

1. Opening Activities

1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on November 11, 2013 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Vice President Stoddard.

1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, First Vice President; Mrs. Ellen Aherne, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Michael Barhite, Mr. Stephen Kilmer, Mr. Roy Twining, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

Absent

Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Elwood Williams, President

1.4. Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, 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

Years of Service:

Susan Penedos – 15 years, Vivian Rooke-Johnson – 5 years, and Rose Williams – 5 years

County Band: Kevin Haughland

Andrew Adams, Lucy Adams, Nataliaie Barlow, Cheverly Chichura, Keegan Ficarro, Briana Frankovsky, Hayley Maloney, Jon Master, Elizabeth Miller, Kelsey Murphy, Ethan Mack, Justin Rowe, Emily Supancik, and Aaron Weida

District 9 Jazz Festival – Tyler Salick

Sports:

Golf - Brion Stone, Coach

Israel Ficarro, Jacob Heller, Matthew Hodgins, Jordan Kochmer, Bryan Owens, Tyler Salak, Corbin Smith, Gregory Tracy, Brady Walsh, Cameron Walsh, and Chad Wescott

Girls Volleyball – Dan Phillips Coach, Neil Wells Assistant Coach

Leanna Allen, Devin Ball, Courtney Bognatz, Jordan Bomersheim, Audrey Cameron, Joseph Cerra, manager, Sabrina Fallon, Jessica Fanelli, Tyra Gabriel, Dempsey Hollenbeck, Emmett Jodon, manager, Samantha Krisa, Lucas LaRue, manager, Bryan Owens, manager, Hannah Pepper, Mikaela Phillips, Lauren Schmidt, Rebekah Tiffany, and Morgan White

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – October 28/29, 2013.

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated October 28/29, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 70 – Motion Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

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 Mr. Twining, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the November 11, 2013 General Fund bill lists in the amount of \$56,831.54.

Mr. Stoddard questioned check #9937 and Mr. Barhite questioned check # 9910 & 9945

Resolution 71 – Motion Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer

3.1 Appoint Fulltime Maintenance/Custodian

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Barhite to appoint Phillip Wetzel, Montrose, PA as a fulltime maintenance/custodian employee effective November 12, 2013, at a rate of \$8.90 an hour and benefits according the MVESPA CBA. (Clearances have been received)

Resolution 72 – Motion Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3.2 Appoint Car/Van Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Barhite to appoint Gerald Burgess, Hop Bottom, PA as a car/van substitute pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 73 – Motion Carried (5 Yes, 1 Abstain. 3 Absent) Mrs. Stine Abstained.

3.3 Appoint Girl's J H Basketball Coach

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Twining to appoint Glen Wilder, Clifford Township, PA as Girl's Junior High Basketball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 74 – Motion Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3.4 Appoint Varsity Wrestling Coach

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne to appoint Kenneth Decker, Jr., Hop Bottom, PA as the Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 75 – Motion Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

3.5 Approve Field Trip Request

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Twining to approve the following field trip request for:

- Kelly Richmond, Sheri Ransom, Maggie Ritter, Chantel Kraft and 5 students on Friday, December 13, 2013 to attend Studio B, have lunch and grocery shopping, Forest City, PA (Transportation - \$113.25)

Resolution 76 – Motion Carried (5 Yes, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained.

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 there was a problem with the wood stove when he tried to start it this past weekend. In his efforts to drain the fuel tank so that it could be cleaned he ran out of fuel oil. The security upgrade at the high school is just about complete. They have 4 cameras left to install inside the high school and them some outside work to be done.

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 scheduled meetings with the MVEA are November 20, 2013 and December 9, 2013. Committee is 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 scheduled meetings with the MVESPA are November 13, 2013, November 18, 2013, and December 11, 2012. Committee is to report at 5:30 PM.

9. Consent Agenda

Items removed for separate action; 9.4.3, 9.4.4

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Roy Twining to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.4.3, 9.4.4.

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.1 Approve Addition to Substitute List

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

1. Debbie Kozlowski, Nicholson, PA – Maintenance/Custodian
2. Tammy Swetter, Clifford Township, PA - Paraprofessional and Study Hall/Cafeteria Monitor
3. Wayne Frederici, New Milford, PA – Bus Substitute

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.2 Amend Bus Contract

The motion is made to amend bus contract for Dan Anthony as a result purchasing a new bus. He went from a 2010 to a 2011 effective 9/23/2013.

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.3 Amend Bus Contract

The motion is made to amend bus contract for Linda Anthony as a result purchasing a new bus. She went from a 2001 to a 2010 effective 9/23/13.

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.4 Approve Field Trip Request

The motion is made to approve field trip requests for:

- 9.4.1 Karen Voigt, Charleene Martens and 10 students on Saturday, December 7, 2013 to attend the 2nd Annual Fall Quiz Bowl at Ithaca High School, Ithaca, New York. (Registration cost - \$130.00 – District vehicles to be scheduled)
- 9.4.2 Jamie Boerio and 9 Students (A Capella Choir) on Saturday, January 4, 2014 to perform the National Anthem at the Wilkes Barre-Scranton Penguins Hockey Game at Mohegan Sun Arena, Willkes Barre, PA. (Parents will provide transportation – Registration \$187.00 paid from the activity fund – no cost to the district)

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.5 Approve Conference Request

The motion is made to approve conference requests for:

- 9.5.1** Katie Naegele on Monday, November 25, 2013 to attend Assistive Technology – in the IEP, at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$85.00)
- 9.5.2** Maureen Beamish on Wednesday, October 3, 2013, November 20, 2013, December 18, 2013, February 26, 2014, March 19, 2014, and May 21, 2014 to attend Reading Recovery – on-going professional development at Mountain View Elementary School. (No cost to the district)
- 9.5.3** Diane Supancik, Kelly Richmond, Sheri Ransom, and Gail Wnorowski on Friday, December 6, 2013 to attend Transition Academy at NEIU 29, Archbald. (Substitute Cost – \$170.00, District vehicle to be scheduled)
- 9.5.4** Kelly Richmond, Diane Supancik, Sheri Ransom, and Gail Wnorowski on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, December 11, 2013, January 8, 2014, January 22, 2014, March 5, 2014, March 19, 2014, and April 30, 2014 to attend PATTAN: Effective Practices for Secondary Transition at NEIU 19 Archbald. (Substitute Cost - \$85.00) – (Received Late and incomplete)
- 9.5.5** Diane Supancik and Sheri Ransom on Monday, December 16, 2013 to attend Creating Strong Systems for Special Education – Program Landscape , Monday, January 13, 2014 to attend Creating Strong Systems for Special Education – Academic Achievement, Monday, February 10, 2014 to attend Creating Strong Systems for Special Education – Nonacademic Barriers, Monday, March 17, 2014 to attend Creating Strong Systems for Special Education – Seamless Transitions, Monday, April 14, 2014 to attend Creating Strong Systems for special Education – Engaging Families, and Friday May 16, 2014 to attend Creating Strong Systems for Special Education – Compliance Areas. These are webinars to be held in the board room. (Substitute Cost - \$255.00 if needed)

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.6 Approve Sterling Act Credit

The motion was made to approve the Certification of the Sterling Act Tax Credit for calendar year 2011 in the amount of \$1,243.30.

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.7 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made to approve the following volunteer for the 2013-2014 school year pending receipt of all documentation:

9.7.1.1 Ray Mitchell, Kingsley, PA for Boy's & Girl's Track & Field

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.8 Accept Donation

The motion is made to accept the donation of a coach bus from J W Transit for the Girl's soccer team to travel to Wallenpaupack High School on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 from John Wansacz - \$650.00.

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

9.9 Accept donation

The motion is made to accept the donation of \$450.00 from Aston White, Clarks Summit, PA to provide a fan bus for Saturday's Boy's soccer game.

Resolution 77 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (6 Yes, 3 Absent)

Items removed for separate action

9.4 Approve Field Trip Request

The motion is made Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following field trips:

9.4.3 Kelly Richmond, Brenda Sinkovich, Sheri Ransom, Chantel Kraft, Maggie Ritter, Molly Virbitsky, Melissa Berish and 20 Students on Thursday, November 21, 2013 for Feed a Friend at the Montrose Trehab office. (Transportation cost \$132.56, Substitute cost \$85.00 – Total cost to the District \$217.56)

9.4.4 Sheri Ransom and 2 students on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 to attend Studio B, Forest City, PA to participate in yoga class and discuss with instructor job descriptions. (Transportation cost - \$50.40)

Resolution 78 – Motion Carried (5 Yes, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained.

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

- Mrs. Shea reported the craft fair was well attended
- The boys soccer team won on Saturday and will play on Tuesday. If they win on Tuesday there will be a 1 o'clock dismissal on Friday.
- Director of Special Services will start on Monday

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski – Nothing to Report**10.3 Principal's Comments****Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly**

- Mrs. Kelly reported that report cards went home Friday. She thanked Mr. Presley and the I.T. Department for their help.
- The Ag Lab was here last week and was enjoyed by the students.
- The PTO Craft Fair was well attended.
- Veterans Program was well done and powerful

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Mr. Presley reported report cards went home Friday
- Parent Conferences are scheduled for this Thursday
- Softball Proposal was presented and discussed
- Wrestling Update – there are about 20 students interested in wrestling. Mostly Junior High students, some Varsity. The booster club is in the process of getting new mats.

- Tournament Play – Mr. Presley questioned why the Board stopped tournament play. This led to a lengthy discussion. The consensus was more data was needed for Board to make a decision. Mr. Presley is to provide more exact data on the tournaments. Where the tournaments would be held and the cost for each sport.
- He congratulated the girls soccer team on a great season and the boys soccer team will play Tuesday in the semifinal soccer match at 7:00 PM
- He thanked Lenox Dairy Bar and Lenox Propane for their donations towards the fan bus for Tuesday night.
- The high school had a Veteran's program as well on Monday afternoon.
- The Olweus club will be selling the Save around Coupon Booklet again this year. Last year they earned approximately \$4,000.00.

Mr. Stoddard asked if there was a Junior High Wrestling coach. He also asked about the time constraints on the Softball proposal. Didn't the same time constraints apply to girls as it did the boys? Why wasn't this presented at the same time?

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

- Mrs. Voigt reported the Young Scholars competed at Scranton Prep a couple of weeks ago. It was good experience for them. They finished in the middle.
- Mrs. Kelsey took some students to compete in Women of Science (engineering) on Friday
- The PTO held a meeting at 3:30 PM and it was well attended.
- On Friday, Melody Haley held Epi-pen training for the bus, car and van drivers
- Career Fair was held for the 7th & 8th graders
- The high school teachers would like to revive the science fair
- At the upcoming parent-teachers conferences they will be pitching the 21st Century after School Program.
- There will be a meeting on Monday on Hybrid Learning
- The curriculum for 7th & 8th grade Reading should be ready for the next Board meeting. The Social Studies curriculum should be ready shortly.

10.5 Director of Special Services –

New Business from Board Members – Mrs. Stine wanted to thank the faculty and staff for their support and generous donation.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Danielle Scott, Kingsley, was upset there was a change in the elementary cafeteria. They are now selling ala carte items and lunch accounts are through the roof. Why were the parents not notified of the change? This will be looked into.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 11, 2013 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, November 11, 2013 after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, November 25, 2013, before and after the public meeting for personnel

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine second by Mrs. Aherne to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Secretary