

The July Regular meeting of the Moshannon Valley Board of Education was held on July 19, 2021, in the High School Collaboration Center at the Moshannon Valley School District. President, Cassandra Kitko, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Larry Saupp, Dan Perna (via telephone), Nathan Dotts, Kris Bacher, Stacey Warrick-Williams, Don Wonderling, Albert Adams, Cassandra Kitko, and Ruth Saupp

**Absent:** None

**Solicitor:** David Consiglio

**Student Representatives:** None

**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; and Elsie Harchak, Business Manager.

**Absent:** Danielle Detwiler, Nutrition Inc.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Albert Adams, Seconded by Kris Bacher, for an Executive Session for personnel and litigation. Started at 7:02 pm; ended at 8:03 pm.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Tracie Tomasko, Elementary Principal** –

Updates have been made and submitted for approval to the **Elementary Faculty Policy and Procedure Manual** along with the **Elementary Student Handbook**. All changes are attached.

**Back to School Night** will occur Tuesday, August 17, 2021, from 5:00-6:30. All families of Kindergarten through Grade Six students can visit classrooms, introduce themselves to instructors and staff members.

**Kindergarten Orientation** will take place Friday, August 20, 2021 from 12:30-2:30. Students will be spending most of their time with Kindergarten instructors and classroom aides. They will also tour the building, board a bus, and utilize cafeteria procedures for a small treat. Parents will return at 2:00 for a brief Parent Orientation.

The **2021-2022 Summer Mailing** to all families will occur the first week of August 2021. Information sent to families will include a Back To School letter announcing the dates above, Attendance and Wellness Policies, Private Transportation Information, etc. Kindergarten families will also receive a Kindergarten Orientation Newsletter. Additionally, busing transportation information will be sent to families in the coming weeks.

Again this school year the **Second Step Program** focusing on student behavior, school climate, and bullying prevention will be implemented as a component of the Positive School Climate initiative. “Second Step offers a social-emotional learning curriculum that supports the whole child. It teaches skills for resolving conflicts, working with others, forming healthy relationships, and making good decisions—so students can be more successful emotionally, socially, and academically” (Second Step, 2021).

**Wendy Payne, Special Education Director-**

Extended School Year ended on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The students had a mini carnival in the morning and were treated to a pizza party provided by the cafeteria.

We are still searching for a School Psychologist for the upcoming school year. As of today we have not received any applications for this position. I have reached out to the local colleges that offer this program, as well as numerous staffing agencies without any luck. This is becoming very concerning because the district needs a school psychologist in order to stay in compliance with state and federal regulations regarding Special Education students.

**Kris Albright, High School Principal-**

Teacher in the Workplace grant – Industry Site Visits

- As part of the grant, a group of eight teachers and myself visited local industrial sites to tour the facilities and speak to individuals about workplace needs and opportunities to connect back to the classroom
  - Lezzer Truss, Curwensville; PA Grain Processing, Clearfield; Diamondback, Philipsburg
  - Mrs. Buell (*Social Studies/Career Exploration I*), Mr. Lewis (*Language Arts*), Mr. Reese (*Health & PE*), Mrs. Eason (*Science-Chemistry*), Mr. Zeak (*Science-Physical & Environmental*), Ms. Lacey (*Math-Algebra & Geometry*), Mr. Owens (*Math-Geometry & Financial Lit*), Mrs. Abernethy (*Language Arts*)

Back to School / 7<sup>th</sup> gr. Orientation

- Scheduled for Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30 pm
- Grades 8-12 schedules available in the Main Lobby

- Gr. 7 students/parents will meet in the Auditorium and then rotate through informational sessions – Meet the Teachers, Attendance, Skyward Family Access and parent support in Math’s myHRW program
  - Students and parents will also have time to walk around the building, visit their classrooms, find their locker and speak to their teachers

**Darin Ricciotti, Assistant Principal-**

Local businesses have started to contribute to our Student Recognition and Support program for the upcoming school year. To date, we have received the following contributions:

- Fullington Bus Company- New York City Trip (4 people)
- Lake Tobias- Three passes for Park and Safari Tour.
- DelGrosso’s Park- Two season passes
- Sheetz- Drink Coupons
- Urban Air- Five passes
- Weis- \$50.00 gift card
- Oriental Trading- Tie-Dye Kit
- Freeberg Funeral Home- \$200.00
- Marty’s Bingo Supplies- \$100.00
- CNB- \$50.00
- Hrenko Insurance- \$25.00

Meet the Knights will be held at the football field on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Cheerleaders, Band members, and Student-Athletes will be recognized at this event.

**Jeffrey Sherkel, Maintenance Supervisor-**

*Elementary New Addition Update* - Outside continued completion of concrete dumpster pad, sidewalks, and excavating around the addition. Inside continued completion of ceiling replacement, wall painting, flooring, and installation of new kitchen equipment.

Annual summer cleaning and projects are on schedule for completion by the start of school.

**Elsie Harchak, Business Manager-**

**Business-**

Request that the board approves the motion on the agenda to purchase 11 sets of Safety Vision cameras for our school buses. These 4-camera systems will update our buses and provide a full view inside each bus with wide angle cameras and front windshield cameras. A marking system will take viewers directly to the correct location on the video to view an incident. The GPS system shows the vehicle location while reviewing video, accelerometer measures erratic driving such as hard breaking and quick Starts. The total price for the 11 new systems and installation is \$21,011, through BuyBoard Contract #604-20. We will utilize ESSER funds for this purchase to improve pupil safety and security.

The District has received 7 fraudulent Unemployment Compensation Claims during the past month. All fraudulent claims have been reported to the Pa UC system as identify theft. All employees received a communication to alert them of the UC Fraud. This morning we received notification that the Pa Dept of L&I implemented ID Me, a verification tool to identify fraud and reduce the amount of fraudulent claims.

Nutrition-

Our Nutrition Food Service Manager, Danielle Detwiler, has accepted a transfer to the Glendale School District. We will miss Danielle and wish her the best at her new position. Nutrition is in the process of replacing Danielle and will introduce you to our new Food Service Manager at the August board meeting

**Dr. John Zesiger, Superintendent-**

Mrs. Tracie Tomasko will defend her doctorate thesis tomorrow. He expects much success. We are very excited to recognize Dr. Tracie Tomasko!

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Saupp and Mr. Dotts noted that the CIU and CCCTC, respectively, will meet this week. Nothing new to report for either entity.

**MOTIONS LIST:**

**CONSENT**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams, seconded by Albert Adams, to approve Consent motions 1-2.

1. Approval of the PDE Mandated Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Elementary Title I School Level Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Settlement Agreement and Release for due process hearing for student #9279234102.

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams, seconded by Don Wonderling, to approve the 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 Albert Adams, seconded by Don Wonderling, to approve Personnel motions 1-2, 4-8.

1. Resignation of Kayla Frailey, Elementary Teacher, effective August 15, 2021.
2. Resignation of Jamie Wagner, Elementary Librarian, effective August 16, 2021.
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4. Extend an offer of employment to Margo Castagnolo as an Elementary Teacher with salary at Bachelor's Degree, Step 1, and benefits pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement and pending receipt of new hire documentation.
5. Extend an offer of employment to Katie Erickson as a full-time Custodian with salary and benefits pursuant to the current AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement and pending receipt of new hire documentation.
6. Family Medical Leave request from employee #001589 for birth and care of a child with a start date of August 23, 2021, and expected return date of November 15, 2021.
7. Request from Jonathan Deemer for five (5) unpaid days from January 31 - February 4, 2022, for a family trip, which had been previously board approved, but postponed due to Covid.
8. Permission to advertise for Secondary or K-12 Special Education Teacher and Classroom Assistant.

**ALL IN FAVOR: AYE**

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

Motion by Nathan Dotts, seconded by Dan Perna, to approve Personnel motion 3.

3. Extend an offer of employment to Alan Wonderling as an Elementary Teacher with salary at Bachelor's Degree, Step 1, and benefits pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement and pending receipt of new hire documentation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Larry Saupp, Dan Perna, Nathan Dotts, Kris Bacher, Stacey Warrick-Williams, Albert Adams, Cassandra Kitko, Ruth Saupp

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Don Wonderling

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Motion by Ruth Saupp, seconded by Don Wonderling, to approve Extra-Curricular motions 1-2, 4-5.

1. Appoint Brandon Owens as Assistant Coach 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.
2. Appoint Dylan Brown as Freshman Class Co-Advisor with salary pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. This co-curricular position is allotted for one individual. The salary is split between the Co-Advisors.
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4. Extend an offer of employment to Michael Franciscus as Head Coach Varsity Volleyball with salary pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement and pending receipt of new hire documentation.
5. Appoint Kenise Buck as Teacher Mentor for Kayla Edmiston, new Vocational Agriculture Education Teacher, effective August 20, 2021 with salary pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**ALL IN FAVOR: AYE**

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

Motion by Nathan Dotts, seconded by Ruth Saupp, to approve Extra-Curricular motion 3.

3. Appoint Autumn Adams as Assistant Coach Varsity Soccer with salary pursuant to the current MVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Albert Adams

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams, seconded by Larry Saupp, to approve Programs and Curriculum motions 1-1.

1. Changes/revisions to the 2021-22 Elementary School Teacher and Student Handbooks.

**ALL IN FAVOR: AYE**

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Motion by Nathan Dotts, seconded by Ruth Saupp, to approve Policies and Procedures motions 1-8.

1. First reading of Policy #146.1, Trauma-Informed Approach, “Programs
2. First reading of Policy #218.1, Weapons, “Pupils.”
3. First reading of Policy #218.2, Terroristic Threats, “Pupils.”
4. First reading of Policy #236.1, Threat Assessment, “Pupils.”
5. First reading of Policy #247, Hazing, “Pupils.”
6. First reading of Policy #249, Bullying/Cyberbullying, “Pupils.”
7. First reading of Policy #252, Dating Violence, “Pupils.”
8. First reading of Policy #800, Records Management, “Operations.”

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

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Motion by Albert Adams, seconded by Larry Saupp, to approve Building and Grounds motion 1-3.

1. Retroactive approval for T & J resources to paint the parking stalls, handicaps, arrows, and numbers on the high school parking lot at a cost of \$2,435.00.
2. Retroactive approval of Change Order RFCO#13 to bring existing lights and speakers in the elementary cafeteria up to code at a cost of \$2,418.70.
3. Authorize the Superintendent to respond to RT Contracting’s letter seeking extension and bleacher storage upon receipt of information from KTH Architects.

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

**FISCAL**

Motion by Stacey Warrick-Williams, seconded by Albert Adams, to approve Fiscal motions 1-7:

1. The following financial reports:
  - a. General Funds Balance Sheets, Summary Revenue and Expenditure Report, Tax Comparison Chart
  - b. Athletic Association Report and Student Activity Account Report

- c. Cafeteria Report and Bills
  - d. General Bills, Special Grant/Federal Projects Bills and Renovation/Construction Bills
  - e. Interfund Transfers, General Fund Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments
  - f. Investment Report
  - g. Bids
2. Bid through BuyBoard-Contract #604-20, from Safety Vision for 11 sets of complete 4 camera systems with 3 year warranty for school buses for \$16,046.09 plus installation at \$4,965.00. Total \$21,011.09 to be paid with ESSER funds to improve safety and security.
  3. 2021-2022 Depositories:
    - a. CNB Bank
    - b. First Commonwealth Bank
    - c. Kish Bank
    - d. PA Invest
    - e. PA Local Government Investment Fund
    - f. PA School District Liquid Asset Fund
  4. Submit annual sponsor application to participate in the School Nutrition Program for the 2021-2022 school year, SSO program and all waivers.
  5. Participate in the 2020-2021 Pa School based Access Program (SBAP) administered by the Department of Human Services and its contractors.
  6. 2021-2022 Annual Services Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. Soaring Heights School.
  7. IDEA 611 Agreement with CIU 10 for \$189,265.34 IDEA funds and \$39,791.27 ARP funds for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm by Albert Adams, seconded by Nathan Dotts.

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Lanette Stodart, Board Secretary