

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 11, 2016 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:08 PM by Mr. Barhite, Board President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Michael Barhite, President, Mr. Jason Richmond, First Vice President, Mr. Jason Casselbury, Second Vice President, Mrs. Monica Miller, Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth Decker, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. David Schulte, Mrs. Sondra Stine, Mrs. Casey Webster and Ms. Brittany Wilkins, Secretary, Non-Member

Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal, Dr. Christopher Lake, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal, Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services and Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

1.4 PRIDE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Abbey Mecca- SGA Liaison

Abbey discussed upcoming events for extracurricular activities at the high school. She also presented the Board of Education with a clip for this year's yearbook application. She demonstrated how ads could be places which have videos embedded in them.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – December 21, 2015

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the minutes dated December 21, 2015, as presented.

Motion 213 Carried – (9 Yes)

1.7 Presentation: Homeless-McKinney-Vento Act by Gail Wnorowski

Ms. Wnorowski discussed the federal act's policies and procedures. She stated on April 7, 2016 the liaison will be coming in to the school to meet with the faculty.

1.8 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda. (Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)

2. **Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve January Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the January 11, 2016 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$97,688.05.

Motion 214 Carried – (9 Yes)

2.2 Authorize fund transfer from General Fund

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund (10-5240-930-000-00-001-000-000-0000) to Debt Service Fund (40-9311-000-000-00-005-000-000-0000) in the amount of \$694,932.35 for the February 1, 2016 bond payment of \$755,631.25 for the Bond Series of 2011.

Motion 215 Carried – (9 Yes)

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following volunteers:

Patricia Hunter, New Milford, PA – Elementary Volunteer

Motion 216 Carried – (9 Yes)

3.2 Approve Softball Coach

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Softball Coach Nate Tompkins, South Gibson, PA, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion 217 Carried – (9 Yes)

3.3 Approve Assistant Softball Coach

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Assistant Softball Coach Katie Ross for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion 218 Carried – (9 Yes)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Casey Webster, David Schulte

4.1 Second Reading- Policy 707-Use of School Facilities (Revision)

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Casey Webster, Christine Plonski-Sezer

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

1. Kevin Reuss, Jamie White and the 9th grade Honors World History II Class on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, to attend The 28th Annual Teen Symposium on the Holocaust in Scranton, PA (Transportation Cost - \$227.00, Substitute Teacher- \$95.00– Total Cost - \$322.00)
2. Jessica Black and 6th grade student on Thursday, April 7 and Thursday, May 5, 2016, to child's home for orientation and mobility, Factoryville, PA
3. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 8 Students, on the following Wednesdays, January 13, January 20, January 27, February 3, February 17, February 24, March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 30, 2016, to visit the Keystone Rescue Mission, Scranton, PA (Transportation \$345.00)
4. Sherri Ransom and 2-3 students, on Thursday, February 4, 2016, to visit the Lackawanna Healthcare Center, Olyphant, PA (Transportation \$62.16)

Motion 219 Carried – (9 Yes)

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following conference requests:

1. Thomas Witiak on Wednesday, March 9, March 10 and March 11, 2016, to attend The PASBO Conference, Hershey, PA (Transportation Cost - \$129.38, Registration Cost - \$284.05, Lodging - \$317.46 – Total Cost - \$730.89)
2. Jessica Short and Kristin Hogan-Smith on Tuesday February 16 and Wednesday February 17, 2016, to attend "Soils" ASSET Training, Bloomsburg, PA (Transportation Cost-\$250.00, Substitute Cost-\$380.00, Total Cost-\$630.00) (Title II-A)
3. Kristy Moher, Melissa Wasko, Leslie Gossage, Christine Kelly, Lisa Kozloski, Jaimie Mirabelli on Thursday, September 10; Friday, September 11; Tuesday, October 20; Wednesday, October 21; Thursday, October 22, 2015; Tuesday, January 5; Wednesday, January 6; Thursday, January 7; Tuesday, April 5; Wednesday, April 6; Thursday, April 7, 2016 to attend MTSS Writing Cohort Series, Harrisburg, PA (Transportation \$1794.00, Lodging \$5760.00, Substitute Cost \$2945.00, Total Cost \$10,499.00) (MTSS Grant)
4. Carole Heier-Rainey, Wednesday, January 20, 2016 to attend What School Counselors Should Know When Working With ESL Students Conference, NEIU 19, Archbald, PA (No cost to the district)

Motion 220 Carried – (9 Yes)

5.3 Approve Homebound Instruction

1. The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve homebound instruction for Student #16159 beginning December 3, 2015 with ending date to be determined.

2. The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve homebound instruction for Student #119156 beginning December 4, 2015 and ending February 4, 2016.

Motion 221 Carried – (9 Yes)

5.4 Approve MTSS Grant

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the MTSS Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion 222 Carried – (9 Yes)

6. Building and Site Committee: Jason Casselbury, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor was absent.

Mrs. Voigt stated that the new carpet and water fountain were installed.

7. Transportation Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Kenneth Decker

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, Monica Miller, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, Jason Richmond, Sondra Stine

Mr. Barhite announced the first meeting for MVESPA will be on Thursday January 28, 2016 at 6 pm.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Halfway through the school year
- Report cards will be distributed on January 26.
- Discussed MTSS training

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- No snow days yet this year
- Thanked FBLA for talent show and pep rally
- There are only ten spots left for Sip and Paint.
- Derek Gorton was recognized at CTC as Student of the Month.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- First day of training for Indicator 13 was today.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Christopher Lake

- Finishing up for Biology Keystones
- January 20 is the second focus day of instruction for K-6 curriculum writing and ELA/social studies.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Basic Education Funding for 2015-2016

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Updated Comprehensive Plan
- Ready to Learn Block Grant for 2015-2016
- All employees have their clearances. Some substitutes still need them.
- The IRS reimbursement for mileage has dropped.
- NEPA High School Challenge was held Saturday. Eight schools participated.

New Business from Board Members

Second Hearing of Visitors

Dan Bonham, Kingsley, Pa, asked why there was a PSER's payment on the bill list.

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 21, 2015 - 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel
- Monday, January 11, 2016 - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 25, 2016, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Enclosures:

1.5-December 21, 2015 minutes
1.7-Homeless
2.1-January 2016 Bill List
4.1-Policy 707
FYI 1-Conference Reports
FYI 2-State Funding Update
FYI 3-CTC Student of Month
FYI 4-Updated Comprehensive Plan

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany L. Wilkins
Board Secretary