

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – October 21, 2015****CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Mid Valley School District was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 7:40PM in the Mid Valley Secondary Center and executive session was held prior and following in the Board Room.

ROLL CALL:           PRESENT:                   Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mr. Paul Macknosky, Ms. Donna Dixon,  
Mr. John Bukowski, Mr. Rick Barone, Mrs. Joanne Pesota,  
Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

                          ABSENT:                   Mr. Peter Kolcharno

**PLACEMENT OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA**

None

**REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- ▶ Michelle Higgins- discussion regarding the cost of the Crossing Guards.
- ▶ Mr. Jeffrey Kovaleski recognized four students, Victoria Meehan, Cali Fasset, Mallory DeQuevedo, Carly Gambo, for assisting a crossing guard and child in a difficult situation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of September 16, 2015, as submitted. **8-0**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to place the individuals listed 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 provided the aforesaid reports are supplied during the provisional period, otherwise the appointment will become null and void. **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to accept the resignation notices submitted by the staff members listed below. **8-0**

<u>Staff Members</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Notice</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michael Chaput	Freshman Football Coach	Resignation	10/20/2015

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to authorize the personnel actions listed below and the terms associated with same. 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.

<b>TABLED</b>	
➡ ACTION #1:	APPOINTMENT
APPOINTEE:	DEBRA DIBILEO
POSITION:	PARA PROFESSIONAL
STATUS:	FULL-TIME
SALARY:	\$11.00/HR
EFFECTIVE DATE	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
<b>8-0</b>	
➡ ACTION #2:	APPOINTMENT
APPOINTEE:	CRYSTAL NOVAK
POSITION:	JV BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING COACH
SALARY:	PRORATED UNTIL JANUARY 25, 2016
EFFECTIVE DATE	NOVEMBER 16, 2015
<b>7-1-1</b>	<b>MR. STEVEN VITUSZYNSKI VOTED NAY</b>
➡ ACTION #3:	APPOINTMENT
APPOINTEE:	JOSEPH BOUR
POSITION:	FRESHMAN FOOTBALL COACH
SALARY:	PRORATED
EFFECTIVE DATE	OCTOBER 21, 2015
<b>8-0</b>	
➡ ACTION #4:	APPOINTMENT
APPOINTEE:	ANGELA WRIGHT
POSITION:	CROSSING GUARD
STATUS:	PART-TIME
SALARY:	\$29.20/DAY
EFFECTIVE DATE	OCTOBER 19, 2015

Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to make the following extra-curricular changes for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year; compensation to be made as per the CBA. **8-0**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION CHANGE FROM</u>	<u>POSITION CHANGE TO</u>
JOHN KELLY	7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH	8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH
JASON HELCOSKI	8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH	7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to place the individuals listed on the applicable volunteer list. Contingent upon receipt of all clearances. **8-0**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
JIM DEMPSEY	VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

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### **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

Motion by Mr. Steve Vituszynski seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the following Field Trip Request(s), as presented below. **8-0**

<u>REQUESTED BY &amp; PURPOSE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
ROBIN RUNCO – FBLA - PNC FIELD – MFG DAY	10/02/2015 – 1030AM -230PM
JOE ROVINSKY – NEIU #19 - NASA STEM PROGRAM	10/19/2015, 12/15/2015, 02/23/2016, 04/14/2016; 8AM – 2PM
MICHELLE HIGGINS – WVIA PITTSTON – SCHOLARSHIP SCRIMMAGE COMPETITION	10/19/2015; 10AM-2PM
DEB BELL – CTC SCRANTON – CAREER AWARENESS & PREP	10/22/2015; 12PM-2:15PM
ROBIN RUNCO – DELAWARE VALLEY HS – FBLA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	10/29/2015; 3PM-7PM
MICHELLE HIGGINS – PASC STATE CONFERENCE 2015	11/12/2015 – 11/14/2015; 8AM-2PM
REBECCA PETRINI – NANTICOKE HS – LATIN AMERICAN DANCE PERFORMANCE	11/20/2015; 8:45AM – 1PM
MICHELLE HIGGINS – PSU WORTHINGTON – NEIU TRIVIA COMPETITION	11/23/2015; 8AM-2PM
MICHELLE CHANG – HARRISBURG – CIVIL WAR MUSEUM, CAPITAL BUILDING, PA STATE MUSEUM	05/25/2016; 7:45AM – 6PM
KINDERGARTEN – CLAWS & PAWS	05/18/2016
FIRST GRADE – HILLSIDE FARMS	05/11/2016
SECOND GRADE – CRAYOLA FACTORY	04/27/2016
FOURTH GRADE - DAVINCI SCIENCE CENTER	05/04/2016
SIXTH GRADE – KNOBEL’S AMUSEMENT PARK	05/27/2015

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Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. John Bukowski approving Mr. Patrick J. Sheehan as the authorized District Representative for electronic signature purposes concerning Pennsylvania Department of Education Documents in accordance with attached Resolution. **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreements with Lackawanna College and the University of Scranton, as attached. **8-0**

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

Motion by Mr. Steven Vituszynski seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to approve the facilities' utilization request(s), as presented below. **8-0**

<u>REQUESTED BY &amp; PURPOSE</u>	<u>FACILITIES</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
SUE PIORKOWSKI – NORTHEAST PTA COUNCIL	LIBRARY	10-26-2015; 6:30PM – 8:30PM
MICHELLE HIGGINS – STUDENT COUNCIL – FOOD DRIVE	AUDITORIUM	11-23-2015 & 11-25-2015
MIKE ADBA – BOYS BASKETBALL – 2015 ALUMNI GAME	MS GYMNASIUM MS CAFETERIA	11-28-2015; 4PM-8PM
PATRICIA POWELL – DRAMA CLUB – SCHOOL PLAY REHEARSALS	HS AUDITORIUM	01-04-2015 – 04-06-2016; 2:45PM – 8PM
PATRICIA POWELL – DRAMA CLUB – SCHOOL PLAY	HS AUDITORIUM	04-07-2015 – 04-09-2015 5PM-10:30PM

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**BOARD BUSINESS & POLICY**

Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the Drivers' list as submitted for the 2015-2016 school year. *Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner pointed out physician certificate concern, Propst will be notified.* **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to adopt the following Policies – First Reading. *Mr. Paul Macknosky questioned on process of policies reviewed will be posted on the website.* **8-0**

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Policies</u>
100	Comprehensive Planning
101	Mission Statement
102	Academic Standards
103.1	Nondiscrimination- Qualified Students with Disabilities
103	Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom
104	Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices
105.1	Review of Instructional Materials by Parent-Guardians-Students
105.2	Exemption from Instruction
105	Curriculum
106	Guides for Planned Instruction
107	Adoption of Planned Instruction
108	Adoption of Textbooks
109.1	Reconsideration of Materials
109	Resource Materials

110	Instructional Supplies
111	Lesson Plans
112	Guidance Counseling
113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
113.2	Behavior Support
113.3	Screenings and Evaluations for Student with Disabilities
113	Special Education
114	Gifted Education
115	Career and Technical Education
116	Tutoring
117	Homebound Instruction
118	Independent Study
119	Current Events
121	Field Trips
122	Extra-Curricular Activities
123.1	Expected Conduct and Demeanor of Coaches
123.2	Participation in Clinics for Coaches
123	Interscholastic Athletics
124	Alternative Instruction Courses
125	Adult Education
126	Class Size
127	Assessments
130	Homework
137.1	Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
137	Home Education Program
138	Limited English Proficiency Program
140.1	Extracurricular Participation by Charter- Cyber Charter
140	Charter Schools
142	Migrant Students
143	Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
144	Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
146	Student Services

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Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to adopt the following Policies – second reading. *Mr. Paul Macknosky stated these policies are board governance. 8-0*

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Policies</u>
000	Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
001	Name and Classification
002	Authority and Powers
003	Functions
004	Membership
005	Organization
006.1	Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communication
006	Meetings
011	Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct
819	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

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Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to approve the conference request(s), as presented below. **8-0**

<u>REQUESTED BY &amp; PURPOSE</u>
JEFF KOVALESKI – SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING @ NEIU #19 - 10/20-10/27-11/2/2015
ROBIN RUNCO & SANDRA LIPARULO – SAP NETWORKING @ NEIU #19 – 09/24/2015

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#### **BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

Motion by Mr. Paul Mackosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski authorizing the adoption of a Resolution by the Board of School Directors of the Mid Valley School District, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania amending the project definition stated in the Resolution of the School District previously adopted on April 1, 2015, and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers of the School District to do, take and perform such acts and things in connection with passage of Resolution, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution. *A lengthy presentation and discussion by Albert B. Melone Co., regarding district finances.* **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky authorizing the closing of the Capital Project Fund through FNCB and Community Bank due to completion of projects. **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. John Bukowski to approve the list of bills payable October 2015, as submitted, and to attach a copy of the same in the minutes. **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. John Bukowski seconded by Mr. Rick Barone to accept the Treasurer’s Report as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes. **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Mr. John Bukowski that the Activity Fund report be approved as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes. **8-0**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. John Bukowski that the Cafeteria Report is approved as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes. **8-0**

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#### **INFORMATIONAL**

- ▶ Katie Mayer has received tenure on 9-1-2015
  - ▶ Richard Therkorn has received tenure on 10-1-2015
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**ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

- ▶ Members of community and MVEA commenting on teaching negotiations, class sizes, and finances.

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Motion by Mr. Rick Barone seconded by Ms. Donna Dixon to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM. **8-0**

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Ms. Donna Dixon, Secretary