

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 7:03 P.M., by president, Mr. James Zick.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

P- Mr. James W. Zick, President  
A- Mrs. Ellen B. Aherne, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.  
P- Mrs. Dava Rinehart-Cowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.  
A- Mrs. Gina Yarrish, Treasurer  
P- Dr. Todd L. Adams

A- Mr. Kevin M. Griffiths  
A- Mr. Mark Phillips  
P- Mrs. Sondra E. Stine  
A- Mr. Jay Wescott  
P- Mrs. Diane Makosky, Secretary  
(Non-Member)

**ADMINISTRATION**

P- Dr. Andrew Chichura, Superintendent  
P- Mr. James Mirabelli, Business Manager  
A- Mrs. Laurie Cobb, Assistant Business Manager  
P- Mrs. Susan Pipitone, Director of Special Services

A- Mr. Andrew Doster, Jr. /Sr. High School Principal  
P- Mr. Robert Presley - Elementary School Principal  
P- Mrs. Karen Voigt, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/Federal Programs

**REVIEW MINUTES:** Reviewed was the September 19/20, 2011, public meeting minutes.

***FIRST HEARING OF VISITORS***

None

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Kevin Griffiths

Committee Members: Mark Phillips, Todd Adams

**REVIEW SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS:** Reviewed were the September 2011, General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Fund Bill List, Capital Reserve Fund Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the total amount of **\$1,910,511.71.**

**REVIEW LIST OF BILLS:** Reviewed was the preliminary list of bills for the October 10, 2011, General Fund Bill List in the amount of **\$71,666.86.**

Mrs. Rinehart-Cowan questioned check #5654 to Fell Charter. For what period of time did it cover? (1 month) What was check #5676 to Ohio State University for? (Reading Recovery)

**REVIEW FINANCIAL ADVISOR PROPOSAL:** It was explained after some discussion with the financial advisor his fee was reduced from \$12,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

**REVIEW BOND COUNSEL:** Mr. Mirabelli explained our current solicitor is not qualified to handle the Bond Issue. He has received two proposals for consideration.

**REVIEW BOND PAYING AGENT:** Mr. Mirabelli said the Bond Paying Agent is the one who distributes the payment to the Bond holders.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Sondra Stine

Committee Members: Todd Adams, Jay Wescott

**REVIEW NOTICE TO SUPERINTENDENT:** Dr. Chichura said he has sent his notice to Mr. Zick letting him know of his intent not to renew his contract. This is just a formality per his contract and allows the Board to seek applicants for the superintendent's position.

**REVIEW ADVERTISING FOR SUPERINTENDENT APPLICANTS:** After some discussion applications will be due to the Board Secretary by December 30, 2011 by 3:00 P.M.

**REVIEW SUBSTITUTE LISTS:** Reviewed in executive session.

**REVIEW VOLUNTEER:** Reviewed in executive session.

**REVIEW RESIGNATION/SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY POSITION:** It was noted one applicant has resigned as the intramural basketball coach. The remaining three coaches wish to split that stipend among themselves.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Ellen Aherne

Committee Members: Dava Rinehart-Cowan, Kevin Griffiths

### **SECOND READING – REVISION #907 SCHOOL VISITORS:**

### **SECOND READING - #008 ORGANIZATION CHART:**

### **SECOND REVIEW ---TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING:**

There not being enough board members present policies on the agenda for second reading will be placed on the October 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for second reading and will be voted on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### ***SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS***

Dr. Chichura was asked by a parent if the district is obligated to provide special services such as speech, occupational therapy, etc., to home school, cyber school, and cyber charter school students. After receiving legal counsel the district has no legal obligation to provide the services.

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

Mr. Presley said progress reports will be sent home Wednesday. The Mobile Ag Lab will be here all next week. Mrs. Voigt added we will be receiving \$800.00 from the Farm Bureau, as well as a \$1,000.00 grant to help off-set the \$2,500.00 fee for the Mobile Ag Lab to come. After talking with the PTO they have agreed to pick-up the remaining \$700.00 balance. The PTO is also providing the volunteers necessary to help in the lab.

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

Mrs. Voigt said 4-Sight scoring was done during an extended day at the high school. Barbara Watson was here to observe our Reading Recovery program. There will be a Kid Writing program on Thursday. Beginning in November work will begin on the Strategic Plan. October 24<sup>th</sup> is set for the retakes on the PSSA.

She went over the Keystone Exam results which she will do in more detail next week.'

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Todd Adams

Committee Members: Jay Wescott, Ellen Aherne

1. **REVIEW CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE FOR TITLE II; i3 ASSET SCIENCE; AND READING RECOVERY:** Review the Conference attendance requests for:
  - a. **Debbie Earley, Janet Karhnak, Cynthia Singer, Sue Wildrick,** on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, to attend i3 Content Enrichment, Malvern, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00 (i3)
  - b. **Patricia Brown, Marilyn Jackson, Marilyn Light,** on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, to attend i3 Content Enrichment, Malvern, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00 (i3)
  - c. **John Arnold, Mark Ezdebski, Laurie Barlow, Anne Bode, Rose Borgna,** on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, to attend i3 Content Enrichment, Malvern, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00 (i3)
  - d. **Karen Krizauskas, Mary Ann Tranovich,** on Thursday, November 3, 2011, to attend i3 Content Enrichment, Malvern, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00 (i3)
  - e. **Mary Harrison, Maureen Beamish, Brandi Miller,** on Thursdays, November 3, 2011, December 1, 2011, January 26, 2012, March 15, 2012, and May 10, 2012, to attend Ongoing Professional Development for Reading Recovery, MV Elementary School with cost estimated at \$212.50 substitutes, (5-½ days) (Reading Recovery)
  - f. **Melissa Wasko, Kristy Moher, Jenifer Pliska,** on Thursday, November 10, 2011, to attend i3 Content Enrichment, Williamsport, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3)
  - g. **Robert Fisher, JoAnn Voda, Scott Fisher,** Wednesday, November 9, 2011, to attend i3 Content Enrichment, Williamsport, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, (i3)
  - h. **Kristy Moher, Jenifer Pliska, Melissa Wasko,** on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, to attend Whole Brain Teaching, Bedford-Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School, Brooklyn, NY, with cost estimated at \$255.00 substitute, \$25.00 tolls for bridges and parking, (Title II)
  - i. **Sharon Kinney,** on Thursday and Friday, October 27 & 28, 2011, to attend Keystone State Reading Association 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Lancaster Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, with cost estimated at \$262.60 lodging, \$250.00 registration, (Title II)
2. **REVIEW CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:** Review the Conference attendance requests for:
  - a. **Rebecca Giordano,** on Friday, November 18, 2011, to attend Crisis Prevention Intervention Refresher Course, NEIU #19, Archbald, PA, with cost estimated at \$85.00 substitute, (Medical Access)
  - b. **Kate Kurosky, Donna Porter, Jamie White, Diana Evans Slick, Carole Heier-Rainey,** on four dates to be determined for Endless Mountain Counselor Association Meetings during the 2011-2012 school year from 12:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., for coordination of services and professional development , Green Gables, New Milford, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00,
  - c. **Kate Kurosky,** on Monday, November 7, 2011, to attend PHEAA-PASS Financial Aid Workshop, Marywood University, with cost estimated at \$0.00,
  - d. **Mona Hoadley,** on Friday, October 21, 2011, to attend the A/CAPA Fall Child Accounting Conference, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA, with cost estimated at

- \$145.86 mileage, \$56.18 substitute, (District car is scheduled)
- e. **Lisa Kozloski**, on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, Wednesday, December 21, 2011, Monday, February 6, 2012, Thursday, March 22, 2012, and Thursday May 17, 2012, to attend NEIU #19 School Psychology **Meetings**, Mid Valley High School (11-15-2011) and remaining at NEIU #19, Archbald, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00,
  - f. **Carole Heier-Rainey**, on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, to attend Bully Prevention, NEIU #19, Archbald, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00,
  - g. **Heather Larkin**, on Thursday, November 10, 2011 to attend the PATAN Assistive Technology (AT) EXPO 2011: Tools for Participation and Achievement at the Ramada Inn, State College, PA with cost estimated at \$0.00.
3. **REVIEW FIELD TRIP ATTENDANCE:** Review the Field Trip attendance requests for:
- a. **JoAnn Voda, Peter Regeski, (10 Students)**, on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, to attend Young Author's Day, Keystone College, LaPlume, PA with cost estimated at \$85.00 substitute, **(District van and car are scheduled) (Students paying for \$15.00 registration)**
  - b. **Charleene Martens, Karen Voigt, (4 Students)**, on Saturday, November 5, 2011, to attend Young Scholars Program, Scranton Prep, with cost estimated at \$0.00, **(District van is scheduled)**
  - c. **Charleene Martens, Karen Voigt, (Students)**, on Friday, November 18, 2011, to attend the Scholastic Bowl Competition, Radisson Lackawanna Station, Scranton, PA, with cost estimated at \$0.00, **(District van is scheduled)**
  - d. **Charlene Olcese, (12 Chorus Students)**, on Sunday, October 16, 2011, to attend the PMEA District Chorus Pre-Auditions, Lackawanna Trial High School, Factoryville, PA, with cost estimated at \$96.00 registration,
  - e. **Charlene Olcese, (33 Band Students)**, on Thursday, October 27, 2011, to attend the Susquehanna County Band, Susquehanna Community High School, Susquehanna, PA, with cost estimated at \$96.37 bus, \$495.00 registration, \$85.00 substitute,
  - f. **Michael Talabiska, (45-50 Students)**, on Friday, October 21, 2011, and Tuesday, May 8, 2012, to attend the Fall Envirothon Introduction and the Envirothon County Competition, Salt Spring State Park and Camp Archbald, with cost estimated at \$188.91 and \$120.00 bus, \$170.00 substitute,
  - g. **Donna Porter, (Interested Students)**, on Thursday, October 20, 2011, to attend Energy Career Field, Elk Lake High School, Dimock, PA, with cost estimated at \$105.00 bus, (NTIEC will reimburse the transportation cost)
  - h. **Kelly Richmond, Diane Supancik, Karen Bolcavage, Debbie Andzulis, Melissa Berish, (Life Skills and Autistic Support Students)**, on Monday, October 24, 2011, (October 25, 2011 rain-date) to attend a Community Field Trip to Roba's Family Fun Farm, with cost estimated at \$91.50 transportation, \$85.00 substitute, (District van and car are scheduled for 10-24-11)
  - i. **Charleene Martens, (5 Students)**, on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, to attend WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage, WVIA Pittston, PA, with cost estimated at \$85.00 substitute, **(District Van is scheduled)**

**REVIEW SUBMITTING GRANT PROPOSAL:** Reviewed was the submission of a grant proposal to Liberty Petroleum and Exxon Mobil in the amount of \$500.00 to be used towards math and/or science in the district special education life skills program.

**REVIEW SUBMITTING REQUISITION OF FUNDS FOR HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE**

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:** Reviewed was the submission of a CVS Grant for playground equipment.

**REVIEW USE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HARRISBURG TRIP:** Mr. Presley advised the Board the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Washington Trip Coordinator feels the students will be able to raise enough money to pay for the transportation for their trip. So he was asking permission to use the money budgeted for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Harrisburg Trip.

**REVIEW TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** Mrs. Pipitone explained the need for a transition program at the high school. This will be looked into further.

### **BUILDING AND SITE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Dava Rinehart-Cowan  
Committee Members: Gina Yarrish, Kevin Griffiths

**ROBERT TAYLOR'S MONTHLY REPORT REVIEW:** This report will be reviewed next week.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Jay Wescott  
Committee Members: Mark Phillips, Dava Rinehart-Cowan

**REVIEW BUS CONTRACTOR REQUEST:** Reviewed in executive session.

### **LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: James Zick  
Committee Member: Ellen Aherne, Gina Yarrish, Sondra Stine, and Dava Rinehart-Cowan as Alternate

**REVIEW MOA RE: COMPENSATORY TIME:** Dr. Chichura explained the MOA being considered. It is basically the same as last year.

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

Dr. Sezer said the Endless Mountain Children's Choir has been invited to sing at the decorating of the National Christmas tree on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be having a dinner on Friday to raise money. Everyone's invited.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

#### **HELD**

Monday, September 20, 2011, 6:30 P.M. to 7:20 P.M. – Personnel

#### **SCHEDULED**

Monday, October 10, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting  
Monday, October 17, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting

Monday, November 21, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. following public meeting  
Monday, December 5, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting  
Monday, December 19, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. and following public meeting

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.