the last two years.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – January 14, 2013.

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to approve the minutes dated January 14, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 218 – Motion passed (9yes)

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer, reported as listed.**1.7 Student Government Report –** Veronica Robbins updated the board on various club activities at the high school.**1.8 First Hearing of Visitors**

Ivie Simons questioned if the transportation cost was correct on the first conference listed under section 9.6.

Gus Griffiths questioned the number of people in attendance and asked if the Board was in compliance.

2. Finance Committee: Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Chairperson

Committee Members: Thomas Stoddard, Roy Twining

Financial Reports

2.1 The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to confirm payment of the December 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 \$1,870,733.29.

Resolution 219 – Motion passed (9 yes)

2.2 The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the January 28, 2013 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$385,260.58.

Resolution 220 – Motion passed (9 yes)

Mr. Stoddard questioned check # 22008343 to Robert Salansky.

2.3 Approve Resolution to Approve Special Services Contract with NEIU 19

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve Northeast Educational Intermediate Unit Resolution to approve contract with NEIU for special education programs and services for the 2013-2014 school year.

Resolution 221 – Motion passed (9 yes)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Elwood Williams

4.1 Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the second reading of Schools, Institutions & Agencies Mandated to Report Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect. There being no further discussions this will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine

6. Building and Site Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Elwood Williams

Mr. Taylor's Report – Mr. Taylor reported not major breakdowns this month. He noted the coil in the univent at the Cafeteria had to be replaced. Also the cherry wood chips did not

burn as well as other hardwood. It was suggested that cherry chips be excluded from the bid specifications.

Review architect proposal – Mr. Taylor discussed the architect's proposals .After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board to check into a security firm to write the bid specifications.

Corporal Burman of the Pennsylvania State Police presented his proposal for a school resource officer. He spoke about what a school resource officer is and what the responsibilities are.

After of some discussion the Board would like a written overview and a copy of a contract for them to review.

7. Transportation Committee: Elwood Williams, Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Roy Twining

7.1 Discuss Survey

1. Bus Contractor's Survey Summary
2. Bus Contractor's Documentation
3. Car/Van Survey Summary
4. Car/Van Documentation

After some discussion on the surveys it was the consensus that this will be looked into further. Do we need to provide all contractors with a two-way radio or just the ones that need it? Do the hand held radios have GPS or is it available?

7.2 Two-Way Radio proposal – This was placed on hold pending more data.

8. Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Sondra Stine
Alternate – Christine Plonski-Sezer

Mr. Stoddard reported holding two meetings with the MVEA in January. There are meetings scheduled for February, with the MVEA and the MVESPA.

9. Consent Agenda

Items removed for separate action: 9.17

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.17.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed (9yes)

9.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

- **Abigail Fitzpatrick, Andrea Aten and 25 student government students** to attend District 9 Student Council Conference at Elk Lake High School on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Transportation and registration to be paid by student government. The cost of \$170.00 for substitutes is covered by the District.
- **Donna Porter, Jacquelyn Bain, Andrea Aten, Matthew Voda, Erin Rupp and the sophomore class** to tour Johnson College, Penn State University, and Marywood

- University on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Transportation - \$334.32 and Substitute - \$85.00. (All chaperones are sophomore teachers only one substitute is necessary)
- **Megan Clough and Ski Club Students** to ski at Elk Mountain on February 1, 8, 15, 2 and March 1. No cost to the District
 - **Karen Voigt and 4 students** to attend the Brain Bee at the University of Scranton on Saturday February 9, 2013. District car has been scheduled.
 - **Michael Talabiska and Whitney Twining and students** to attend the Northeast Regional Science Olympiad Competition at Penn State, Wilkes Barre, PA on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Transportation - \$241.44, Registration - \$450.00 and Substitute - \$170.00 for a total cost of \$861.44.
 - **Jamie Boerio and 3 students** to attend the District 9 Chorus Festival at Dallas High School on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, February 6-8, 2013. Registration - \$460.15 and substitute - \$255.00 for a total cost of \$715.15. District car is scheduled.
 - **Eric Boylan and 4 students** to attend Marywood Senior Wind Band Celebration at Marywood University on Friday and Saturday, February 15-16, 2013. Registration - \$200.00. District Car is scheduled. No substitute required.
 - **Mary Ann Tranovich, Jackie Ferenczi, Karen Voigt (AM) and 20 students** to attend Math Counts at Martin L. Mattei Middle School, Pittston, PA on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Transportation - \$230.16 and Registration - \$240.00 for a total cost of \$470.16.
 - **Margaret McCarty and 5 students** to attend a taping for the school spring play at WVIA on February 4, 2013. District Van is scheduled.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.2 Approve Tax Collector Compensation

The motion is made to approve the Mountain View School District local elected tax collector compensation for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 at the following payment schedule (with a minimum payment of \$2,500.00 per tax collector): Real Estate - \$4.00 per bill sent out; \$7.00 per bill collected (including first installment #1) \$2.50 per installment payment collected #2 and #3; \$3.00 per uncollected bill. Occupation/Per Capita – 5% commission rate on collected bills; \$1.00 per uncollected bill.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.3 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made to accept the letter of resignation from **Laurie J. Rood** as of the last day of school in June 2013

.Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.4 Accept Quarterly Reports

The motion is made to accept the elementary, high school, and athletic quarterly reports as presented.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.5 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made to approve the following volunteers pending receipt of all documentation:

- **Molly Virbitsky** for track
- **Sean P. Brewer** for baseball and weight lifting
- **Ashley Kilmer** for basketball

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.6 Approve Conference Requests

- **Francine Shea** to attend “Do you Know the Legal Issues Impacting School Districts?” on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at NEIU 19. Transportation - \$75.00 and Registration -\$139.00 for a total cost of \$164.00.
- **Francine Shea** to attend a PASA conference “Elevating the Essentials to Radically Improve Student Learning” in Harrisburg, PA on Thursday, March 7, 2013. Transportation - \$87.01, Lodging - \$90.00, and Registration - \$229.00 for a total cost of \$406.01.
- **Francine Shea and Michael Slesinski** to attend a Legal Issues Seminar in Carlisle, PA on Friday, April 19, 2013. Transportation - \$95.00 and Registration - \$300.00 for a total cost of \$395.00.
- **Joseph Patchcoski** to attend PASBO Annual Conference on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday on March 19-22, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA. Transportation - \$345.78, Lodging - \$547.20 and Registration - \$299.00 for a total cost of \$1,191.98.
- **Anne Urnoski** to attend Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument Applied to Speech and Language Pathologists at NEIU 19 on Thursday, April 11, 2013. No cost to the District.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.7 Approve 90-Day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made to approve **Jaimie Himka** as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$37,901.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2011-2012 schedule, retroactive to January 23, 2013 (91st day), and benefits according to board policy as a result of her serving in the same High School position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.8 Approve Addition to Substitute List

The motion is made to approve the following substitutes, pending receipt of all documentation.

- **Cheri Tamburro**, Montrose, PA certified K-6 Elementary Education
- **Jennifer Pompey-Wood**, Springville, PA certified K-6 Elementary Education and Special Education K-12

- **Earl Ernest Cottrell**, Thompson, PA for custodian/maintenance
- **Dale R. Durling**, Hop Bottom, Pa as a car/van substitute driver
- **Jennifer Zeck**, Hop Bottom, PA for clerical, food service, and monitor

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.9 Appoint Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance pending receipt of all documentation

The motion is made to appoint **Ruby Bishop**, Susquehanna, PA as a full-time custodian/maintenance employee at a rate of \$8.90 an hour with benefits according to contract. Start date to be determined pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.10 Appoint Part-time Custodian/Maintenance pending receipt of all documentation

The motion is made to appoint **Earl Ernest Cottrell**, Thompson, PA as a part-time custodian/maintenance for up to 16 hours a week at a rate of \$8.90 an hour with benefits according to contract. Start date February 5, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.11 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made to accept a letter of resignation from **Sue Ann Wildrick** from her position of Second Grade Level Leader effective January 22, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.12 Accept Donation from Exxon

The motion is made to accept a \$1,000.00 donation from Exxon for the High School Life Skills Garden Project.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.13 Accept Resignation

The motion is made to accept the resignation of **Barbara Gentile** as a car contractor effective January 22, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.14 Approve Start Date for Marcia Weber

The motion is made to approve start date of January 29, 2013 for **Marcia Weber** for the food service position.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.15 Approve Start Date for Charlene Anastasio

The motion is made to approve start date of February 4, 2013 for **Charlene Anastasio** as a paraprofessional.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.16 Appoint Full-Time Clerical

The motion is made to appoint **April Ball**, Nicholson, PA as a Full-Time Clerical at a starting rate of \$8.75 an hour and benefits according to contract, effective February 5, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.17 Approve Senior Trip

The motion is made to approve the Senior Trip to Virginia Beach on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday May 29 - June 1, 2013.

Motion removed for separate action.

9.18 Accept Resignation

The motion is made to accept the resignation of **Brandi Miller** from the positions of Professional Development Coordinator, Mentor, and Co-Induction Coordinator effective January 29, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.19 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made to approve homebound instruction for:

Student #13180 – Beginning January 9, 2013 – Ending February 15, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.20 Approve MOU with the MVESPA.

The motion is made to approve an MOU with the MVESPA as presented.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.21 Approve Second Grade Level Leader

The motion is made to approve **Janet Karhnak** as Second Grade Level Leader effective January 23, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.22 Appoint Paraprofessional pending receipt of all documentation

The motion is made to appoint **Sherri Ransom**, Clifford Township, PA as a full-time highly qualified paraprofessional at a starting rate of \$8.35 an hour with benefits according to contract. Start date to be determined.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.23 Approve Special Leave

The motion is made to approve a special leave of absence for 15 days for **Jennifer Johnson** for medical restoration effective January 24, 2013.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.24 Accept Letter of Intent to Retire

The motion is made to accept a letter of intent to retire from **Ronald Gardoski** from his elementary teaching position at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.25 Accept Letter of Intent to Retire

The motion is made to accept a letter of intent to retire from **Robert Fisher** from his elementary teaching position at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.26 Approve Coaches, pending receipt of all documentation:

The motion is made to approve the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:

- **Sean Durkin**, Mayfield, PA for Junior High Baseball
- **David Breese**, South Gibson, PA for Boys Varsity Volleyball

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.27 Approve Establishing High School Activity Accounts

The motion is made to approve establishing High School Activity Accounts for:

- Class of 2014
- Class of 2015

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.28 Authorize Closure of High School Activity Account

The motion is made to authorize closure of the Class of 2012 High School Activity Account with transfer of funds to the Life Skills account.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.29 Approve After School Tutoring Program at the High School

The motion is made to approve the after school tutoring program at the high school for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. To be paid for through Medical Access Funds.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.30 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made to accept the letter of resignation from **Christine Depew** from her special education teaching position effective January 30, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 222 – Motion passed under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

9.17 Approve Senior Trip

The motion is made to approve the Senior Trip to Virginia Beach on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday May 29 - June 1, 2013 with the provision that 50% of the class attend the trip.

Resolution 223 – Motion passed (9 yes)

10. Administration

10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea

1. Meeting January 25th with Director Harry Forbes, Governor Corbett's NE Office.
 - Sale of liquor distributors and use part of the money for safety & security in schools
 - He wanted to know the effects of the Marcellus Shale on the school
 - Achievements in the district
 - Updated on the federal stimulus money – no longer available – we are now at the 2008-09 funding level.
2. Kevin Haggerty proposed legislation of putting SRO in school districts, but there is not indication where the money is coming from.

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

1. Northeast Business Manager's Meeting – January 24, 2013
 - Health Insurance premiums are increasing by 14%
 - PSERS rate increased to 16.93% from 12.36%

10.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mr. Andrew Doster

Mr. Doster congratulated the students on their recent elementary play performance; He and some faculty attended a meeting at Nanticoke School District on PBIS; February 1st

we hosted EJ the DJ to reward the students for good behavior; report cards are scheduled to go home February 5th.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

Mr. Presley also reported report cards are going home February 5th; he will be having lunch with the recent students of the month; the banners are done and will be placed in the gym on Thursday, February 7th;

10.4 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

Mrs. Voigt reported on February 9th our students would be completing in the Brain Bee and Math Counts. The Scholastic Team would also be competing in Waverly NY.

On February 5th she will host a Kid Writing Workshop for parents.

We will also be participating in a field test for the PSSA writing.

Hybrid Learning Initiative – We are looking to see if the Hybrid Learning Initiative would be a good fit for our school.

21st Century Community Learning Centers – We are in the 3rd week and we are now using the car contractors.

10.5 Director of Special Services – Mr. Michael Slesinski

Mr. Slesinski reported the IEP meeting schedule has been finalized. He is looking to sending home letters for the after school tutoring program to obtain permission to have students stay for the tutoring as necessary.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Roy Twining did not feel he could keep the coupon booklet that was passed out at the December 17th meeting due to the value of the book.

The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Stine to amend the school calendar to reflect the extended days in March, April and May be 1:00 dismissals for students. This will allow the professional staff time to develop curriculum.

Resolution 224 – Motion carried (9 yes)

- Mr. Williams asked for an inventory of all rolling equipment. Also noting the up coming soccer discussion on the action taken by the Board and Administration he asked that they speak to what would motivate the Board and Administration to do something that is not in the best interest of the team.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Jay Wescott, Lenox Township advised the Board the discussion regarding the soccer would be videotaped.

Mr. Griffiths, Lathrop Township agreed with the maintenance supervisor that an architect should be hired instead of having a security company design specifications that would

be geared to their company. He also asked how many board members had a policy manual and a copy of the school state law.

Dr. Adams read a statement outlining the guidelines for tonight's discussion. They will not discuss personnel issues and there will be a 2 minute limit for each speaker.

Lisa Schmidt, Harford, William McDonald, Hop Bottom, John Goodenough, Gibson, Jane Mack, Brooklyn Township, Bob Cross, Lenox Twp, Tim Arendt, Scott Township, Shanna Mack, Brooklyn Township, Terry Goodenough, Gibson, Jay Wescott, Lenox, Logan Mack, Brooklyn Township, Austin Mack, Brooklyn Township, Wendy Cross, Lenox Township, Dylan Thomas, Harford Township, Matt Mecca, Hop Bottom, Gus Griffiths, Lathrop Township, Colin Davis, Clifford Township, Jessica Gariel, Brooklyn Township, Robert Supancik, Harford Township, Kim Freeman, Lathrop Township, Jason Cameron, Brooklyn Township, Dawn Palu, Brooklyn Township, Mary Ketterer, Jane Winemiller, Harford Township and Kate Burnie, Harford Township all spoke in support of the soccer program and Coach Thomas.

Mr. Thomas also spoke regarding the soccer issue.

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

HELD:

Monday, January 14, 2013 – 9:08 PM to 11:05 PM for Personnel
Thursday, January 31, 2013 – 6:00 PM to 9:15 PM for Personnel
Monday, February 4, 2013 – 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

Monday February 4, 2013 – following public meeting for personnel
Monday February 18, 2013 – before and following public meeting for personnel

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary