

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – May 20th, 2015

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Mid Valley School District was held on Wednesday, May 20, 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. John Bukowski, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to place the following item(s) on the agenda for consideration/action by the Board of School Directors:

1. Jason Kenny – Retire Jersey
2. Increase School Lunch
3. Building Use Request– Cow Flop
4. Conference for Tom Nowakowski
5. Head Start (3) Room Rental
6. Little League Donations

ALL IN FAVOR: Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,
Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. John Bukowski, 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 regular school board meeting held on April 22, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on April 22, 2015, as submitted.

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

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the retaining of Jason Kenny's jersey for his outstanding accomplishments in basketball. Along with reaching the 1,000 point plateau, Jason was selected to the second team all-stars by the PA 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; boys tennis team.

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

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Motion by Ms. Donna Dixon seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the school lunch to \$2.00 and Ala Carte as recommended.

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

Motion by Ms. Donna Dixon seconded by Mr. Paul Macnosky to approve the use of the parking lot next to the Washington Street baseball field for the Annual Throop Cow Flop for the dates of June 27-28, 2015.

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

Motion by Ms. Donna Dixon seconded by Mr. Steven Vituszynski to approve the Conference request (not to exceed \$1,000) by Mr. Thomas Nowakowski to attend the NATA Clinical Symposia Athletic Training Expo. This certification is required as per his job description.

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

Motion by Ms. Donna Dixon seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to enter into an agreement with Head Start for the lease of classrooms in the Elementary Center. Contingent upon execution of a contractual agreement.

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

Motion by Ms. Donna Dixon seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the donation of \$200.00 to each Little League in the District, Olyphant, Dickson City and Throop.

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

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to place the individuals highlighted (see attached) on the applicable substitute 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. John Bukowski, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanre seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to accept the resignation of Ms. Theresa Paciotti, elementary cleaning staff, effective June 10, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the transfer of fifteen (15) sick days from Mr. Mark Mazak Jr. to Mrs. Lisa Havran upon the exhaustion of her allotted sick days for a time to expire December 31, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to appoint Atty. Donald P. Dolan as District Solicitor for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to table the following motion:

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to appoint the following medical professional for the forthcoming 2015-2016 school year in accordance with the terms listed below:

Dr. Giovanni Ramos \$10,000 +\$100 for each football game attended

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

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to table the following motion:

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to appoint the following dental examiners for the forthcoming 2015-2016 school year.

Dental Examiner – Public Schools: Dr. William E. Burdyn @ 80¢ per student
Dental Examiner – Non-Public Schools: Dr. Darleen Oleski @ 80¢ per student

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

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to allow the Cheerleaders/Twirlers to participate in the annual Cow Flop Parade, Sunday, June 28 beginning at 1:00 PM. And also to allow the band the participate on state from 2:15PM – 3:15PM.

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

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the Field Trip request(s), as presented below:

Cheryl Cawley	Life Skills	Prom @ Secondary Center	May 1, 2015
Joanne Sheridan	Life Skills	McDonald's	May 7, 2015
Amy Capman	Life Skills	Railrides Game	May 20, 2015

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

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to approve Student #16041 into the Twilight Program.

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

Motion by Mrs. Joanne Pesota seconded by Mr. Steven Vituszynski to approve the requests of Student(s) #12341, #17110 and #17017 into Homebound Instruction.

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

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve facilities' utilization request(s), as presented below:

Andy Hedgedus	Throop Fire Company	Parking Lots	May 17, 2015
David Valvano	PA Dept of Environmental Protection	HS Auditorium	June 12, 2015

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

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to approve Kingdom Products as an evacuation site for the Mid Valley School District students and staff. The District thanks Mr. Bart Sacco for his concern and generosity.

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

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

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

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the revision of Policy #115, Attendance and the Career Technology Center (CTC) of Lackawanna County.

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

Motion by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to appoint Mr. Peter Kolcharno as Treasurer of the Board of School Directors for the forthcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year. The aforesaid action to take effect July 1, 2015 with bond to be set accordingly.

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

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Motion by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve payment to Tim Keene in the amount of \$12,130.81.

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

The Secretary reads the resolution on the proposed final budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Mid Valley School District, Lackawanna County, hereby authorizes the expenditures as set forth during the 2015-2016 year and levies a tax of 105.8646 mills per thousand dollars of market valuation of real estate and the following taxes under the authority of Act 511 – one-half percent Wage, Real Estate Transfer Tax of one-half percent, Occupational Privilege Tax of \$5.00, and 10% Amusement Tax to provide the necessary revenue for same.

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to adopt the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as read, and to authorize the Board Secretary to place the appropriate advertisement for public inspection.

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

Motion by Mrs. Joanne Pesota seconded by Mr. Steven Vituszynski to approve the findings, responses and corrective action plan in response to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Auditor General Audit Report for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008 and 2007.

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

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the budget submitted by the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 at \$474,653.00. This is a \$33,110.00 reduction compared to the 2014-2015 budget total of \$507,763.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Steven Vituszynski to approve the renewal of the Nutrition Group for the cafeteria services for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Steven Vituszynski to approve the engagement with Cowden Associates, Inc. to provide GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation for the biennial report covering the fiscal years ending June 30 of 2015 and 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the Government Software Services as printer of tax bills for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. (See Attached)

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

Motion by Mrs. Joanne Pestota seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to renew an agreement with CSIU 16 (Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit) for hosted software services from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The annual cost to the district is based upon most recent audited PIMS enrollment totals posted on the PDE website.

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

Motion by Mr. Steven Vituszynski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to appoint C.C. Young Agency, Inc., Northeastern Insurance & Financial Consultants, and Paolini Insurance Agency, Inc., as the 2015-2016 Insurance Brokers of Record for the Mid Valley School District in the accordance with the coverage's provided the provided year. Insurance coverage's area as follows: automobile, athletic, broiler, group, disability, f/administrators, liability property, umbrella, school leaders' liability risk, workman's compensation, and bonds for the school board secretary, treasurer, and business manager/secretaries' coverages.

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

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. John Bukowski 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. John Bukowski, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

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Motion by Mr. Paul Mackosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski 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. John Bukowski, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski 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. John Bukowski, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski 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. John Bukowski, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno 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. John Bukowski, Mrs. Joanne Pestota,
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to adjourn.

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

Ms. Donna Dixon, Secretary