

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – April 22nd, 2015

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Mid Valley School District was held on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015, at 7:30 PM in the Mid Valley Secondary Center – Board Room. Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

The Secretary submits the minutes of the special school board meeting of March 12th, 2015 and the regular school board meeting of March 19th, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky and Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the minutes of the special school board meeting of March 12, 2015 and the regular school board meeting of March 19, 2015.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to place the individuals highlighted (see attachment) on the applicable substitute personnel lists. Applicants who have not provided the required clearances are deemed to be provisional for the period allowed by law; a provisional appointment will convert automatically to permanent provided the aforesaid reports are supplied during the provisional period, otherwise the appointment will become null and void.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve the Sabbatical Leave form the Ms. Dana Abda, Secondary Center Teacher, effective 1st semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to accept the resignation of Ms. Christa Maiocco, Administrative Assistant/Payroll, effective May 1, 2015.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mrs. Joanne Pesota seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve a stipend in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Mr. Joshua Berry for the responsibility of Testing Coordinator/Federal Programs Coordinator.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Ms. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the retiring of Jason Kenny's Jersey (#15) for his outstanding accomplishments in basketball. Along with reaching the 1,000 point plateau, Jason was selected to the Second Team All-State by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers. He was also named player of the year for Division III in the Lackawanna League. Jason is also an honor roll student; National Honor Society, Drama Club, Busted Club, and Tennis Team.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to grant permission to conduct a research study for Hybrid Learning by Ms. Debra Demming.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Pete Kolcharno to approve the Conference request made by Mr. Thomas Nowakowski to attend the 2015 NATA Clinical Symposia Athletic Training Expo \$875.

TABLE MOTION: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to adopt the school calendar for 2015-2016, as proposed.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, in the amount of \$10,500.00

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

<u>Requested by & Purpose</u>	<u>Period</u>
Biology Class – Adventure Museum	April 1, 2015
Art Club – Metropolitan Museum	May 11, 2015

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve Field Trip request(s), as presented above.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

<u>Requested by & Purpose</u>	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Period</u>
Lackawanna County – Youth Tennis Clinic	Tennis Courts	June 15 – July 1, 2015

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to approve facilities' utilization request(s), as presented above.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Rick Barone authorizing the Board President and Secretary to execute a Settlement Agreement in the matter of BGM Enterprises, Inc. vs. Mid Valley School District and to further provide for the conveyance of a permanent easement for water runoff purposes.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota, Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner,
Mr. Steven Vituszynski

ABSTAINED: Mr. Peter Kolcharno

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve the Shelter Agreement submitted by American Red Cross to name the Mid Valley School District as a shelter in the time of disaster.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to adopt the 2014-2015 approved drivers' list for contracted student transportation services. The credential of each driver listed thereon have been reviewed and found to be proper order.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve students #10884 to wrestle for Scranton High School as per agreement with the Scranton School District and the P.I.A.A., this is a renewal of a previous agreement which must be renewed every two (2) years.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mrs. Joann Pesota seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to accept the payment of \$2,100.00 as full payment for parcel 11405-080-019 for delinquent taxes.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to approve paymet to Saul Ewing in the amount of \$3,776.99.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Ms. Donna Dixon, Mr. Peter Kolcharno,
Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota, Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner
Mr. Steven Vituszynski

OPPOSED: Mr. Paul Macknosky

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the Short-Term Disability Benefit Program at no cost to the School District.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to adopt a Resolution with Municipal Tax Services, Inc. ("MRS") for sale of tax claims and to authorize the President and Secretary of the School board to execute all documents necessary for sale.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve the settlement to resolve civil action initiated by First Energy in the amount of \$1,500.00.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to disband the Erica McGuire Scholarship Fund and to return the account balance of \$600.00 to Ms. Sharon Maciejewski.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Ms. Donna Dixon to authorize and approve School Board Director, Joanne Pesota as an additional required signature with regard to the Athletic Department bank accounts.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner

OPPOSED: Mr. Steven Vituszynski

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Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Rick Barone authorizing the Board President and Secretary to execute a Satisfaction of Judgement Agreement with Mar Paul Company, Inc. pursuant to the arbitration award and to further provide payment schedule to satisfy the judgement award.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to approve the list of bills payable April 2015, as submitted, and to attach a copy of the same in the minutes.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Taner seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to accept the Treasurer's report as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno that the list of checks received be approved as posted and placed in the proper accounts.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner that the Activity Fund report be approved as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mrs. Joanne Pesota seconded by Mr. Rick Barone that the Cafeteria report is approved as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes.

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Ms. Donna Dixon, Secretary