

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education held on May 20, 2013 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by First Vice President Mr. Stoddard.

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

Present:

Mr. Williams, President, arrived at 7:28 PM; Mr. Thomas Stoddard, First Vice President; Mrs. Ellen Aherne, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Michael Barhite, , Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Mr. Roy Twining, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

Absent:

Mr. Stephen Kilmer

**1.4. Administration Present**

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal arrived at 8:20 PM, and Mr. Michael Slesinski, Director of Special Services, Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs.

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager, Mr., Andrew Doster Elementary Principal

**1.5 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff**

**Years of Service:** Kristy Moher – 10 Years of Service

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Competition**

Kathy McHenry - Advisor

Hope Perez, Scarlett Catalfamo, Kailee Schlegal, Sarah Alessi, Todd Landis, Jacob Andzulis, Thomas Sheridan, and Madysen Hall

**Susquehanna County CTC – Student of the Month**

Kamara Brink – Cosmetology

**Arts Alive**

Madonna Munley – Spanish Dancing

Jamie Boerio – A Cappella Chorus

Eric Boylan – Jazz Band, Rock Band

Alexandra Konsur – Poetry Students

Andrea Aten – Poetry Students

Aaron Sinkovich – Poetry Students

George Barbolish – Art Exhibit & Organizer

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes – May 13, 2013.**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer second by Mr. Twining, to approve the minutes dated May 13, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 278 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

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

1.8 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 April 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 \$1,761,808.93.

Resolution 279 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

2.2 The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan second by Mrs. Stine to approve the list of bills for the May 20, 2013 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$55,361.73.

Resolution 280 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

2.3 Appoint Board Secretary

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to appoint Diane Makosky as Board Secretary for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017, at an annual stipend of \$6,500.00.

Resolution 281 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

2.4 Appoint School District Treasurer for 2013-2014

Motion removed – No action taken

2.5 Appoint School Solicitor

The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan second by Mrs. Stine, to appoint Joseph Gaughan as school solicitor for the 2013-2014 school year with a retainer fee of \$9,750.00 and \$125.00 per hour for other services according to proposal, as presented.

Resolution 282 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

2.6 Approve Tentative General Fund Budget

Motion removed – No action taken. Mr. Patchcoski provided an overview of the proposed 2013-2014 budget.

**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

**4.1** First Reading Vocational Technical Education Policy #115

**4.2** First Reading Pupils Attendance #204

Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented policies #115 and #204 for the first reading. There being no discussion they will be placed on the next agenda for second reading.

**5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine

**5.1** Motion to Approve Change to Program of Studies

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the change to the Program of Studies as presented.

Resolution 283 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 2 Absent)

**6. Building and Site Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

Mr. Taylor presented the proposal from Johnson Controls on the security and fire alarm upgrade. There was a discussion on the differences between the three proposals. Differences range from using the existing equipment and upgrade where necessary to installing all new equipment. Mr. Taylor was directed to review the proposals and check with the companies to see if all the cameras are necessary and report back.

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

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Roy Twining

**8. MVEA Labor Relations Committee: Thomas Stoddard, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Christine Plonski-Sezer

- The next scheduled meetings will be May 21, 2013 and June 4, 2013. Both meetings 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 was held with MVESPA on May 15, 2013. The next scheduled meetings will be June 6, and June 13, 2013. Both meetings at 6:00 PM. Committee to report at 5:30 PM.

**9. Consent Agenda**

**Items removed for separate action; 9.3 9.8 9.9(1)**

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.3, 9.8 and 9.9 (1).

Resolution 284 – Motion carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **9.2 Approve Golf Course**

The motion is made to appoint Rock Creek Golf Course, 2783 State Route 374 Nicholson, PA as the home course for the 2013-2014 school year at a quoted price of \$2,300.00, as presented

Resolution 284 – Motion carried under consent agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **9.3 Appoint Supplemental Salary Positions**

The motion is made to appoint supplemental salary position for the 2013-2014 school year as follows, pending receipt of all documentation:

- Brion Stone – Golf coach
- Errol J. Mannick – Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
- Abigail Fitzpatrick – Girls Volleyball Coach
- Daniel S. Phillips – Girls Volleyball Assistance Coach
- Raymond Mitchell – Cross Country
- Judy Molenko – Girls Basketball Cheerleading Coach

Item removed – no action taken

### **9.4 Approve Continuation of Student Activity Accounts:**

The motion is made to approve continuation of the following Student Activity Accounts:

- a) High School : Activities Account, Art Club, Chorus, Class of 2014, Class of 2015, Focus/Partial, Music Theater, NHS & NJHS, Snow Riders Ski Club, Spanish Honor Society, Science Club, MVSGA, FBLA, Strategies for Life, Tech Ed Graphics, Yearbook, SADD, Family & Consumer Science, and Scholastic Club
- b) Elementary: Elementary Play, Library, Office, Student Council, and Washington Trip

Resolution 284 – Motion carried under consent agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **9.5 Appoint School Doctor**

The motion is made to appoint Family Health Clinic of Barnes Kasson, Susquehanna, PA as the school medical facility for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for school health physicals, sports physicals, and other school district requested services. Appointment is effective July 1, 2013.

Resolution 284 – Motion carried under consent agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### **9.6 Approve Field Trip**

- a) **Jamie Boerio and students** on Monday, May 27, 2013 to attend Montrose Memorial Day Service. Students provide their own transportation. No cost to the District.
- b) **Karen Voigt, 1 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Teacher and 4 to 7 Students**, on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, June 3,4,5, 2013, after school to visit Tingley Glass, Harford, PA. No cost to the district, paid by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning grant.

Resolution 284 – Motion carried under consent agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### 9.7 Approve Conference

- a) **Gretchen Wydeen** on Tuesday through Thursday, July 23, 24,& 25, 2013 to attend FACS Summer Workshop 2013 and Penn State University Main Campus. Registration and Lodging paid by scholarship. Transportation cost - \$177.84.
- b) **Francine Shea** on Friday, June 28, 2013 to attend PSBA Conference, Mechanicsburg, Pa to Handle Right to Know Request w/Ease and Efficiency. Transportation cost \$179.67, Lodging \$159, and Registration \$219.00. Total cost \$557.67.

Resolution 284 – Motion carried under consent agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### 9.8 Accept Resignation

The motion is made to accept the resignation of Judy Molenko from her study hall/lunch monitor position at the high school effective May 17, 2013, as presented.

Item removed – No action taken

#### 9.9 Approve Addition to Substitute List

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

1. Judy Molenko, Brooklyn, as a paraprofessional, study hall/lunch monitor and secretary. - # 1 removed – No action taken
2. Melissa Marten, South Gibson as a substitute nurse for the senior trip.

Item #2 - Resolution 284 – Motion carried under consent agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

#### 9.10 Appoint Special Counsel

The motion is made to appoint Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams LLP, New Britain, PA as special counsel for the 2013-2014 school year per the Standard Agreement for fees, costs, and expenses for representation of public education entities.

Resolution 284 – Motion carried under consent agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

### 10. Administration

**Superintendent's Comments** – Mrs. Francine Shea congratulated Gretchen Wydeen on receiving her scholarship.

**10.2 Business Manager** – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski had nothing new to report.

### 10.3 Principal's Comments

**Elementary Principal – Mr. Andrew Doster** - Mrs. Voigt reported for Mr. Doster on the end of the school year activities. Sixth Grade leaves for Washington DC on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Field Days are scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>, Kindergarten finale is June 7<sup>th</sup>, Second Grade Luau is May 30<sup>th</sup>, Sixth Grade promotion is June 10<sup>th</sup> and Fifth & Sixth Grade Awards are June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Mrs. Voigt mentioned the reading competition that the students were recognized for and the math competition held at Marywood. She noted we are in the second week of Keystone Exams, testing in algebra. She said the curriculum is progressing and thanked the board for the 1:00 dismissals to allow the time to work on it.

**10.5 Director of Special Services – Mr. Michael Slesinski** reported on the meeting last Wednesday on Life after School for students with Disabilities went well. About 8 parents attended.

## 11. New Business from Board Members

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Education for General Purposed on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Dr. Plonski-Sezer complimented both the elementary and high school students on their recent concerts.

Mr. Twining questioned what the drop out rate is this year.

Mr. Stoddard questioned the checks on the multi check report for track meets for \$77.00. He said since there has been a change that positions that are being filled don't need to have authorization for advertising, only new positions do, that an email be sent to keep the Board informed.

Mr. Williams asked if there had been any feedback on the Sapphire program.

### Second Hearing of Visitors

Chaz Ross, Clifford Township said they had a meeting with students about wrestling and has 34 students interested. He again asked the Board to consider reinstating the program. Mr. Presley stated he was told the National Guard might be able to donate the mats, which would save approximately \$8,000.00. He checked with the Lackawanna League and it is too late to join this year in regulation. However we could play exhibition games. We would have to petition the league for 2013-2014. Expenses for this year would include uniforms, coach's salary and transportation. The booster club will help with some fundraising to offset some of the costs. Mr. Ross said he has three people that will help coach. Mr. Presley is to check with the National Guard to see if they will donate the mats. If they will not Mr. Chad Hollenbeck, Brooklyn said the mats will be taken care of, but would like a commitment by the Board to continue the program. Mr. Stoddard said it would be contingent on participation. This will be discussed at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lillie Thomas, Harford asked if we could increase the per capita tax rather than the real estate taxes. Mr. Stoddard suggested raising the EIC taxes. This will be looked into.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, May 13, 2013, 9:15 PM to 10:00 PM for personnel
- Monday, May 22, 2013, 6:00 PM to 7:04 PM for personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, May 22, 2013 following the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, June 10, 2013 before and after public meeting for personnel

**12. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Twining to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Makosky  
Secretary