

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

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 9, 2013 in the James W Zick Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan Mr. Roy Twining, and Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary, Non-Member.

**1.4. Administration Present**

Mrs. Francine Shea, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Patchcoski, Business Manager; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal, and 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**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – August 26, 2013**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Aherne, to approve the minutes dated August 26, 2013 as corrected.

Resolution 25 – Motion carried (8 Yes, 1 Abstained) Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan abstained.

**1.6 PRE-K Presentation – Karen Voigt & Cheryl Decker spoke about the Pre-K program and are grateful for the program.****1.7 Psychology Curriculum – Karen Voigt introduced Darin Bain who spoke about the psychology curriculum.**

Mr. Presley asked the Board for permission to eliminate the research paper connected to the graduation project. Mr. Bain explained how the project, in most cases, change as the student begins to work on it and is no longer linked to the paper. There will still be a research paper done in 10<sup>th</sup> grade but will not be in conjunction with the graduation project. It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Presley to proceed to revise the graduation handbook and present it to the Board for approval on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**1.8 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda.**

Jane Mack, Brooklyn Township expressed concerns with the dress and grooming policy. Will it be read at the second reading? She questioned how this came up, who came up with the changes

and why? Why can't T-Shirts or turtlenecks be worn? She also asked for an explanation of what a school sponsored activity is under the electronic device policy to be read.

Joy Bognatz asked when the policy would become effective.

**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 September 9, 2013 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$103,972.79.

Resolution 26 – Motion carried (9 yes)

**3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Christine Plonski-Sezer

**3.1 Motion to Appoint Fulltime Custodian/Maintenance**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to appoint Mary Weaver, Susquehanna, PA as a fulltime custodian/maintenance employee, effective day to be determined, pending receipt of all documentation at a rate of \$8.90 per hour and benefits according to the MVESPA CBA.

Resolution 27 – Motion Carried – (9 Yes)

**4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**

Committee Members: Stephen Kilmer, Michael Barhite

- A. Second reading of policy # 221 – Dress & Grooming – Pupils Section  
Dr. Plonski-Sezer read policy #221 – Dress & Grooming. Mr. Presley said it was a combination of several school districts policies. It was suggested that it be implemented at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Mack felt T-Shirts and turtlenecks should be allowed. Veronica Thomas, Lenox Township hopes we notify the parents in writing as to what the changes are going to be. Danielle Scott, Kingsley questioned why gym shorts are not allowed. It is the hope with the change in the dress & grooming policy that this will cut down on discipline issues. Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan stated that whatever we pass should be enforced for the professional staff as well. We should lead by example.
- B. Second reading of policy # 237 – Electronic Devices – Pupils Section – Dr. Plonski-Sezer read policy #237 – Electronic Devices. School sponsored activities are activities held during the day, not after school activities. This will be changed in the policy.

**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 the alarm system is being tested this weekend. The cameras are up and online. The wiring at the high school is being done during the second shift and should be completed this week

**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

Meetings are scheduled for 6:00 PM September 16<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>. 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

Tentative meetings dates have been scheduled for 6:00 PM on September 17<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Committee to report at 5:30 PM

**9. Consent Agenda**

**Items removed for separate action;** \_\_\_\_\_

The motion is made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to approve the consent agenda with no exceptions.

Resolution 28 – Motion carried (9 Yes)

**9.1 Approve Volunteers**

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

1. Kate Sekely, Hop Bottom, PA – Jr. High Soccer Volunteer
2. Molly Virbitsky, Clifford Township, PA – Soccer Volunteer
3. Robert Gray Jr, Hop Bottom, PA – Cross Country, Track& Field, Volleyball, & Dances
4. Stephanie Gray, Hop Bottom, PA - Cross Country, Track& Field, Volleyball, & Dances

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

**9.2 Approve Supplemental Salary Request**

The motion is made to approve Maureen Beamish as Mentor – 20 hours.

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

**9.3 Approve Start Date**

The motion is made to approve the start date for Kevin Haugland as August 30, 2013.

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

#### **9.4 Approve Library Curriculum**

The motion is made to approve the Library K-12 Curriculum as presented.

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

#### **9.5 Approve Substitutes:**

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

1. Courtney Leaidicker, Kingsley, PA as K-12 Special Education Teacher
2. Jennifer Johnson, Kingsley, PA as a clerical substitute

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

#### **9.6 Approve Conference Request**

The motion is made to approve the following conference requests:

- a) Rebecca Giordano on Friday, September 20, 2013 to attend the Nonviolent Crises Intervention (CPI) Refresher at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute Cost \$85.00).
- b) Corrine McNabb and Peter Regeski on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, Thursday, January 23, 2013 and Thursday, April 10, 2013 to attend Gifted Network & GIEP Writing Meeting at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Total Cost to District - \$510.00 for substitutes).
- c) Leslie Gossage on Thursday, September 26, 2013 and Tuesday, October 22, 2013 to attend LETRS for Educators of Young Children at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Cost for registration \$48.00 – paid from Title II-A).
- d) Leslie Gossage on Friday, October 18, 2013, Saturday, October 19, 2013, and Sunday, October 20, 2013 to attend iRead: Literacy in an iWorld (Keystone State Reading Association) at Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA. (Transportation \$175.15, Lodging \$220.00, and Registration \$225.00 – Total Cost \$620.15 – paid from Title II-A)
- e) Katherine Holzman on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 to attend Effective Frachon Instruction in the Common Core, at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$85.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT funds)
- f) Carole Heier-Rainey & Allison Martino on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to attend 339 planning for school counselors at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (No cost to the District)
- g) Donna Porter and Jamie White on Thursday, September 26, 2013 to attend Engaging High School Students in Olweus Class Meeting at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (No Cost to the District)
- h) Jenny Keating and Jamie Esagro on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to attend ASSET – Module Training Changes at Penn State Great Valley, Malvern, PA. (Substitute Cost - \$340.00 – reimbursed by ASSET i3 grant)
- i) Abigail Fitzpatrick, on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy – Grade 8 at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)

- j) Susan Gesford and Rebekah Ihlefeldt on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$320.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- k) Christopher Robinson on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy – Grade 7 at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- l) Jenifer Pliska on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- m) Kristen Hogan-Smith on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- n) Jamie Esgro on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- o) Melissa Wasko on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- p) JoAnn Voda on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- q) Katherine Holzman on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)
- r) Mary Ann Tranovich on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to attend Common Core Math Academy at NEIU 19, Archbald. (Substitute \$160.00 – reimbursed by NEIU RTTT Funds)

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

#### **9.7 Approve Car/Van Substitute:**

The motion is made to approve the following car/van substitute pending receipt of all documentation:

- Linda Williams, Springville, Pa

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

#### **9.8 Accept Grant from the Giana Foundation**

The motion is made to accept the \$2,500.00 grant from the Giana Foundation.

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

#### **9.9 Authorize Advertising for Wrestling Program – (Attachment FYI-5)**

The motion is made to authorize advertising for Varsity Wrestling Head Coach, Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach, and Junior High Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

**9.10 Approve Instruction in the Home**

The motion is made to approve instruction in the Home for student #14043 with an ending date to be determined.

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

**9.11 Approve Bus Substitutes**

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

- a) Clarence Cole, Madison Township, PA
- b) June Cole, Madison Township, PA
- c) Peter Pennay, Moscow, Pa
- d) Brian Cole, Madison Township, PA

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

**9.12 Approve CBLE Field Trip Requests**

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

1. Sheri Ransom, Jaimie Himka, and 3 students on Friday, September 13, 2013 to visit the Carbondale Library, Carbondale, PA. (District vehicle has been scheduled) No other cost to the District.
2. Sheri Ransom, Jaimie Himka, and 3 students on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 to visit the Montrose Library, Montrose, PA. (District vehicle has been scheduled) No other cost to the District
3. Sheri Ransom, Jaimie Himka, and 3 students on Thursday, September 19, 2013 to visit the Montrose Department of Motor Vehicles, Montrose, PA. (District vehicle has been scheduled) No other cost to the District.
4. Kelly Richmond, Jaimie Himka, Sheri Ransom, Chantel Kraft, Maggie Ritter, and 8 students on Monday, September 23, 2013 for Strategies for Life. They will visit Walmart, Wegmen's Sam's Club, AC Moore, Tricchilo's to shop for fundraiser and have lunch out. (District vehicles have been scheduled and 1 car contractor to be scheduled – Total cost \$173.60)

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

**9.13 Approve Field Trip Requests**

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

1. Molly Virbitsky, Melissa Berish, and 2 students, on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>, January 6<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 19<sup>th</sup> to go to Rob's Market, Great Bend to grocery shop. This will help implement appropriate social skills. (Total transportation costs \$240.00)
2. Corrine McNabb or Peter Regeski, and 3 students on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> to attend NASA STEM Program 2013-2014 at NEIU 19, Archbald, PA. (District Vehicle to be scheduled – Total substitute cost - \$340.00)

Resolution 28 – Motion carried under the consent agenda (9 Yes)

## **10. Administration**

**10.1 Superintendent's Comments – Mrs. Francine Shea** reported interviews for the special education director and elementary principal will be held Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. She has also sent out invitations to join a legacy committee for MVSD staff or alumni. Flags will be hung on the light poles in recognition. We are continuing with the Sapphire training. The transition is going fairly well. Meal Magic transition is going very well.

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

### **10.3 Principal's Comments**

**Elementary Principal –**

**High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley** updated the Board on various up coming activities at the high school.

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

- Northeast Online Learning Academy – Fall 2013 – There are about 20 students participating this fall.
- PIMS Update – Data Quality Engine – Data will be reviewed here before final submission.
- Elementary – PBIS Update – The bus drivers are giving thumbs up for good behavior on the bus. This is displayed in the elementary lobby.
- She noted there will be a conference on September 19<sup>th</sup> to be approved on the agenda for September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She was just making the Board aware of it and asked permission for attendance prior to approval. Permission granted.

### **10.5 Director of Special Services –**

**New Business from Board Members** – Mr. Williams stated it was a tough summer and thanked everyone for their hard work.

**Second Hearing of Visitors** – Mrs. Mack, Brooklyn Township noted that when you make a change, like shortening the lunch periods, you should make sure everyone received a lunch. On the first day several students did not get lunch. She was just calling it to their attention as she realizes nothing can be done about it at this time.

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, August 26, 2013 9:15 PM to 10:40 PM, for personnel
- Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 6:00 PM to 9:35 PM, for personnel
- Monday, September 9, 2013, 6:00 PM to 6:55 PM, for personnel

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, September 9, 2013 after the public meeting for personnel
- Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 5:30 for personnel
- Monday, September 23, 2013, before and after the public meeting for personnel

**11. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mrs. Aherne, second by Mrs. Stine to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Makosky  
Secretary