

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 14, 2013 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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. Stephen Kilmer, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Mr. Roy Twining, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

Absent

Mr. Michael Barhite

1.4. Administration Present

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; 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

2013 Retirees:

Elizabeth Bennett – 37 years, Robert Fisher – 29 years, Ronald Gardoski – 32 years, Mary Harrison – 31 years, Laurie Rood – 35 years, Constance Schulte – 13 years, Cynthia Singer – 24 years, and Sue Ann Wildrick – 25 years

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – September 23, 2013 & September 30, 2013.

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Twining, to approve the minutes dated September 23, 2013 & September 30, 2013 as presented.

Resolution 48 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

1.6 High School Language Arts Curriculum – Mrs. Voigt presented the 7 through 12 Language Arts Curriculum for discussion. Mr. Stoddard questioned where in the curriculum it teaches grammar, diagramming sentences, parts of speech. If you don't teach the language how can you expect them to be able to write? Dr. Plonski-Sezer asked why they all look the same. At the next meeting Mrs. Kile is to be present to present the electives for language arts and will address these questions.**1.7 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 October 14, 2013 General Fund bill list in the amount of \$61,505.74.

Resolution 49 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

- 2.2** The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to award the qualified bid for fuel oil for the 2013-2014 school year to Mirabito Fuel Group, Binghamton, New York in the amount of \$3.1988 per gallon

Resolution 50 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

- 2.3** The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to award the low qualified bid for wood chips for the 2013-2014 school year to RGM Hardwoods, Inc, Moscow, PA in the amount of \$40.00 per ton.

Resolution 51 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

- 2.4** The motion is made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, second by Mrs. Stine, to award the low qualified bid for snow removal for the 2013-2014 school year to Mike Daniels Construction, Kingsley, PA in the amount of \$76.00 an hour.

Resolution 52 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer

- 3.1** The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to appoint AnnMarie Ford Clifford, PA as a fulltime paraprofessional effective October 15, 2013 at a rate of \$7.85 an hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA.

Resolution 53 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

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

- 5.1** The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan to approve conference request for Whitney Twining, Erin Rupp, & Rebekah Ihlefeltdt on Friday, November 1, 2013 to attend AP Chemistry, Biology, & General AP Information workshop in Radnor, Pa. (Transportation cost \$160.00, Registration cost \$430.00, and Substitute cost \$255.00 – Total cost \$845.00)

Resolution 54 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 1, Abstained, 1 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained

- 5.2** The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve conference request for Jamie Janesky, Brandi Miller, Jenny Keating, & Jamie Esgro on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 to attend Asset Content Enrichment, Bloomsburg, PA. (No cost to the District – paid by Asset i3 Grant)

Resolution 55 – Motion Carried (7 Yes, 1, Abstained, 1 Absent) Mrs. Stine Abstained

- 5.3** The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve field trip request for Michael Talabiska, Whitney Twining & 50 Students on Friday, October 25, 2013 to attend the Envirothon fall Event, at Salt Springs State Park and Wednesday, May 7, 2014 (tentative) to attend County Envirothon Competition at Camp Archbald. (Transportation Cost - \$322.60, Substitute Cost - \$340.00 – Total Cost - \$662.60)

Resolution 56 – Motion Carried (6 Yes, 2, Abstained, 1 Absent) Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan and Mr. Twining Abstained

6. Building and Site Committee: Roy Twining, Chairperson

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

Mr. Taylor reported the upgrade to the elementary building has been completed and tested. The high school should be completed by the end of the month.

He also reported that the fuel tank needs to be pumped out and have the sludge removed. It is causing problems in the operation.

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

A meeting was held on September 24, 2013. The next meeting with the MVEA is scheduled for October 22, 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

There was a meeting held on October 3, 2013. The next scheduled meeting with the MVESPA is October 16, 2013 and October 24, 2013 at 6:00PM. Committee to report at 5:30 PM.

9. Consent Agenda

Items removed for separate action; 9.5 9.9

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine to approve the consent agenda with the exceptions of 9.5 and 9.9.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.1 – Approve Addition to the Substitute List

The motion is made to approve the following substitutes, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Matthew Casey, Dunmore, Certified in Secondary English
2. Jacklyn Bewick, Newfoundland, Pa, Certified in Secondary English
3. Jennifer Zech, Hop Bottom, PA for clerical
4. Sarah Anna Yeust, Tunkhannock, PA Certified 7 through 12 Mathematics
5. Lisa Ingaglio, Hop Bottom, PA for clerical, cafeteria, and monitor.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.2 – Approve Start Date

The motion is made to approve start date for Geraldine Pinker as September 24, 2013.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.3 – Approve Culture Shock Curriculum

The motion is made to approve the Culture Shock Curriculum as presented.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.4 – Approve Conference Request

The motion is made to approve the following conference requests:

- Lori Cobb and Judy Wech on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 to attend the Data Quality Network Meeting at NEIU 19, Archbald. (District vehicle to be scheduled.)
- Allison Martino, Donna Porter, Jamie White, Diana Slick, and Carole Heir-Rainey on Monday, October 21, 2013 and 3 additional days, one in December, February or March, and May to attend the Endless Mountains Counselor Association Meetings at Green Gables Restaurant, New Milford, PA. (No cost to the District)
- Jacqueline Ferenczi on Friday, November 1, 2013 to attend ASSET Module Training – Magnetism & Electricity, at Malvern, PA. (No cost to the District – paid by Asset i3 Grant)
- Kristy Moher, Melissa Wasko, Jacqueline Ferenczi, MaryAnn Tranovich, Katherine Holzman, & Patricia Brown on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 to attend Science Content Enrichment – Energy, Force, & Motion, at Malvern, PA. Jacqueline Ferenczi on Friday, November 1, 2013 to attend ASSET Module Training – Magnetism & Electricity, at Malvern, PA. (No cost to the District – paid by Asset i3 Grant)
- Tracy Bazil, Kristen Hogan-Smith, Anne Bode, Deborah Earley, John Arnold, & Janet Karhnak on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 to attend Science Content Enrichment – Energy, Force, & Motion, at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA. (No cost to the District – paid by Asset i3 Grant)
- Karen Krizauskas & Marilyn Jackson on Tuesday, November 12 to attend Asset Content Enrichment at Malvern, PA. (No cost to the District – paid by Asset i3 Grant)

- Jenifer Pliska & Laurie Barlow on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 to attend Asset Content Enrichment, State College, PA. (No cost to the District – paid by Asset i3 Grant)
- Scott Fisher, On Wednesday, October 23, 2013 and Thursday October 24, 2013 to attend Asset Content Enrichment & Coaching, State College, PA. (No cost to the District – paid by Asset i3 Grant)

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.5 – Approve Field Trips

The motion is made to approve the following field trip requests:

- a) Andrea Aten, Abigail Fitzpatrick & 10 MVSGA Students on Thursday, November 14, 2013, Friday, November 15, 2013 and Saturday, November 16, 2013 to attend PASC 2013 State Conference at Boyertown Area High School, Boyertown, PA. (Cost paid by student government – Registration - \$1,380.00 and Transportation - \$360.00. Cost paid by the District – Lodging - \$170.00 & Substitutes - \$340.00 – Total Cost \$510.00)
- b) Charleene Martens & 4 students On Wednesday, October 16, 2013 to attend WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage, at WVIA Studio, Pittston, PA. (Substitute cost - \$85.00. District vehicle has been scheduled)
- c) Charleene Martens, Karen Voigt & 5 students on Saturday, November 2, 2013 to attend Young Scholars, at Scranton Prep, Scranton, PA. (District Vehicle to be scheduled)
- d) Corrine McNabb, 1 teacher & 13 students on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 to attend Young Authors and Keystone College, LaPlume, PA. (Transportation cost - \$162.48, Substitute cost - \$170.00. Total cost - \$332.48 – Registration & lunch paid by the students)
- e) Charleene Martens & 5 students on Friday, November 22, 2013, to attend Scholastic Bowl, at the Radisson, Scranton, PA. (Substitute cost - \$85.00 – District vehicle to be scheduled)
- f) Robert Presley, Karen Voigt, George Barbolish, Andrea Aten, Anthony Borgia, Kevin Reuss, & Charleene Martens on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 to attend League of Women Voters – Government Day at Blue Ridge High School. (Transportation cost - \$280.16, Substitute Teacher - \$127.50 – Total cost - \$397.66)
- g) Sheri Ransom and 2 students on Monday, October 21, 2013 and Monday, October 28, 2013 to volunteer in community services at Interfaith Mission, Montrose, PA. (Transportation cost - \$83.12)
- h) Sheri ransom and 2 students on Thursday, October 24, 2013 to volunteer at the Lenoxville Community Hall, Lenoxville, Pa. (Transportation cost – 29.60)

Removed for separate action

9.6 – Approve After School Tutoring Program

The motion is made to approve an after school special education tutoring program for the 2013-2014 school year, to begin the Week of October 21, 2013, for two (2) hours a day on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday. No transportation required. Funds are to be paid from Medical Access.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.7 – Approve Long Term Substitutes

The motion is made to approve the following long term substitutes:

- George Paterno, retro to October 7, 2013 for serving in the same elementary position for 30 consecutive days. Per Diem rate is increased to \$160.00.
- Jonathon Rogan, retro to October 7, 2013 for serving in the same high school position for 30 consecutive days. Per Diem rate is increased to \$160.00.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.8 – Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made to accept the letter of resignation from Raymond Westgate from his full-time maintenance/custodian position effective October 8, 2013.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.9 – Appoint Supplemental Position

The motion is made to appoint the following supplemental positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

1. Whitney Twining as Intramural 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Coach
2. Jamie Boerio as Fine Arts Department Head

Removed for separate action.

9.10 – Approve Graduation Project Handbook Revisions

The motion is made to approve the Graduation Project Handbook for the 2013-2014 school year as presented.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.11 – Approve 21st Century Community Learning Centers after School Program.

The motion is made to approve the 21st Century Community Learning Center after School Program to begin the week of October 21, 2013, (Monday through Thursday from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.). All costs paid by the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, through the NEIU.

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.12 – Approve Teachers for After School Tutoring Program

The motion is made to approve the following teachers for the after school tutoring program for the 2013-2014 school year:

1. Megan Clough
2. Patricia Dietrich
3. Diane Supancik

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.13 – Approve Teachers for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers after School Program

The motion is made to approve the following teachers for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program for the 2013-2014 school year:

- a) Megan Clough
- b) Patricia Dietrich
- c) Rebecca Giordano
- d) Brenda Sinkovich
- e) Diane Supancik
- f) MaryAnn Tranovich
- g) Jacqueline Ferenczi
- h) Jenny Keating
- i) Jamie Esagro

Resolution 57 – Motion Carried Under the Consent Agenda (8 Yes, 1 Absent)

9.5 – Approve Field Trips

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne to approve the following field trip requests as amended:

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- d) George Barbolish, Andrea Aten, Anthony Borgia, Kevin Reuss, Charleene Martens, and the senior class on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 to attend League of Women Voters – Government Day at Blue Ridge High School. (Transportation cost - \$280.16, Substitute Teacher - \$127.50 – Total cost - \$397.66)
- e) Sheri Ransom and 2 students on Monday, October 21, 2013 and Monday, October 28, 2013 to volunteer in community services at Interfaith Mission, Montrose, PA. (Transportation cost - \$83.12)
- f) Sheri ransom and 2 students on Thursday, October 24, 2013 to volunteer at the Lenoxville Community Hall, Lenoxville, Pa. (Transportation cost – 29.60)

Resolution 58 – Motion carried – (7 Yes, 1 Abstained, 1 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained

9.9 – Appoint Supplemental Position

The motion is made by Mr. Kilmer, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to appoint the following supplemental positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

1. Whitney Twining as Intramural 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Coach
2. Jamie Boerio as Fine Arts Department Head

Resolution 59 –Motion carried – (7 Yes, 1 Abstained, 1 Absent) Mr. Twining Abstained

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

Mrs. Shea acknowledged Mrs. Voigt and Mr. Presley for helping out due to shortages in help. She also thanked Mr. Patchcoski and the business office staff for stepping up as well. President concurred with Mrs. Shea's comments.

10.2 Business Manager – Mr. Joseph Patchcoski

Mr. Patchcoski said Meal Magic is working well. He indicated if the government shut down continued that monies could be held up.

10.3 Principal's Comments**Elementary Principal – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

Mrs. Voigt updated the Board on various activities at the elementary school.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

Mr. Presley updated the Board on various activities at the high school. Mr. Stoddard questioned how things were working out with Mr. Barbolish. (Very Well) When questioned if it was allowing Mr. Presley to do his work he indicated is busy helping Mrs. Wech with Sapphire and the PIMS reports.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan questioned how many juniors were being remediated (11). She asked if this was a PDE mandate that all students score proficient? (It is the school district that decides when to take the Keystone exams)

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

10.4.1 – SPP – Mrs. Voigt mentioned the School Performance Profile. However she has not had the opportunity to analyze the results. 70 in passing and the Elementary School scored 70.3 and the High School scored 71.1.

10.5 Director of Special Services

New Business from Board Members – Mrs. Makosky asked to meet with the Board following the meeting.

Second Hearing of Visitors – Ronnie Thomas mentioned the in-service on Friday was one of the best she has attended.

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

HELD:

- Monday, October 14, 2013 – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 14, 2013, after the public meeting for personnel
- Monday, October 28, 2013, before and after the public meeting for personnel

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mr. Twining to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Makosky
Board Secretary