

## 1. Opening Activities

1.1. The special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 6, 2013 in the James W. Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by President Williams.

1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent

Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer

1.4. Administration Present

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

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – April 22, 2012.

The motion is made by Mr. Twining second by Mrs. Aherne, to approve the minutes dated April 22, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 269 – 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.5 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

a) Budget Discussion

1. **Special Services** – Mr. Slesinski presented the proposed 2013-2014 special services budget in the amount of \$568,900.45. He spoke to the need of hiring three additional special education teachers due to and increase in IEP students and the need to create additional FOCUS and Life Skills classrooms.

2. **Director of Curriculum & Federal Programs** – Mrs. Voigt presented the proposed Title I and Title II Budgets for 2013-2014. Title 1 in the amount of \$235,197.82 and Title II in the amount of \$191,183.43. She spoke to the need of two additional Title I teachers. We are currently participating in three I3 Grants; Reading Apprenticeship, Asset Science and Reading Recovery. We have about \$18,000.00 for Teacher Effectiveness, \$250,000.00 for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Communities. This is over a three year period. We have applied for the Pre-K Counts grant which will be awarded on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

We have applied for and are waiting to hear on the Hybrid Learning Grant. She asked that the Board consider creating or restoring her secretary to a fulltime position. Her current services end on June 30, 2013.

3. **Business Office** – Mr. Patchcoski presented the proposed 2013-2014 budget for the Business Office in the amount of \$145,600.00. He also presented the Support Services Board & Superintendent's budget in the amount of \$115,769.67.

Lillie Thomas, Harford questioned if projection costs for the Affordable Health Care was in the budget

**New Business from Board Members** Mr. Twining questioned if a child with an IEP automatically qualified for ESY, if not what qualified them? (No, if a child does not have the ability to retain what is learned they will qualify.)

### **Second Hearing of Visitors**

Roger Thomas, Kingsley thanked the Board for their time devoted to the safety of the students. He then passed out a packet for the Board.

David Schulte, Clifford Township, expressed concerns with the current science curriculum and budget. This led to a discussion on the current curriculum, what is mandated by the state, the need for more AP classes and Dual Enrollment and how math and science intermingle.

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, April 22, 2013, 10:40 PM to 11:45 PM for personnel

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, May 6, 2013, after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, May 13, 2013, 6:00 PM and after the public meeting for personnel

### 3. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.