

The May Regular meeting of the Moshannon Valley Board of Education was held on May 17, 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:** Nathan Dotts, Kris Bacher, Stacey Warrick-Williams, Don Wonderling, Albert Adams, Cassandra Kitko, Ruth Saupp, Larry Saupp, Dan Perna

**Absent:**

**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, Nutrition Inc. (absent)

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

The annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Challenge was held at 6:30 PM in the High School Collaboration Center

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Tracie Tomasko, Elementary Principal –**

- Grade Six students, Reagan Wharton and Grier Williams, recently competed in the **state-level K'Nex Design Challenge** after placing first at the local competition held by the Central Intermediate Unit #10. As part of the competition, Reagan and Grier had to create a product that would help society during the global pandemic. They created the Touchless Takeout box, a solar-powered food storage system that could be used by food delivery companies allowing food to stay at the correct temperature (hot or cold) after being delivered. The box also featured a hands-free payment method so no contact was required between the customer and delivery driver. Their invention was one of the top 23 entries in the state for this competition in the middle school (Grades 6-8) level.
- Mrs. Wagner and Ms. Elensky were recently awarded STEM Grab and Go Bags for each student in the district in Grades 2-6 from WPSU as they celebrated Space Day with WPSU. This funding was created from the GEARS grant. The received bags are space-themed and each contains a

hard-cover book, and materials to complete a night sky & phases of the moon journal, mars egg lander experiment, popsicle stick explosion, and a flying drone helicopter. Students will be completing activities from the bag in their Library and Technology classes and will then be able to take all materials home with them at the end of the school year. The bags also offer suggestions of activities students can complete at home with their families.

- Students in Mrs. Matia’s room participated in Remake Learning Day with other second grade students around the state. Remake Learning day was grant funding to support discoverED. DiscoverED is an opportunity for schools that differ in demographics to partner and swap students for an afternoon and to experience how STEAM and maker practices positively impact kids. Moshannon Valley paired with grade two students from Avonworth School District. Students introduced themselves the week prior to the activity using Bitmojis and Google Meet. For the activity, students were provided with glue, pipe cleaners, straws and marbles and asked to construct a marble maze in a cereal box. They then shared their creations with their partner class via google meet.
- Grade Six will complete their Elementary career with a variety of (COVID friendly) activities:  
Graduation Breakfast Friday, May 28th.  
Walking Tour of Jr Sr High School Tuesday, June 1st.  
Grade Six Graduation Saturday, June 5th.  
Grade Six Dance Saturday, June 5th.

**Kris Albright, High School Principal**

- Awards & Scholarship Ceremony
  - Recognition of students – Scholarships & Top 10 Awards - scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm – Virtual Format w/ Livestream and Video Recording
- Teacher Appreciation / Faculty Awards
  - Student Nominations
    - Setting Instructional Outcomes Award – Mrs. Dorothy Benjamin
    - Virtual Instruction Award – Mr. Dylan Brown
    - Tech Tools Award – Miss Abby Houston
    - Compassion & Challenge Award – Mr. Jon Deemer
    - Support Staff Appreciation Award – Mrs. Tonya Lewis
    - #MVStayingPositive Award – Mrs. Brandie Kephart
  - Administrative Awards – Capacity, Initiative, Leadership
    - Mrs. Ashley Nunley
- Testing
  - Keystone Testing concludes this week
    - Biology – Monday, May 17
    - Literature – Wednesday, May 19
    - Algebra – Thursday, May 20 & Friday, May 21

**Darin Ricciotti, Assistant Principal**

- Fifteen Moshannon Valley students recently participated in “Senator For a Day” in conjunction with Senator Langerholc’s office. In total, 150 students collaborated virtually on

four different pieces of legislation. Topics covered were, school start time, plastic straws, social media, and driving age. In advance of the meeting, students were to research these topics and be prepared to debate the issues with their peers. Students were able to practice the governing process and gain an understanding of how legislation is created in the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Cervenak and Mr. Brown were advisors for this event.

- AP testing was completed this month. AP students tested in the subjects of AP Literature, AP Language, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus, and AP U.S. history. Thank you to all of the students and teachers who worked diligently to prepare for testing this year.

**Wendy Payne, Special Education Director**

- The K&D Café' served a to-go picnic lunch on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to both the High School and Elementary staff. Customers were able to choose the type of meat (Ham or Turkey), type of cheese (Provolone or Swiss), and type of bread (Wheat or Italian) they wanted for their sandwich. They also had their choice of potato chips, drinks, and desserts. We sold 35 lunches that the students delivered to both buildings.
- Darin Riccotti, Robert Smerk, and Ashley Brown completed their CPI training on May 7, 2021.
- Extended School Year will be running June 21- July 8<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Carnival. We will also be delivering COVID Compensatory services at this time.
- The PASA tests have been completed. We tested 7 students this year.
- The Annual Fishing trip is on May 21, 2021. Tina Lewis is also taking a small group of her students to Bonnie's Greenhouse on June 1, 2021. The students will tour the green house, see a demo on how to plant flowers, and discuss animal sciences and interact with the animals.

**Jeffrey Sherkel, Maintenance Supervisor –**

- Elementary Gym Addition Update - Block structure is complete including roof decking and concrete flooring. Ongoing work in process includes inside plumbing, electrical, and heating. Outside work includes brick casing, roof insulation, and rubber roofing.
- Preparing for building cleaning and setups for all end of the year events.

**Danielle Detwiler, Nutrition-Food Service**

- All board members received a copy of the most recent Nutrition newsletter (April)
- Danielle is preparing for the summer feeding program, she will be providing breakfast and lunch
- Senior breakfast will be served on June 1, 6<sup>th</sup> grade breakfasts will be served on May 28
- The meals numbers have been increasing steadily and we are almost at pre-covid meal numbers
  - Average of 305 breakfasts per day and 464 lunches per day

**Elsie Harchak, Business Manager**

- We are requesting the board approve our Proposed 2021-2022 General Fund Budget. The Revenues are estimated at \$15,787,777 and expenditures are estimated at \$16,362,777. The deficit is \$575,000 and there is a 2 mil increase to Real Estate. We included \$750,000 of ESSER funds to the revenue and expenditures. ESSER funds may be included in our budget .through 2024
- The final budget will be presented at the June meeting. Also at the June agenda will include the annual property tax relief, estimated to be approximately \$173.
- Request approval of the CCCTC budget in the amount of \$4,172,249
- The Full District Insurance package is loaded on the school board drive.

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

- End of Year Schedule – We are working to finalize locations for all end of year events. We have consulted our attorney, Mr. Consigleio, and following state guidance
- 2021-2022 Budget – The General Fund Budget is nearly finalized and I feel confident with the Proposed Final Budget.
- Roll Up Report – All board members received a copy of the April 2020-2021 report, there was a correction noted for the 5000 function. Transfers were originally reported with expenditures and have been removed.
- Gym Construction – moving along both the Gym Floor Logo and the Café Floor are on the agenda for board approval
- Equity Audit – The District started the audit with staff. Our families will be receive communication on the Equity Audit later this week or early next week
- Video Mapping – RVAT Report – 2 Companies provided quotes, we are recommending NZ Productions. The motion is on the agenda.
- Cross Country/eSports: We will advertise for a Cross County Assistant Coach and an eSport Advisor. Dr. Zesiger spoke with MVEA and they support both positions.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CIU #10 – Ruth Saupp reported the CIU#10 is currently looking for new locations to house the CIU#10 operations.

CCCTC – Nathan Dotts, the CCCTC is moving forward with the roof project. The CCCTC is working with The Garland Co. to complete the roof project. The CCCTC also plans to replace the floor in the Culinary department.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Albert Adams, Seconded by Kris Bacher for an Executive Session for Safety and Security. Start 7:22 PM, End 7:37 PM The Safety and Security report was delivered to the board members by High School Principal, Kris Albright

**MOTIONS LIST:**

**CONSENT**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams seconded by Don Wonderling to approve Consent motions 1-6.

1. Resignation of Elsie Harchak as Board Secretary effective May 17, 2021.
2. Appointment of Lanette Stodart as Board Secretary effective the June 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
3. Field Trip Request from Tina Lewis, Special Education Teacher, to take the high school and elementary Life skills Classroom/Autistic Support Class, nine (9) students to the Morann Sportsmans Club Fishing Derby at Mountz Memorial Park, Janesville, on May 21, 2021. Transportation cost is \$166.
4. Field Trip Request from Charles Gambino, Marching Band Director, to take the band to the Memorial Day service at Brisbin Cemetery on May 31, 2021. Due to social distancing, it will require two (2) buses. Transportation cost is \$210 to be paid with ESSER funds.
5. Field Trip Request from Tina Lewis, Special Education Teacher, to take the Life skills Classroom/Autistic Support Class, five (5) students, to Bonnie's Greenhouse, Osceola Mills, on June 1, 2021. Transportation cost is \$114..
6. Tentative Field Trip Requests from Charles Gambino, Marching Band Director, to take the band to the parades listed below this summer. Due to social distancing, it will require three (3) buses. Transportation cost will be paid with ESSER funds..
  - a. Osceola Mills, July 3rd, Transportation cost is \$375;
  - b. Curwensville, July 17th, Transportation cost is \$540;
  - c. Houtzdale, July \_\_\_\_, No transportation needed; and
  - d. Clearfield, August 2nd, Transportation cost is \$525.

***ALL IN FAVOR: AYE***

***MOTIONS CARRIED***

**MINUTES**

Motion by Ruth Saupp seconded by Stacey Warrick-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 Dan Perna to approve personnel motions 1-4

1. Resignation of Wynter Adams, Elementary Teacher, effective August 15, 2021.
2. Resignation of Carlee Freeberg, Elementary Teacher, effective August 16, 2021.
3. Permission to advertise for anticipated elementary and/or secondary teaching position(s).
4. 1.5 days of unpaid leave for employee #003646.

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

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams seconded by Larry Saupp to approve extra-curricular motions 1-7

1. For the Summer 2021 Extended School Year program, appoint Wynter Adams, Kayla Frailey, Erin Hall, and Tina Lewis as instructors to be paid at the hourly rate of \$36.02.
2. For the Summer 2021 Extended School Year Program, appoint Ashley Brown and Ashley Greslick as Personal Care Aides to be paid at their 2020-21 hourly rate.
3. Resignation of Wynter Adams, Assistant Coach Varsity Soccer, effective immediately.
4. Resignation of Carlee Freeberg, Head Coach Varsity Soccer, effective immediately.
5. Permission to create an Assistant Coach position for Boys/Girls Cross Country for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years only at a stipend of \$2,000.00 with the possibility of extending beyond the 2022-23 school year.
6. Permission to create an eSports Advisor/Coach position for the 2021-22 school year at a stipend of \$1,300.00 with the possibility of extending beyond the 2021-22 school year.
7. Permission to advertise for Head Coach Varsity Soccer, Assistant Coach Varsity Soccer, Assistant Coach Boys/Girls Cross Country, and eSports Advisor/Coach.

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

**PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Motion by Dan Perna seconded by Stacey Warrick-Williams to approve policies and procedures motions 1-3:

1. First reading of Policy #816, District Social Media, “Operations.” *See Policies for Approval Folder.*
2. First reading of Policy #824, Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries, “Operations.” *See Policies for Approval Folder.*
3. First reading of Policy #832, Educational Equity, “Operations.” *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 motions 1-2:

1. Change Orders for Gym Project-
  - a. Custom Painting and Logo for Gym Floor at \$6,977.
  - b. Custom Tile Work for Elementary Cafeteria at \$6,800.
2. Accept the bid from Houtzdale Heating & Air in the amount of \$23,920 for the Auxiliary Gym furnace replacement (ESSER Project).

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

***Information Item:***

Brinks-Monitronics bought out Select Security, the company that monitors our fire alarm system. Brinks-Monitronics will continue to provide inspections services for our elementary fire alarm system and elevator.

**FISCAL**

Motion by Nathan Dotts seconded by Larry Saupp approve fiscal motions 1, 3-12:

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
3. Advertise and public display of the 2021-2022 Proposed General Fund Budget beginning May 18, 2021 and public notice of intent to approve the Final 2021-2022 General Fund budget at the regular meeting on June 21, 2021.
  4. 2021-2022 Clearfield County Career and Technology Center General Fund Budget in the amount of \$4,172,249. *See Google Drive*
  5. Lori Shimel, representing CNB Bank, as District Treasurer for the 21-22 fiscal year.
  6. Change designation of Assigned Fund Balance for the General Fund from Health Insurance, Retirement & Energy to Health Insurance, Retirement and Curriculum.
  7. Moshannon Valley food service program to continue in the SSO (Seamless Summer Option) program for the 21-22 fiscal year, which provides a free breakfast and lunch to all students in house, cyber and living within the district (ages 0-18 yrs).
  8. Opt out of the 2021-2022 Paid Lunch Equity Compliance requirement to increase lunch prices because the cafeteria fund had a positive balance on December 31, 2020.
  9. District insurance package for the 2021-2022 school year for Property, Liability , Workers Compensation, Interscholastic Athletics coverage in the amount of \$68,895.
  10. Retroactive approval of the Service Agreement with Televine Therapy for speech/language therapy services at a rate of \$90/hour per Speech-Language Pathologist and \$45/hour per Administrative Staff Member with services beginning May 6, 2021, and continuing through the last school day June 2, 2021.
  11. Approve NZ Productions to host/complete the security building mapping as suggested in the State Police Risk Vulnerability Assessment at a total cost of \$5,000 with a complimentary first year of hosting.
  12. Approve annual Special Education Services Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year with CIU 10 at an estimated cost of \$57,504.89 for Itinerant Services.

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

Motion by Ruth Saupp seconded by Dan Perna approve fiscal motion 2:

The 2021-2022 Proposed General Fund Budget for Moshannon Valley School District with revenue in the amount of \$15,787,777 and expenditures in the amount of \$16,362,777. The deficit is \$575,000. The budget includes a 2 mil real estate tax increase. *See Google Drive*

***ALL IN FAVOR: AYE***  
***MOTION CARRIED***



**Information Items:**

The Insurance Consortium approved a 1% increase to the Highmark health insurance premiums for the 21-22 school year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM by Kris Bacher seconded by Nathan Dotts.

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Elsie Harchak, Board Secretary