

1. Opening Activities

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education held on July 22, 2013 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Williams.

1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Roll Call

Present:

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

1.4. Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager,

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff – President Williams recognized Mr. John Corbin for his 43 years of service in transportation as a bus driver.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – July 8, 2013.

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated July 8, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 1 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer, reported as listed.

1.7 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.

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 June 2013 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 \$3,630,011.08.

Resolution 2 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

- 2.2** The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the July 22, 2013 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, and Capital Reserve Fund bill lists in the amount of \$323,496.43

Resolution 3 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

Mr. Stoddard questioned check numbers, 9285, 9291, 9297, 9298, and 9318. Mr. Twining questioned check numbers 9307 and 9310. Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan questioned check #9313 and Mr. Thomas Makosky, Brooklyn, questioned check #9328.

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson
Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer

3.1 Motion to Appoint Elementary Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan to appoint Jennifer Keating, Clifford, PA as an elementary teacher, effective August 26, 2013, B Column, Step 3 with a salary of \$38,901.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA

Resolution 4 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

3.2 Motion to Appoint Elementary Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan to appoint Jamie Esgro, PA as an elementary teacher, effective August 26, 2013, M Column, Step 5 with a salary of \$51,486.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA

Resolution 5 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

3.3 Motion to Appoint Elementary Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan to appoint Steven Farrell, Dimock, PA as an elementary teacher, effective August 26, 2013, B+12 Column, Step 4 with a salary of \$40,427.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Resolution 6 – Motion Carried by roll call vote (5 Yes, Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan Abstained, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Kilmer, & Mr. Twining voting No)

3.4 Motion to Appoint Technology Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan to appoint Glen Mackey, Nicholson, PA as a K-12 technology teacher, effective August 26, 2013, M Column, Step 6 with a salary of \$51,986.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA

Resolution 7 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson
Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

- 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, Michael Barhite

Mr. Taylor's reported most of the classrooms in both buildings have been cleaned. The security upgrade continues to progress. Mr. Twining asked if the company is on time for completion.

- 7. Transportation Committee: Mr. Barhite, Chairperson**
Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Roy Twining

- 8. MVEA Labor Relations Committee: Mr. Stoddard, Chairperson**
Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Christine Plonski-Sezer

The next meeting with the MVEA is scheduled for August 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Committee to report at 5:30 PM

- 8.1 MVESPA Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson**
Committee Members, Stephen Kilmer, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Sondra Stine

A meeting with the MVESPA was held July 11th & July 16th at 6:00 PM. Meetings are scheduled for August 8 2013 and August 15, 2013. Committee to report at 5:30 PM.

9. Consent Agenda

Items removed for separate action; 9.15 & 9.17

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.15 & 9.17.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

9.1 Approve Fund Transfer and Bond Payment

The motion is made to approve the transfer of \$65,186.25 from the General Fund cross reference code 52401 to the Debt Service Fund cross reference code DS003 for the 2013-2014 school year and to authorize the expenditure in the amount of \$65,186.25 for the August 1, 2013 bond payment for Bond Series of 2011.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.2 Award Photography Proposal

The motion is made to award the 2013-2014 Photography Proposal to Craiges of Montrose according the specification outlined in the final proposal as presented.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.3 Authorize Closure of Student Activity Account

The motion is made to authorize closure of the class of 2013 student activity account. Remaining funds of \$3,053.06 are to be donated to the yearbook activity account.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.4 Repositioning of Coach

The motion is made to reposition Dan Phillips from the Girl's Assistant Volleyball Coach to Girl's Volleyball Head Coach, as appointed on July 8, 2013.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.5 Approve Exoneration of Taxes

The motion is made to exonerate John J. Stewart, Nicholson, PA from Per Capita and Occupational Taxes and Stephanie A. Stewart, Nicholson, PA from Per Capita Tax as per letter from Susquehanna County.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.6 Approve corrected list of Car/Van Substitutes and parent driver for 2013-2014.

The motion is made to approve the corrected list of car/van substitutes as presented for 2013-2014.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.7 Authorize Advertising August 26, 2013 Board Meeting

The motion is made to authorize advertising a Board of Education meeting on August 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM for general purposes to be held in the James W Zick Board Room.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.8 Accept Quarterly Reports

The motion is made to accept the Elementary, High School and Scholarship quarterly reports ending June 30, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.9 Appoint Full Time Maintenance/Custodian

The motion is made to appoint Courtney Donovan, Kingsley, PA as a full time maintenance/custodian employee effective July 23, 2012 at a rate of \$8.90 an hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.10 Accept Pre-K Counts Grant

The motion is made to accept the Pre-K Counts Grant in the amount of \$154,340.00.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.11 Motion to approve Pre-K Counts Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program

The motion is made to approve the Pre-K Counts Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program to run from July 29, 2013 through August 9, 2013, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM with transportation provided.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.12 Approve Teacher & Paraprofessional for Pre-K Counts Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program

The motion is made to approve Cheryl Decker as Pre-K teacher, Joy Bognatz and Kristy Bayle as Paraprofessionals for the Pre-K Counts Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.13 Motion to Appoint Temporary IT Technician

The motion is made to appoint Phil McHugh, Clifford, PA as temporary IT technician for the summer of 2013 at a rate of \$10.00 an hour.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.14 Approve Conference

The motion is made to approve Scott Fisher and Karen Voigt to attend ASSET Leadership Seminar on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at State College, PA. No cost to the District.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.15 Approve ASSET/STEM Education Membership Agreement – 2013-2014

The motion is made to approve the ASSET/STEM Education Membership Agreement for 2013-2014.

Motion removed

9.16 Changes to Handicap Car/Van Contract

The motion is made to change the handicap car/van contract from Kristen Canfield to Wayne Williams for the 2013-2014 school year.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.17 Appoint K-12 Special Education Teacher

The motion is made to appoint Jason R. Shay, Dunmore, PA as a K-12 special education teacher M+36 column, step 10 at a salary of \$62,543.00 to be paid through Medical Access and benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Motion removed – no action taken

9.18 Approve Change to Supplemental Salary List

The motion is made to change Mary Ann Tranovich to co-coordinator for Professional Development.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.19 Appoint Supplemental Salary Positions

The motion is made to appoint the following Supplemental Salary positions for the 2013-2014 school year.

- Charleene Martens – Scholastic Team Advisor
- Andrea James – Mentor for Alicia Waters
- Kathy McHenry – Co-coordinator Professional Development
- William Hagenbuch – Elementary Play Director
- Patricia Dietrich – Mentor
- Rebecca Giordano – Mentor
- Janet Karhnak – Second Grade Level Leader
- Abigail Fitzpatrick – Yearbook Advisor

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.20 Accept Resignation

The motion is made to accept the resignation of Eric Boylan from his K-12 Music position.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.21 Appoint Coaches

The motion is made to appoint the following fall coaches for 2013-2014

- Sara Evans, Hop Bottom, PA as Girl's Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach
- Joseph Scanlon, Harford, PA as Boy's Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

9.22 Appoint Substitute Teacher for Pre-K Counts Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program

The motion is made to appoint Jaimie Himka as a substitute teacher for the Pre-K counts summer kindergarten readiness program.

Resolution 8 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (9 Yes)

10. Administration**10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea**

- She advised the Board of her completion of PASA's New Superintendent Academy
- She attended the Alumni Golf Tournament on Sunday.
- She gave an update from the IT Department on the status of the implementation of the new software.

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

- He advised the Board of the recent bus and car/van inspections.
- He has received one interested person for the vacant bus route

10.3 Principal's Comments**Elementary Principal –
High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley**

- He advised the Board there have been problems with the implementation of Sapphire but the company has been able to resolve all the issues as they have been encountered.

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

- Hybrid Learning has been put on hold for one year.
- Scott Fisher has volunteered to be the science coach for the elementary teachers
- She is working on contacting students for the Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program
- She presented the Kindergarten and 5th grade math curriculum

10.5 Director of Special Services –**New Business from Board Members**

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan asked for a copy of the contract for School Messenger.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Laurie Rood, Harford asked the Board to keep in mind that curriculum is a work in progress. It needs to constantly be changed to keep up.

Mrs. Voigt questioned why 9.15 was removed. She explained this must be approved to continue with the science program at the elementary. Concerns of the Board were the various costs associated with the contract. Mrs. Voigt explained these were all on line.

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, Second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the ASSET/STEM Education Membership Agreement for 2013-2014.

Resolution 9 – Motion Carried (9 Yes)

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

HELD:

- Monday, July 8, 2013, 7:50 PM to 8:55 PM for personnel
- Monday, July 22, 2013, 6:00 PM to 7:05 for personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, July 22, 2013 after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, August 12, 2013, before and after the public meeting for personnel

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by President Williams at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Secretary