

The April Regular meeting of the Moshannon Valley Board of Education was held on April 19, 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:** Stacey Warrick-Williams, Don Wonderling, Cassandra Kitko, Ruth Saupp, Larry Saupp, Dan Perna, Nathan Dotts

**Absent:** Albert Adams, Kris Bacher

**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, Elsie Harchak, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Danielle Detwiler, Food Service Manager-Nutrition Inc.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

At 6 PM, prior to the Regular Meeting, Dr. Len Litowitz, Department Chair from Millersville University, spoke to board members about the Millersville Technology Education Program. Dr. Litowitz spoke about how the program has changed over the years and how the decline in enrollment for teaching positions has resulted in 4-5 positions available for every Tech Ed graduate.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Tracie Tomasko, Elementary Principal –**

- Kindergarten Registration, Tuesday, March 16, 2021, was a success with thirty-eight of the fifty-two registered students attending the event.
- Kindergarten through Grade Six students thoroughly enjoyed a PTO sponsored Easter Egg Hunt Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Eggs were hidden by the Administrative, Business Office, Security, and Custodial Teams very early that morning in the playground, Elementary backyard, and football field areas with students, following all COVID Health and Safety Plans and Procedures, enjoying time outside on a beautiful day hunting Easter Eggs.

- The March 22<sup>nd</sup> Knex Challenge awarded first place to one of the MV Elementary Teams. This team was represented by Reagan Wharton and Grier Williams. All three participating teams enjoyed completing this virtual event under the direction of Ms. Melissa Elensky and look forward to next year's challenge.
- Six grade four and five students, under the direction of Mrs. Amanda Harpster, represented MV Elementary at the annual CIU 10 Reading Completion on April 16, 2021. This year's completion was held virtually. Student enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other students in neighboring districts and review books they have been reading throughout the 2020-2021 school year.
- Grade Three through Grade Six students began the ELA portion of the 2020-2021 PSSA testing this morning. Testing for on-site, Face-to-Face students will occur over the next two weeks. Students participating in MV Cyber, Educere, will receive an email inviting them to begin on-site testing Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Kris Albright, High School Principal**

- eSports
  - Met with interested students during Activity Period last week to provide some 'next step' information
  - Curriculum Opportunities w/in Computer Science field
    - Amazon Future Engineers (programming)
    - TEC (The eSports Company in Johnstown) – Marketing/Advertising, Communications/Broadcasting (careers in the gaming/computer science fields)
    - Edmentum – Game Design class
    - High School eSports League – Gaming Concepts course
    - Epic Games – free access to Unreal Engine (3D animation)
  - Computer Lab 213 Renovations
    - Remove chalkboards, paint walls & ceilings, install carpeting and perimeter countertop (gaming stations), set up PC and console stations
  - Competition
    - Fall – practices and scrimmages
    - Spring – TEC School League (Varsity & JV Divisions)
      - Games: Rocket League (3 vs. 3) and Overwatch (6 vs. 6)
      - Schools: Bishop Carroll, Central Cambria, Forest Hills, Penn Cambria, Bishop McCort, Ferndale, Bishop Guilfoyle, Penn-Trafford, Greater Johnstown, Somerset
  - Professional Development
    - Participating in a virtual training offered through the Bureau of Education & Research on developing an eSports program on May 18
- Cyber Education
  - The District will be switching from Educere/Founders Academy to Edmentum (Study Island) for the 21-22 SY. This provider offers a lot more in terms of teacher interaction (live and recorded lessons, live office hours) and student engagement compared to our previous provider

- MVCEF
  - Retired Math teachers Mr. & Mrs. Nevling will be funding a scholarship through the Foundation to highlight Math achievement within the Senior class
    - Nevling Mathematics Scholarship
      - Mr. Kenneth Nevling, 1964 MV graduate, attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania, employed MVSD 1968-69 through June 2005 (37 years of service)
      - Mrs. Jean Nevling, attended Lock Haven University, employed MVSD 1976-77 through June 2017 (30 years of service)

**Darin Ricciotti, Assistant Principal**

AP testing will begin in the month of May. Students and teachers have navigated the school year and are ready to take the assessments. The testing schedule is as follows:

- AP Calculus- Tuesday, May 4th
- AP Literature- Wednesday, May 5th
- AP U.S. History- Thursday, May 6th
- AP Chemistry- Friday, May 7th
- AP Language- Wednesday, May 12

**Wendy Payne, Special Education Director**

- The K&D café’ served approximately 25 breakfasts this month. The ‘to-go’ breakfast consisted of a choice of muffin, choice of fruit, choice of yogurt, orange juice, and water. Each student had a designated job for packing the meal and a designated delivery area. The next Café’ will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to have a picnic type lunch.
- The High School and Elementary Life-Skills classes will be going on their Annual Fishing Derby on May 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- We have three staff members taking the CPI training on April 27, 2021. Those staff members are Officer Smerk, Darin Riccotti, and Ashley Brown.

**Jeffrey Sherkel, Maintenance Supervisor –**

- Elementary Gym Addition Update - Exterior walls should be complete in the next week. Structural steel and joist roof decking to be complete within two weeks. The gym floor will be poured and the rubber roofing will be installed in the next two to three weeks.
- Grass cutting around the schools and property has started. Preparations for summer projects are underway. We are planning and ordering the needed supplies.

**Danielle Detwiler, Food Service**

- Participation is holding steady with breakfast being around 358 / day district wide and lunch at around 577 / day district wide so far for the month of April.

- Upcoming events for the month of May are a cookout May 21, 6th grade ELS are visiting on May 25 and will be having lunch with us, May 28 we will have a special 6th grade breakfast, and June 1<sup>st</sup> is senior breakfast.
- The monthly Nutrition newsletter has been distributed to all board members.

**Elsie Harchak, Business Manager**

- The Finance Committee met prior to the regular board meeting to review the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget. All board members received a copy of the budget packet. Revenue is projected at \$15,760,024 and Expenditures are projected at \$16,335,024. The deficit is \$575,000. We reviewed the highlights of the revenues, expenditures and the MVSD ESSER I, II & III grants.
- Request approval for the 21-22 Nutrition budget. All board members received a copy of the budget. The budget shows a loss of \$55,231.55. This is not a guaranteed budget. The guaranteed budget had a loss of \$128,386.72. We requested a revised budget because we believe the cafeteria fund will do much better than the guaranteed budget.

**Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent**

- End of Year Schedule - Everything is still on schedule and we hope there will not be any additional COVID closures that would affect the schedule.
- Budget – The 21-22 budget is in good shape and Dr. Zesiger stated that he feels confident with our budget.
- Elementary Gym Construction – The project is moving along well. The water pipe and café floor motions are on the agenda – not recommending the original café floor design due to a cost of \$23,000. We will attend the 4/21 construction meeting to review our options for the cafeteria floor.
- Technology Education Position vs. Vocational Agriculture – would like permission to switch to Vocational Agriculture and move forward with possible candidate
- Equity Audit – The District will begin the district wide Equity Audit program in next week or two
- Gridiron Club Requested permission to purchase helmet stickers in remembrance of Jacob Ball. The request was approved.
- Outside Groups – We will allow access to district outdoor spaces beginning June 7th. Outside groups must follow CDC/DOH guidelines and all appropriate processes to utilize District facilities.
- Summer Driving Program – The program will return this summer, we will follow our protocols and proceed safely
- Video Mapping – RVAT Report – 2 Companies provided information and we will be recommending one on the May agenda
- The Financial Roll-up Report with year to date expenditures and revenues, was distributed to all Board members.

- Cross Country – A request was submitted to add an Assistant Coach, permission was granted to work with MVEA as this is a safety issue and follows policies.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CIU #10 – Ruth Saupp reported the West Decatur roof collapsed due to heavy snow last winter and they are currently reviewing ways to fix the roof.

CCCTC – Nathan Dotts, the CCCTC Roof Project has been the main focus. The ESCO project is on hold until after the roof is repaired.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ruth Saupp, Seconded by Nathan Dotts for an Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation. Start 7:42 PM, End 8:07 PM

**MOTIONS LIST:**

**CONSENT**

**MINUTES**

Motion by Ruth Saupp seconded by Larry Saupp 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 1-9.

1. Request from Tristan McGuire, Secondary Biology Teacher, to transfer 16.5 sick days from West Chester Area School District to Moshannon Valley School District. Per school code, professional staff can transfer up to 25 days from their previous employment.
2. Request from Theresa Vogel, Personal Care Aide, for half-day unpaid on June 2, 2021, for a family wedding.
3. Resignation of Robert Fryer, Business Manager, effective April 5, 2021.

4. Family and Medical Leave request from employee #000015 for a serious health condition to begin April 12, 2021, and continue through May 28, 2021.
5. Request from employee #000641 to extend the current half school term sabbatical to include the second, half school term for the first half of the 2021-2022 school year as permitted under Policy 338, Sabbatical Leave.
6. Resignation of Courtney Yarger, full-time Personal Care Aide, effective April 16, 2021.
7. Advertise for full-time Personal Care Aide(s)
8. Approve Elsie Harchak as Moshannon Valley Business Manager for the 2021-2022 School Year, at a salary of \$79,900.00 with all other aspects of the current contract to remain in effect.
9. Extend an offer of employment to Kayla Stauffer-Edminston as Secondary Vocational Agriculture Teacher at a salary of \$43,445, Bachelor, Step 2, benefits pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, and pending receipt of all new hire paperwork. She will start the 2021-2022 school year.

***ALL IN FAVOR: AYE***

***MOTIONS CARRIED***

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams seconded by Nathan Dotts to approve extra-curricular motions 1-3:

1. Resignation of Justin Fye as Athletic Worker (wrestling clock operator) effective February 9, 2021.
2. Appoint Monica Krejnus, Biology Teacher, as Teacher Mentor for Tristan McGuire, new Science Teacher, effective March 22, 2021.
3. Advertise for Athletic Worker (wrestling clock operator).

***ALL IN FAVOR: AYE***

***MOTIONS CARRIED***

#### **PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams seconded by Larry Saupp to approve programs and curriculum motions 1-6:

1. Agreement with Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania (BHARP) to administer and Community Care Behavioral Health Organization to manage the Behavioral Health, HealthChoices program for Medicaid recipients in the BHARP counties effective July 1, 2021.
2. Permission to operate the Summer 2021 Extended School Year Program and Compensatory Services to be provided to the eligible special education students of the district beginning June 21,

2021, through July 8, 2021. (Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-1:30am). Lunch will be provided. Professional staff will be paid \$36.02 per hour and support staff will be paid at their 2020-21 hourly rate. Pupil transportation will be provided for both programs. Total cost for the program to be paid from Title and/or COVID funds.

3. Permission to pay professional staff, who participate in a professional development summer book study, four (4) hours of paid time at the rate of \$36.02 per hour to be paid with grant funding.
4. Approve the proposal with Edmentum to provide the district in-house cyber program (ESSER funds).
5. Purchase Exact Path through Edmentum at a cost of \$21,000 per year for three (3) years. This program is in addition to Study Island purchased through Edmentum (ESSER funds).
6. Permission to host the “Behind the Wheel” Summer Driver’s Education program with Matt Lobb as Instructor for summer 2021. The hours will not exceed the cap of 150, and all District Health and Safety Plan protocols will be followed.

***ALL IN FAVOR: AYE***  
***MOTIONS CARRIED***

<b>POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</b>
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Motion by Nathan Dotts seconded by Don Wonderling 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***

<b>BUILDING AND GROUNDS</b>
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Motion by Nathan Dotts seconded by Don Wonderling approve building and grounds motions 1-2:

1. Proposed change order to be completed on a time and material basis by the following:
  - \$9,200.00 - Excavate and backfill trench by RT Construction
  - \$1,679.00 - Install (2) 4” PVC conduits by Curwensville Plumbing & Heating
  - \$32,750.00 - Install in-ground insulated heat piping by Curwensville Plumbing & Heating
2. Advertise for bids to replace the Auxiliary Gym Furnace (ESSER Project).

***ALL IN FAVOR: AYE  
MOTIONS CARRIED***

**FISCAL**

Motion by Stacey Williams seconded by Larry Saupp approve fiscal motions 1-6:

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. Retroactive approval of the Professional Services Agreement with C&S Contract Speech Language Pathology Services, Inc., d/b/a Blair Therapies at a rate of \$65/hour for a term of April 2021 through August 2021.
3. Purchase two (2) new milk coolers for the high school cafeteria at \$4,300 each with ESSER funds to aid with social distancing, quotes on file.
4. Guardian Protection Group, LLC, security service for four (4) years for one (1) armed officer at a rate of \$32/hour for 2021-2022 and \$34/hour for 2022-2025.
5. Nutrition Inc. 2021-2022 Food Service budget with revenue at \$463,379.01, District Expenditures at \$115,183.13 and Nutrition Expenses at \$403,427.42 and a loss of \$55,231.55. (*Uploaded to Google Drive*)
6. Proceed with annual contract renewal with Nutrition Inc. for 2021-2022 food service management.

***ALL IN FAVOR: AYE  
MOTIONS CARRIED***

**Information Items:**

- 2020-2021 Open Records request year to date.
- The Finance Committee met at 6:30 PM prior to the April Regular meeting to review the General Fund Budget for school year 2021-2022.
- Requested approval of the 21-22 Nutrition Budget. All board members received a copy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM by Nathan Dotts seconded by Larry Saupp.

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Elsie Harchak, Board Secretary