

The March Regular meeting of the Moshannon Valley Board of Education was held on March 15, 2021, at the Collaboration Center in the Moshannon Valley High School. President, Cassandra Kitko, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Don Wonderling, Cassandra Kitko, Ruth Saupp, Larry Saupp, Nathan Dotts, Kris Bacher, Stacey Warrick-Williams, Dan Perna

Absent: Albert Adams

Solicitor: David Consigleo

Student Representatives:

ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent, Tracie Tomasko, Elementary Principal, Kristofer Albright, High School Principal, Darin Ricciotti, Assistant District Principal, Wendy Payne, Special Education Director, Jeffrey Sherkel, Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Fryer/Elsie Harchak, Business Manager/Board Secretary

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATIONS

Erin Eckerd, PSBA Member Service Manager, held a virtual visit with the board members. Ms. Eckerd spoke on PSBA membership, events, and the charter reform resolution. Ms. Eckerd reminded board members that she is available to answer questions they have regarding PSBA services.

Mr. John Taylor and Mr. John Compton of BakerTilly LLP presented the district 19-20 Independent Auditors' report. Each board member received a copy of the report. A copy of both the presentation and report was posted on the District website.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Tracie Tomasko, Elementary Principal –

- **Read Across America Week** was a great success with students in Kindergarten through Grade Six participating throughout the week of February 1st.
- *Read Alouds:* Numerous Faculty, Staff, and Administration added books they read aloud to a shared Google Folder for all classes to view and share throughout the week.

- *Reading Challenge:* Homerooms were encouraged to participate in a Read Across America Challenge where students are adding their total pages read to track their reading "mileage" throughout the month of March.
- *Story Walks:* Two story walks were created by Read Across America chairman, Librarian **Jamie Wagner**. Books selected were Acorn and Over in the Forest; Come and Take a Peek.
- *Activity Books:* Books which combined student activity and reading were paired with yoga, You Are a Lion, and a movement break, Leap, Frog, Leap!.
- *Bagged Books:* Technology was combined with reading as students read The World Needs More Purple People and then completed activities on classroom Promethean boards that discussed the theme of the story encouraging children to look for a way to make the world and their school a better place.
- *POET-tree:* Students in grades 4-6 were encouraged to write their own poem(s), copy them on a leaf and then add their leaf to the POET-tree.
- **2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration** will be held tomorrow. At this point over 50 students have registered and forty will be attending the event tomorrow.
- **Spring 2021 PSSA Testing Dates**
ELA: Monday, April 19th – Tuesday, April 20th - Wednesday, April 21st
Math: Monday, April 26th- Tuesday, April 27th
Science: Wednesday, April 28th – Thursday, April 29th
Dates for students attending MV Cyber, Educere – TBA
- **Federal Programs Monitoring**
Moshannon Valley is scheduled for Federal Programs monitoring Thursday, April 15, 2021. Title I, Title II, Title IV, RLIS, and ESSER will be monitored.

Kris Albright, High School Principal

- eSports
 - Survey sent out to all students, grades 7-11 to gauge interest; 94 students responded w/ 44% stating that they are currently not involved in any school-related activities
 - Equipment in the process of being purchased using budgeted technology funds; Computer Lab 213 being changed over
 - Visiting St. Francis University and their eSports facility on Wednesday, March 24
 - Participating in a virtual training offered through the Bureau of Education & Research on developing an eSports program on May 18
 - Opportunity to connect personal interests with course offerings in Computer Programming, Animation, Game Design and careers in the gaming/computer science fields
- MVCEF

- Received the following EITC donations: \$2,500 from First Commonwealth Bank, \$5,000 from Riverview Bank, \$1,067.31 from Nutrition, Inc., \$1,500 from Kish Bank
 - Funds will be used for innovative educational programs at MVHS – AP; STEM; Computer Science
- State Testing Schedule
 - PSSA ELA, Gr. 7 & 8 – Monday, May 3 & Tuesday, May 4
 - AP Calculus – Tuesday, May 4
 - AP Literature – Wednesday, May 5
 - PSSA Math, Gr. 7 & 8 – Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7
 - AP US History – Thursday, May 6
 - AP Chemistry – Friday, May 7
 - AP Language – Wednesday, May 12
 - PSSA Science, Gr. 8 – Wednesday, May 12
 - Keystone Biology – Monday, May 17
 - Keystone Literature – Wednesday, May 19
 - Keystone Algebra – Thursday, May 20 and Friday, May 21
- SATs
 - Will be given in school to registered students on Wednesday, May 24th; so far 33 students are registered.

Darin Ricciotti, Assistant Principal –

- Teachers and staff have participated in professional development sessions on virtual learning tools. Google Jamboard, Kami, and formative assessment tools have been presented and teachers have begun to implement them in their classrooms.
- Teachers and staff have been participating in the RUS grant workshops via the CIU on Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality. Twenty devices have been set up and staff has been learning how to install them in the classroom. Google Expeditions and 360-degree cameras are the topics that have been covered.

Wendy Payne, Special Education Director

- On March 8, 2021, two High School Personal Care Aides were recertified in CPR.
- The café will resume on April 1st. We are planning to do a breakfast in which the teachers will preorder and the food will be delivered to their classrooms or available for pick up.
- The PASA window opened on March 8th and will close May 7th. We have 6 students taking the PASA this year

Jeffrey Sherkel, Maintenance Supervisor –

- Outside construction started back up for the new elementary gym addition. Currently block walls are being constructed.
- The baseball and softball fields are being prepared for use as weather permits. First home game is scheduled for March 30th.
- Working on restoring grass and soil areas around buildings and parking lots from snow removal damage

Danielle Detwiler, Food Service - Absent

Robert Fryer/Elsie Harchak, Business Manager

- The Finance Committee meeting today focused on 21-22 Expenditures. The driving force on our budget are the salaries and benefits. Administrators also reviewed their building budgets. Since our estimated expected revenue is \$15,469,746, we need to structure our expenditures around this number. Currently, our expenses are at \$16,044,749, which is a difference of \$575,003
- ESSER I & II - We are applying COVID costs to our ESSER I grant. We have half of the ESSER II included in the 21-22 budget. The window to expend these funds ends Sept 30, 2023.
- We have the CIU 21-22 budget in the amount of \$2,107,573 for board approval, each board member has a ballot to complete and return to us tonight.

Nutrition

- Grab and go meals were provided daily last week when the high school was virtual.
- Working on Nutrition renewal for 21-22, plan to present a motion at the April meeting for approval.
- The SSO program (free meals for all students) has been extended from June 30, 2021 through September 30, 2021. We will utilize this to feed students attending summer programs

Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent

- **March 22: Virtual PSBA Lobby Day** 1:00 with Senator Langerholc, if you want to participate let me know.
- **End of Year Schedule** - No real complaints to this point
- **Budget** – In good shape at this point, May will be preliminary approval, June final approval - waiting to see what state does with subsidy.
- **Gym Construction** – bid for water pipe replacement - any questions
- **School Psychologist** - permission to advertise for June hire
- **Technology Education Position** – concerned, looking at various options with the goal most certainly to keep the program. Dr. Perna provided some insight and administration will follow up
- **eSports** - excited to add this program
- **Blackburn Road Property** - Mr. Consiglio is working on it and the process continues to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTIONS LIST:

CONSENT

Motion by Ruth Saupp seconded by Don Wonderling to approve consent motion 1:

1. Agreement and Stipulation for Student #8384285071.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

Motion by Ruth Saupp seconded by Stacey Williams to approve minutes as presented, subject to audit:

Review and Board approval of the minutes as presented subject to audit.

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ALL IN FAVOR: AYE

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL

Motion by Nathan Dotts seconded by Don Wonderling to approve personnel motions 1-5.

1. Resignation of Tyler Wilkinson, full-time Custodian, effective March 19, 2021.
2. Family and Medical Leave Request from employee #003255 for the birth of a child with an anticipated start date of April 28, 2021, for an estimated period of 12 weeks.
3. Addition of Robert Smerk to the District Volunteer List. All paperwork has been submitted
4. Advertise for a full-time custodian position.
5. Advertise for an anticipated school psychologist position.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE

MOTION CARRIED

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams seconded by Larry Saupp to approve extra-curricular motion 1:

1. Extend an offer of employment to Ethan Webb as Athletic Worker (Varsity Baseball Scorekeeper) with salary pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement and pending receipt of new hire paperwork.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE
MOTION CARRIED

PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM

Motion by Nathan Dotts seconded by Don Wonderling to approve programs and curriculum motion 1-4:

1. Request for approval to conduct Summer School / Credit Recovery Program at Moshannon Valley High School for students in grades 7-12 beginning Monday, June 7, 2021, through Thursday, June 10, 2021, and Monday, June 14, 2021, through Thursday, June 17, 2021, daily from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm with estimated eleven (11) core subject/special education teachers and to be paid hourly based on contract hourly rate of \$36.02 not to exceed 40 hours. Total cost for the program to be paid from Title and/or COVID funds.
2. Retroactive approval of the Care Coordination Agreement with CenClear Child Services, Inc., for a term of one (1) year.
3. Memorandum of Understanding with CenClear Child Services, Inc., pertaining to Head Start and Pre-K Counts Program for the term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
4. Applicant Participation Certification with Seneca Highlands IU9 for continued services provided by The Guidance Center's Project RAPPORT program for all pregnant and parenting teens, including expectant fathers and teen dads

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE
MOTIONS CARRIED

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Motion by Stacey Williams seconded by Ruth Saupp to approve policies and procedures motions 1-3:

1. First reading of Policy #122, Extracurricular Activities , "Programs." *See Policies for Approval Folder.*
2. First reading of Policy #123, Interscholastic Athletics, "Programs." *See Policies for Approval Folder.*
3. First reading of Policy #707, Use of School Facilities, "Property." *See Policies for Approval Folder.*

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE
MOTIONS CARRIED

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Motion by Nathan Dotts seconded by Don Wonderling approve building and grounds motion 1:

1. Request bids for the replacement of approximately 300 lineal feet of in-ground pre-insulated

heating pipe.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE
MOTION CARRIED

FISCAL

Motion by Stacey Williams seconded by Larry Saupp approve fiscal motions 1-9:

1. The following financial reports:
 - General Funds Balance Sheets, Summary Revenue and Expenditure Report, Tax Comparison Chart
 - Athletic Association Report and Student Activity Account Report
 - Cafeteria Report and Bills
 - General Bills, Special Grant/Federal Projects Bills and Renovation/Construction Bills
 - Interfund Transfers, General Fund Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments
 - Investment Report
 - Bids
2. The Moshannon Valley School District 2019-20 Independent Auditors' report, as of June 20, 2020 as presented by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP.
3. Approve the Central Intermediate Unit #10 2021-2022 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,107,573. *Proposed budget uploaded to Google Drive.*
4. Reimburse each District Tax Collector, who submitted a written request, \$100 for the purchase of the 2021 RAK tax collection program.
5. Proposal from NCI to update district wide structured cabling in the amounts of \$18,100 for inside work in both buildings and \$19,765 for outside work between the buildings. (eRate 80% discount)
6. District wide internet access agreement with Comcast at a rate of \$1,025 per month for 36 months. (eRate 80% discount)
7. Letter of Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2021-22 and/or 2022-2023 school year.
8. Start an eSports competition program at the high school, initial investment will be approximately \$10,000 with funds from the approved 2020-2021 technology budget.
9. Manning Photography to continue school district photography services for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.

ALL IN FAVOR: AYE
MOTIONS CARRIED

Information Items:

- The Finance Committee met on March 15, 2021. The initial 2021-22 expenditures were

presented at \$15,386,205. Tonight 21-22 Expenditures were presented at a total of \$16,044,749 which creates a deficit of \$575,003. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM to review the full proposed 2021-22 budget.

- The SSO (Seamless Summer Option) program which allows the District to serve all students a free breakfast and lunch has been extended to September 30, 2021, or the first day of school, whichever comes first.
- The 2020 State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests forms are due by the April 2021 meeting.
- 2020-2021 Open Records request year to date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM by Nathan Dotts seconded by Larry Saupp.

Elsie Harchak, Board Secretary