

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on March 28, 2016 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:07 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 Casselbury, Second Vice President; Mrs. Monica Miller, Treasurer; Mr. Kenneth Decker; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. David Schulte; Mrs. Sondra Stine; and Ms. Brittany Wilkins, Secretary Non-Member.

Absent: Mr. Jason Richmond, First Vice President and Mrs. Casey Webster.

Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Ms. Gail Wnorowski, Director of Special Services; Attorney Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mrs. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal; Mr. Robert Presley, H S Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – March 14, 2016

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated March 14, 2016, as presented.

Motion 282 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent.

1.6 Budget Presentations

Bob Taylor - Maintenance

Mr. Taylor presented his preliminary budget for the 2016-2017 school year. His 2016-2017 total was budget \$800,560.00. He stated a new grease trap is necessary in the elementary kitchen, and an HVAC system needs to be installed in the high school computer lab. This past Saturday at 1:45 AM a main pipe broke in the wood chip burner. This resulted in replacement of the motor in the system. Mr. Taylor asked the Board of Education to consider purchasing a new zero-turn mower for the district. The current mower had \$3,000 worth of work done last year.

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte to approve the purchase of a new Ferris zero-turn lawn mower.

Motion 283 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

1.7 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Monica Miller, Treasurer, reported as listed.

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

Danny Bonham, Harford Twp., Lunches at Blue Ridge are managed by their own lunch manager with "home cooking." He suggested she come in and talk to the Board of Education.

2. Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve February Disbursements

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to confirm payment of the January General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the amount of \$1,981,806.12.

Motion 284 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent.

2.2 Approve March 28, 2016 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the list of bills for the March 28, 2016. General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$262,417.43.

Motion 285 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent.

2.3 Approve 21st Century Learning Summer Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the 21st Century Learning Summer Program for fifth and sixth grade students.

Motion 286 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent.

2.4 Approve 21st Century Learning Teachers for the summer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following 21st Century Learning Summer Program teachers:

- A. Jackie Ferenczi
- B. Erika Gething
- C. Ernie Griffis
- D. Jessica Short
- E. Mary Ann Tranovich

Motion 287 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent.

2.5 Approve NEIU #19 Special Education Budget

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the Special Education Budget with NEIU #19, as presented.

Motion 288 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

3. Personnel Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson
Committee Members: Jason Casselbury, David Schulte

3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Linda Shupp from her Paraprofessional position, effective the last school day of the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion 289 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

3.2 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following volunteers:

Diane Reuss, Harford, PA – Elementary Volunteer

Motion 290 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

3.3 Approve Emergency Leave Days MOU

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the Additional Emergency Leave Days MOU effective for the 2015-2016 school year with an expiration date of June 30, 2016.

Motion 291 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

3.4 Approve Workday Time MOU

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the Change in Scheduled workday Time for Parent-Teacher Conference Days MOU effective for the July 1, 2012-June 30, 2018 contract.

Motion 292 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson
Committee Members: Casey Webster, David Schulte

4.1 Approve Suicide Policy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve policy # 819, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, as presented.

Motion 293 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

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 Dr. Plonski-Sezer to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Mason Stiver and the 6th grade band students on Friday, April 29, 2016, to attend Honors Band, Tunkhannock Middle School, Tunkhannock, PA (Transportation \$268.75)
- B. Heidi Page, Colleen Heller, Judy Bell, Tiffany Cosklo and 6 students on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, to visit Painted Acres and Teppanyaki Grill and Buffet, Greenfield Twp. and Dickson City, PA (Transportation \$114.14)
- C. Erin Rupp, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and four students on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, May 15, 16 and 17, 2016, to visit Penn State University for The PA Junior Academy of Science State Meeting, University Park, PA (Registration \$900, Substitute \$380.00; Total Cost \$1280.00)
- D. Mason Stiver, Kathy McHenry and 17 students on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, to visit Scranton RailRiders National Anthem Performance, Moosic, PA (Transportation \$252.38, Registration \$255.00; Total \$507.38)
- E. Diana Lombardi and George Barbolish and 10 students on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27, 2016, to experience Plein Air Painting, Behind the school grounds, Kingsley, PA (Transportation \$5.40, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$195.40)
- F. Sheri Ransom and 3-5 students on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, to Stock Trout, Lenoxville, PA (Transportation \$37.62)
- G. Sheri Ransom and 3-5 students on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, to Stock Trout, Lenox, PA (Transportation \$37.62)
- H. Sheri Ransom and 2-3 students on Thursday, April 7, 2016, to visit Lackawanna Healthcare Centers, Olyphant, PA (Transportation \$62.16)
- I. Sheri Ransom and students on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 to Butler's Taxidermy, Nicholson, PA (Transportation 37.08)
- J. Molly Virbitsky, Danielle Scott and 8 Students on the following Wednesdays: April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016; May 4, 11, 18, 2016, to visit Keystone Rescue Mission, Scranton, PA (Transportation \$226.00)
- K. Susan Gravine, Kathy McHenry and 7 gifted students on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, 2016, to attend Odyssey of the Mind Competition, Moon Township, PA (Mileage \$784.00, Lodging \$1429.56, Registration \$75.00; Total \$2,288.56/District Cost and Donation)
- L. Jamie Boerio and 1 student on Wednesday through Saturday, March 30 to April 2, 2016 to All State Chorus, Hershey, PA (Transportation \$156.60, Registration \$375.00, Substitute Teacher \$142.50; Total \$674.10)

Motion 294 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following conference requests:

1. Jamie Boerio on Wednesday through Saturday, March 30 through April 2, 2016, to attend PMEA State Conference, Hershey, PA (Registration Cost \$190.00)

Motion 295 carried: 7 yes, 2 absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Jason Casselbury, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor presented his report during his budget presentation.

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

MVESPA meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2016.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly - Absent

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley - Absent

9.2 Director of Special Services – Ms. Gail Wnorowski

- Support is in place for all students for PSSA's.
- Extended school year is going to be July 11 through the first week of August of 2016.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Christopher Lake

- PSSA's will start on April 11th.
- Some students will be taking assessments online.

9.4 Business Manager- Mr. Thomas Witiak

- PA state budget was passed; we will start receiving our money soon.
- We will not have to borrow for this school year.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- The Science Showcase was held. The Geodome was on display.
- Mrs. Bazil did a great job with holding it and had retired teachers judge the student projects.
- Adult Education has started for the spring.
- Odyssey of the Mind is heading to states near Pittsburgh, Pa at Moon Area School District.
- Board members are going to #IU19 for the Spring Legal Round-up.

New Business from Board Members

- Mrs. Stine asked what we can do for the Paterno family in their time of need.
- Mr. Schulte said the Clifford Ambulance will be present for the May 21st event 5K Fun Run/Walk.

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer stated that Mr. Boyd Manzer, Gibson Twp. tax collector, passed away and there will be a memorial for him on April 23 at 10:00 AM at the South Gibson Methodist Church.
- Mrs. Stine said she was happy to open the paper and see the Student of the Months photo.
- Mrs. Voigt wanted to remind everyone that on April 5, 2016 from 7-9 PM there will be a town meeting for the Susquehanna County Recreational proposal in the high school auditorium.

Second Hearing of Visitors

Dan Bonham, Lenox Twp., mentioned that a Board Member may be resigning. He hoped that the replacement would have new ideas.

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

HELD:

- Monday, March 28, 2016 – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Personnel/Negotiations/Contract

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 11, 2016, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5–February 8, 2016 Minutes
- 1.7 -Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-Disbursements
- 2.2-Bill List
- 2.5-NEIU Budget
- 3.1-Shupp
- 3.3-Emergency Day MOU
- 3.4-Workday Time MOU
- 4.1-Suicide Policy
- FYI-Conference Reports

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brittany L. Wilkins