

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education held on July 8, 2013 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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. Andrew Doster, Elementary Principal, Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Mr. Michael Slesinski, Director of Special Services.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff****1.5 Approval of the Minutes – June 24, 2013.**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated June 24, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 312 – Motion passed – (9 Yes)

**1.6 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 approve the list of bills for the June 28, 2013 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$207,641.08.

Resolution 313 – Motion passed – (9 Yes)

Mr. Stoddard questioned check #9260, 9263, 9265 – Check # 9263 was held pending further explanation.

3. **Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**  
Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer
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 cleaning continues in both buildings. The security and alarm project is underway. The gym floors will be refinished the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.

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

The next meeting with the MVESPA will be July 11<sup>th</sup> & July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Committee to report at 5:30 PM.

9. **Consent Agenda**  
**Items removed for separate action; 9.8**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.8.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed – (9 Yes)

#### 9.1 Approve Car/Van Substitutes

The motion is made to approve the car/van substitutes as presented.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### 9.2 Approve addition to Supplemental Salary

The motion is made to appoint Rebekah Ihlefeldt as Math Department Head for the 2013-2014 school year.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

**9.3 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made to accept the resignation of Michael Slesinski from his Director of Special Services position effective July 12, 2013.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

**9.4 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made to accept the resignation of Andrew Doster from his Elementary Principal position effective July 12, 2013, pending his appointment by the Towanda School Board on July 9, 2013.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

**9.5 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made to accept the resignation of Jennifer Johnson from her elementary cafeteria monitor position effective June 28, 2013.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

**9.6 Approve Addition to Substitute List**

The motion is made to approve Jennifer Johnson as a cafeteria and hall monitor substitute.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

**9.7 Approve Removal of Employee from Employment**

Whereas, an investigation of the conduct of Stephen Pennay was undertaken by the administration; and whereas the administration suspended Stephen Pennay without pay; and whereas a Notice and Statement of Charges was served on July 3, 2013; and whereas Stephen Pennay did not demand a hearing; Motion is made that Stephen Pennay be removed from his employment pursuant to section 514 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

**9.8 Approve MOU with MVEA**

The motion is made to approve the MOU with the MVEA as presented

Motion removed – no action taken.

**9.9 Appoint Fulltime Clerical Employee**

The motion is made to appoint Linda Sivers, South Gibson as a fulltime 223 days clerical employee effective July 15, 2013 at a starting salary of \$8.75 per hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.10 Appoint K-12 Special Education Teacher**

The motion is made to appoint Jaimie Himka, Nicholson, PA as a K-12 Special Education Teacher effective August 26, 2013 at M+36 Column, Step 5, with a salary of \$57,557.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.11 Appoint K-12 Special Education Teacher**

The motion is made to appoint Alicia F. Marmo, Old Forge, PA as a K-12 Special Education Teacher effective August 26, 2013 at M Column, Step 2, with a salary of \$49,986.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.12 Appoint K-12 Special Education Teacher**

The motion is made to appoint Joseph Scanlon, Harford, PA as K-12 Special Education Teacher effective August 26, 2013 at B Column, Step 3, with a salary of \$38,901.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.13 Appoint K-12 Special Education Teacher**

The motion is made to appoint Casey Mrykalo, South Abington Township, PA as K-12 Special Education Teacher effective August 26, 2013 at B Column, Step 1, with a salary of \$37,901.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.14 Appoint Family & Consumer Science Teacher**

The motion is made to appoint Elaine Chichura, Kingsley PA as a Family and Consumer Science Teacher, effective August 26, 2013, M+36 Column, Step 7, with a salary of \$58,557.00 and benefits according to the MVEA CBA.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.15 Appoint Long Term Secondary Art Teacher**

The motion is made to appoint Jonathan Rogan, Carbondale, PA as a long term Secondary Art Substitute Teacher effective August 26, 2013.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.16 Approve Addition to Supplemental Salary List**

The motion is made to appoint Margaret McCarty as the High School play director and the High School musical director for the 2013-2014 school year.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.17 Appoint Fall and Winter Coaches**

The motion is made to appoint the following fall and winter coaches for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Shaun Pellew, Kingsley, PA as Girls Junior High Soccer Coach
- Dan Phillips, Kingsley, Pa as Girls Volleyball Coach
- Neil Wells, Greenfield Township, PA as Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach
- Tom Rudzinski, Clarks Summit, Pa as Girls Basketball Coach
- Whitney Twining, Thompson, PA as Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- Spencer Lunger, Lake Winola, PA as Boys Basketball Coach

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

#### **9.18 Approve Correction in Step for Reading Specialist**

The motion is made to correct step and pay for Leslie Gossage from Masters Column, Step 1, Salary \$49,486.00 to Master Column, Step 2, Salary \$49,986.00.

Resolution 314 – Motion passed under the consent agenda– (9 Yes)

### **10. Administration**

#### **10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea**

Mrs. Shea acknowledged the two administrators who were resigning and said they would be missed.

#### **10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski**

Mr. Patchcoski said we would be advertising for a bus route, Obama Care has been held off for one year, and the tax bill should be in the mail.

#### **10.3 Principal's Comments**

**Elementary Principal – Mr. Andrew Doster** thanked the Mountain View community for their support. It has been a wonderful experience and he feels blessed.

**High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley** – not present

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

Mrs. Voigt reported we have received the PREK Grant for next year, approximately \$154,000. There are 18 students participating in VLINC this summer. Second round interviews will be held Monday, Board interviews will be July 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM.

**10.5 Director of Special Services – Mr. Michael Slesinski – not present****New Business from Board Members**

Mrs. Shea reported the Sapphire training continues. Mr. Stoddard asked for an update of the conversion. This will be provided.

Dr. Plonski-Sezer acknowledged Haley Maloney on her experience at the opera institute. She also wished Mr. Doster well.

Mrs. Voigt asked how the Board how they would like the curriculum presented.

**Second Hearing of Visitors**

James Cole, Clifford questioned the process for applications. His wife turned her application in early knowing there would be positions available and never got an interview.

Ann Corbin, Brooklyn asked if the District would be advertising to replace Mr. Doster and Mr. Slesinski's positions. She questioned why it has taken so long to advertise the vacant school bus route. She asked why procedures done in the past are not being followed now.

Barbara Kelly, Lenox Township asked if the taxpayers are not entitled to a copy of the bill list as one was not available.

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

- Monday, June 24, 2013, 8:35 PM to 10:10 PM for personnel
- Monday, July 8, 2013, 6:00 PM to 7:05 PM for personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, July 8, 2013, after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, July 22, 2013, before and after the public meeting for personnel

**11. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky  
Secretary