

1. Opening Activities 1.1. Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on November 25, 2013 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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, Mr. Roy Twining, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

Absent

Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan

1.4. Administration Present

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

Absent

Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, Mrs. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW: Recognition for students and staff

Recognize Out Going Board Members – Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan and Mr. Elwood Williams was recognized for their service on the Board.

Girls Soccer Team: The Girls Soccer Team will be recognized at the next Board meeting as their banquet was tonight.

Boy Soccer Team: Roger Thomas, Coach, Joe Scanlon, Assistant Coach, Sophia Calamari, Manager, Samantha McWhirr, Manager, and Samantha Valentine, Manager

Andrew Adams, Edward Bognatz, Ezekiel Cross, Zebulun Cross, Aaron Freeman, Nathan Freeman, Jesse Gerfin, Marco Gonzalez-Moran, James Goodenough, Matthew Heller, Nicholas Jarrow, Matthew Lavin, Austin Mack, Keegan Mack, Jon Master, Zachary Pellew, Noah Pepper, Bobby Pfahl, Trystan Phillips, Dallas Pompey, Justin Rowe, Chad Schmidt, Colby Thomas, Jeffrey Virbitsky, James White.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – November 11, 2013

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Aherne, to approve the minutes dated November 11, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 79 – Motion carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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

1.7 7th & 8th Grade Reading Curriculum – Mrs. Voigt presented the reading curriculum for 7th & 8th grade. The vocabulary section is missing and will be presented later.

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 Mr. Stoddard, second by Mrs. Stine, to confirm payment of the October 2013 General Fund Bill List, Capital Reserve 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 \$2,495,809.98.

Resolution 80 – Motion carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

2.2 The motion is made by Mr. Stoddard, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the November 26, 2013 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$323,666.71.

Resolution 81 – Motion carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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 Review Policy 202 - Eligibility Non Resident Students

Dr. Plonski-Sezer read policy 202 Eligibility for Non Resident Students. Mr. Stoddard asked that the policy be amended to read termination would not take effect until the beginning of the following year. Mrs. Stine suggested that part time employees be eliminated.

5. Education Committee: Ellen Aherne, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the following field trip requests:

5.1.1 Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Tuesday, December 10, 2013, and Tuesday, December 13, 2013 to visit YMCA Greater Carbondale, Carbondale, PA for volunteer work. (Transportation Cost - \$160.56)

- 5.1.2 Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on Thursday, December 5, 2013, Thursday, and December 12, 2013 to visit Lenoxville community Hall – Senior Citizen Center, Lenoxville, PA for volunteer work. (Transportation Cost - \$65.44)
- 5.1.3 Sheri Ransom and 3 Students on Monday, December 9, 2013, and Monday, December 16, 2013 to visit Interfaith Mission, Montrose, Pa for volunteer work. (Transportation Cost – 83.12)
- 5.1.4 Kelly Richmond, Molly Virbitsky, Sherry Ransom, Melissa Berish, Chantel Kraft, and 22 Students on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 to go Christmas Caroling at Bailey Apartments, Meadowview Nursing Home, and Gracious Living Nursing Home. (Transportation Cost - \$255.20)
- 5.1.5 Michael Talabiska, Whitney Twining, and 40 Students on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 to participate in the North East Regional Science Olympiad at Penn State Campus, Wilkes Barre, PA. (Transportation Cost - \$251.38, Registration - \$450.00, Substitutes - \$170.00 – Total Cost \$871.38)

Resolution 82 – Motion carried – (7 Yes, 1, Abstain, 1 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained

6. Building and Site Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

Mr. Taylor presented an energy proposal to save money on the electric bill. After some discussion it was the consensus more information was needed. Mrs. Stine questioned why the doors were being propped open and the alarm not going off. This was an oversight and will be taken care of.

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

There was a meeting with the MVEA on November 20, 2013. The next scheduled meeting is 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

There was a meeting with the MVESPA on November 13, 2013 and November 18, 2013. The next scheduled meeting is December 11, 2013. Committee is to report at 5:30 PM.

9. Consent Agenda

The motion is made by Mr. Twining, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the consent agenda with the no exceptions of.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.1 Acknowledge Donation for Fan Buses

- 9.1.1 The motion is made to acknowledge donations towards fan buses for the recent boy's soccer playoff games from Barhite Excavating, Bingham's Restaurant,

Burning Bush Petroleum, Inc, Cameron Welding, Clifford Auto Center, Clifford Supply Inc., Endless Mountains Pharmacy, Lenox Dairy Bar, Lenox Propane, Pocono Transportation, and Wilder Diamond Blades.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made to approve the following field trips:

- 9.2.1** Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Brenda Sinkovich and 30 Students on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 to visit Gino Merli Veteran's Center and Allied Rehab Hospital for Christmas Caroling and Christmas Card Distribution. (Transportation Cost – \$210.00; Substitute Cost - \$170.00; Total Cost - \$380.00)
- 9.2.2** Pamela Ealo, Jaimie Himka, Deborah Pompey, Danielle Scott, Judy Bell, Robyn O'Brien, Ann Marie Ford, and 13 Students on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 to attend Operation Santa Claus at Tobyhanna Army Depot. (Transportation Cost – \$490.64)

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.3 Approve Deletion of Certification

The motion is made to approve the deletion of Kristen Hogan-Smith's Special Education Certification.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.4 Appoint Junior High Wrestling Coach

The motion is made to appoint Chaz Ross, Clifford Township, PA as Junior High Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year, pending receipt of all documentation.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.5 Approve Start Date for Director of Special Services

The motion is made to approve November 18, 2013 as the start date for Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.6 Approve Establishing an Activity Account

The motion is made to approve establishing Class of 2016 Student Activity Account.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.7 Approve Start Date of Elementary Cafeteria Monitor

The motion is made to approve November 19, 2013 as the start date for Danielle Webster, elementary cafeteria monitor.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.8 Approve Addition to Substitute List

The motion is made to add Debra Kozlowski, Nicholson, PA to the Cafeteria and Elementary/High School Hall/Cafeteria Monitor substitute lists.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.9 Acknowledge Donation for Elementary Play

The motion is made to acknowledge a donation from DTE Energy to be used towards the Elementary school play.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.10 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made to approve Shaun Pellew as a volunteer for the Boys Junior High Basketball team.

Resolution 83 – Motion carried under the consent agenda – (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1. Administration

10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea

Mrs. Shea recognized Dr. Elaine Chichura and Mrs. Voigt for applying and receiving a \$10,000.00 Keys to Financial Success Grant. She also thanked the drama club for moving the play to accommodate the soccer game.

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

Mr. Patchcoski received notice the PSERS rate for 2014-2015 would increase from 16.93% to 21.40%.

Mr. Stoddard asked where we were with the budget. If we are to apply for an exception we need the numbers.

10.3 Principal's Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Kelly was not present.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

Mrs. Shea reported for Mr. Presley they had met with Mr. Gregory from Lackawanna College on a dual enrollment agreement. Classes would be taught at Mountain View, parents would be charged \$100.00 a credit and the student would receive credit for the course at Mountain View as well a receive college credit. It must be made clear to the parents the credits may not be accepted at another college.

Mr. Presley's comparison on tournaments will be discussed further when Mr. Presley is in attendance to answer questions.

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

Mrs. Voigt said the scholastic team placed 3rd at the WVIA competition and will be recognized at the NEIU dinner. They will also be competing in Ithaca, New York. The Literature Keystone Exams will be given on December 3rd & 4th. She is also applying for a school safety grant.

10.5 Director of Special Services – Ms. Wnorowski was not present.

New Business from Board Members

Dr. Plonski-Sezer made a donation to purchase a keyboard in memory of Mr. Hendrick Marr.

Mr. Williams commented on the art work, done by the third grade that is hanging in the board room.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Melinda Darrow asked for clarification on the donation by Dr. Plonski-Sezer. She also acknowledged that Mountain View finished in 1st place in the can sculpture. The sculpture represented Duck Dynasty. It was sponsored by Trehab for Feed-A-Friend.

Mrs. Voigt said the elementary also participated in Feed-A-Friend. When students brought in can goods they got a ticket. They then had a chance to have their ticket drawn to participate having a teacher receive a pie in the face.

Mr. Richmond asked about the bomb threat at the elementary school. Is there a policy in place for terroristic threats?

Mr. Stoddard said he had received a phone call from Bidy Basketball as to why insurance was required.

There was a break from 8:40 to 8:55 to review the policy. It was determined that outside groups are required to provide a certificate of insurance Mr. Richmond and Mr. Paschuk coach a travel team and only charge the participants a small fee. It would require them to go back to the parents and collect additional money.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 11, 2013 from 9:20 PM to 9:45 PM for Personnel.
- Monday, November 25, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Personnel.

SCHEDULED:

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

Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Sine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Makosky
Secretary