

The regular public meeting of the Mountain View School District Board of Education was held this date in the board room at the elementary school. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M., by president, Mr. James Zick.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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| P- Mr. James W. Zick, President                   | P- Mr. Kevin M. Griffiths                        |
| P- Dr. Todd L. Adams, 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.        | P- Mrs. Sondra E. Stine                          |
| P- Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P. | P- Mr. Thomas Stoddard                           |
| P- Mrs. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer        | P- Mr. Roy Twining                               |
| P- Mrs. Ellen B. Aherne                           | P- Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary<br>(Non-Member) |

**ADMINISTRATION**

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| P- Dr. Andrew Chichura, Superintendent                  | P- Mr. Andrew Doster, Jr. /Sr. High School Principal                          |
| V- Vacant, Business Manager                             | P- Mr. Robert Presley - Elementary School Principal                           |
| A- Mrs. Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager         | P- Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum &<br>Instruction/Federal Programs |
| P- Mrs. Susan Pipitone, Director of Special<br>Services |   |

Mr. Zick acknowledged that some of the people attending the meeting were there because of the recent newspaper article. He said the Board is monitoring the situation. The Board will take no questions or make any comments.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Aherne, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011, and the January 9, 2012, public meetings as presented. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #182 (9 yes)

**TREASURER REPORT AND CAFETERIA REPORT:** Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer, reported as listed. Accepted as presented.

**FIRST HEARING OF VISITORS -** None

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Dava Rinehart-Cowan  
Committee Members: Thomas Stoddard, Ellen Aherne

**DISBURSEMENT CONFIRMATION/RATIFICATION:** The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to confirm payment of the December 2012, General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Fund Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the total amount of **\$2,547,184.93**. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #183 (9 yes)

**APPROVE LIST OF BILLS:** The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the January 2012, General Fund Bill List, and Cafeteria Fund Bill List in the **total** amount of **\$176,285.79**. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #184 (9 yes)

Mr. Twining questioned all the tuition reimbursement checks and would like a copy to track. He also questioned if check number 22006261 to PSBA for policy maintenance was to keep the policy manual up to date. Is this an annual fee? Yes to both.

**APPROVE FUND TRANSFER AND BOND PAYMENT:** The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve the transfer of \$666,173.34 from the General Fund Cross Reference Code 52401 to the Debt Service Fund for the 2011-2012 school year and to authorize the expenditure in the amount of \$676,173.34 for February 1, 2012, bond payment for Bond Series of 2011. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #185 (9 yes)

**APPROVE PLANCON K FOR BOND REFINANCING:** The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve Plancon K for bond refinancing as presented. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #186 (9 yes)

Dr. Chichura said the paperwork will be submitted after February 1, 2012.

**AWARD COPY PAPER BID:** The motion was made by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve the copy paper bid for 2011-2012 to Contract Paper Group, Inc, of 1531 Boettler Road Ste E, Uniontown, OH in the amount of \$14,860.00, as presented. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #187 (9 yes)

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Sondra Stine  
Committee Members: Todd Adams, Roy Twining

**APPROVE VOLUNTEER(S):** The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to approve the following volunteers for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Sandra L. Davis, PO Box 66, Kingsley, PA - Elementary School
- Jennifer Housel, PO Box 5, Kingsley, PA – High School (Odyssey of the Mind)

Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #188 (9 yes)

**APPROVE LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE:** The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to approve Janice Benedict as a long term substitute, at a salary of \$160.00 per day, with benefits according to board policy, retroactive to January 3, 2012, as a result of her serving in the same high school position for more than 30 consecutive days. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #189 (9 yes)

**APPROVE RESIGNATION:** The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to approve the resignation of Abigail Barrett from Boys' Volleyball Coach position for the 2011-2012 school year. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #190 (9 yes)

**AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to authorize advertising for Boys' Volleyball Coach position for the 2011-2012 school year with applications due by February 10, 2012. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #191 (9 yes)

**APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY POSITIONS:** The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to approve Elizabeth Bennett and Brion Stone as Elementary Intramural Volleyball Coach (Boys and Girls), and Diane Congdon as assistant girls' soccer coach retroactively to the start of the year for the 2011-2012 school year. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #192 (9 yes)

**AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR ESPA POSITIONS:** The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan, to authorize advertising, following posting, for two ESPA contract positions (currently a 3-hour elementary cafeteria & a 5 ¼ hour high school cafeteria/study hall monitor) with applications due by February 10, 2012. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #193 (9 yes)

Dr. Chichura explained he is looking to advertise because if someone is transferred there is still a need to fill a vacancy.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Christine Plonski-Sezer  
Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Roy Twining

***SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS*** – No Report

### ***PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS***

Mr. Doster explained the changes made to the program of studies. He would like this approved at the February meeting.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan noted there are a lot of electives being offered. With 379 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students we don't have the population to fill the classes. We have 32 classes with 10 or less people and 48 classes with 14 or less.

Dr. Plonski-Sezer agrees. We have to look at course offerings. We need to concentrate on the core courses. She has concerns with so many electives.

Mr. Doster asked that the Board create a plan to move forward so he can proceed with the scheduling process.

Mr. Twining agrees this needs to be looked at but feels the Board can work together with the administration.

Monica Miller, Kingsley, asked how we compare with other districts. We are about the same with area schools.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan questioned how instruction time is calculated. Are study halls and resource periods included. This will be checked into.

Mr. Stoddard suggested the Board meet to discuss curriculum.

Mr. Presley had no report.

### ***FEDERAL PROGRAMS UPDATE***

Mrs. Voigt said we will be participating for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the FLAP grant. She has 17 students interested in Chinese. Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting the NEPA High School Challenge. Public is invited. It is from 9 to 3. Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> was the first strategic planning meeting. The next one is January 24<sup>th</sup>. She said Mid Valley is interested in implementing a full day kindergarten. They will be coming to Mountain View to see how ours is run.

Mrs. Pipitone had no report.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Todd Adams

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine

**APPROVE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE FOR TITLE II; i3 ASSET SCIENCE; AND READING RECOVERY:** The motion was made by Dr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve Conference attendance requests for:

- a. **Mary Harrison**, on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 5, 6, & 7, 2012, to attend the 2012 National Reading Recovery and K-6 Literacy Conference, Columbus, Ohio, with cost estimated at \$306.00 lodging, \$340.00 registration, (District car is scheduled) (i3-Reading Recovery Grant)
- b. **George Barbolish**, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 2, 3, & 4, 2012, to attend the National Art Education Conference, New York Hilton, New York City, with cost estimated at \$149.85 mileage, \$418.00 lodging, \$180.00 registration, \$85.00 substitute, (Title II) (District car/van not available)

Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #194 (8 yes, 1 no)

**APPROVE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:** The motion was made by Dr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve Conference attendance requests for:

- a. **Lisa Kozloski**, on Thursday and Friday, February 23 & 24, 2012, to attend National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, with cost estimated at \$15.00 tolls, \$184.00 lodging, \$249.00 registration, (District car is scheduled)

Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #195 (8 yes, 1 no)

**APPROVE FIELD TRIP ATTENDANCE:** The motion was made by Dr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve field trip attendance requests for:

- a. **Erin Rupp, Karen Voigt, (10 Students)**, on Saturday, March 3, 2012, to attend the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Kings College, Wilkes Barre, PA, with cost estimated at \$200.00 registration, (District vehicles are scheduled)
- b. **Karen Voigt, Charleene Martens, (5 Students)**, on Saturday, February 11, 2012, to attend the Brain Bee, University of Scranton, Brennan Hall, Scranton, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (District van is scheduled)
- c. **Robert Fisher, (40 students, 5 adults)**, on Thursday, April 26, 2012, to attend the Northeastern PA Philharmonic Young People Symphony performance, Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton, PA, with cost estimated at \$157.00 bus, \$231.00 registration,
- d. **Karen Voigt, Peter Regeski, (14 Students, 1 Parent)**, on Saturday, March 3, 2012, to attend the Odyssey of the Mind, Pocono Mountain West High School, with cost at \$100.00 registration,
- e. **Kelly Richmond, Karen Bolcavage, Debbie Andzulis, (6-7 Students)**, to attend Special Olympics Skiing, Elk Mountain Ski Resort, with cost estimated at \$190.60 mileage, (District Van is scheduled),
- f. **Charlene Olcese, (2 Senior Band Students)**, on Friday and Saturday, February 3 & 4, 2012, to attend the Marywood University Wind Band Celebration, Marywood University, Scranton, PA, with cost estimated at \$102.00 mileage, \$120.00 registration, \$85.00 substitute, (District Car is Scheduled),

Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #196 (9 yes)

**APPROVE PROJECT LEARNING TREE GRANT SUBMISSION:** The motion was made by Dr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve the submission of the Project Learning Tree Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the pollinator garden. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #197 (9 yes)

**APPROVE SCHOOL GARDEN GRANT SUBMISSION:** The motion was made by Dr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve the submission of the School Garden Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 sponsored by the Whole Kids Foundation. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #198 (9 yes)

### **BUILDING AND SITE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Roy Twining

Committee Members: Kevin Griffiths, Dava Rinehart-Cowan

**AUTHORIZE REPAIR/RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT FOR THREE AREAS OF HIGH SCHOOL ROOF:** The motion was made by Mr. Twining, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to authorize the administration to utilize the Pennsylvania Co-Stars to provide permanent repairs to the high school office roof, renovation for the high school gymnasium roof, and replacement for the high school metal shop storage area roof, as presented. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #199 (6 yes, 3 no)

Dr. Chichura said once specifications are received from Costars this will be presented to the Board for approval.

Mr. Twining said he is voting no as he feels we would be better served by using an architect. Mr. Griffiths and Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan agreed.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Kevin Griffiths

Committee Members: Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Todd Adams

**APPROVE VAN CONTRACT FOR TWO MONTHS FOR GENE TRANOVICH BUS COMPANY:** The motion was made by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve a van contract for two months for Gene Tranovich Bus Company as presented. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #200 (9 yes)

Corinna Kinney questioned why we were going for two months. Couldn't current drivers pick up these students. It was explained since applications are still being accepted Board action would not take place until the February meeting.

Mr. Griffiths questioned if all the paperwork is done would the car contractor be able to take over sooner. Yes. Mr. Griffiths noted our entire transportation needs to be looked at.

**APPROVE PARENT DRIVERS:** The motion was made by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve Keith and Cherith Marsh, PO Box 234, Kingsley, PA as parent drivers for the 2011-2012 school year at the current IRS rate, retroactive to January 11, 2012. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #201 (9 yes)

**APPROVE BUS SUBSTITUTE DRIVER:** The motion was made by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mrs. Stine, to approve James D. Galvin, 338 Polovitch Road, Nicholson, PA, as a bus substitute driver pending receipt of all documentation. Voting: Carried. Refer to Resolution #202 (9 yes)

### **LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Thomas Stoddard  
Committee Members: Ellen Aherne, Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Sondra Stine,  
Christine Plonski-Sezer-Alternate

Mr. Stoddard announced the Board would be having their first negotiations meeting with the MVEA on January 23, 2012.

### **NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Twining commended the community for getting involved with the strategic planning.

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan noted a conflict with an invitation to a dinner at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center and the next strategic planning meeting.

Dr. Chichura said there is a meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> on understanding and preparing for Marcellus Shale and how it will impact your school district.

### ***SECOND HEARING OF VISITORS***

Corinna Kinney, Hop Bottom, offered her help in straightening out transportation. She also wanted to make a statement on the recent article but was not allowed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Announcement by the Board President of executive sessions held and/or scheduled prior to the next meeting.

#### **HELD**

Monday, January 9, 2012, 6:30 P.M. to 7:08 P.M. – Personnel  
Monday, January 9, 2012, 8:45 P.M. to 11:15 P.M. – Personnel  
Monday, January 12, 2012, 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. – Personnel

#### **SCHEDULED**

Monday, January 16, 2012 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2012 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting  
Monday, February 20, 2012 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting

The next public work session will be February 13, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the boardroom at the elementary building.

The next voting session will be February 20, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the boardroom at the elementary building.

**ADJOURN:** The motion was made by Mrs. Stine to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Diane Makosky  
Secretary

	<u>Adams</u>	<u>Aherne</u>	<u>Griffiths</u>	<u>P-Sezer</u>	<u>R-Cowan</u>	<u>Stine</u>	<u>Stoddard</u>	<u>Twining</u>	<u>Zick</u>
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184.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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186.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
187.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
188.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
189.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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