

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – January 20, 2016**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Special School Board Meeting of the Mid Valley School District was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 7:00PM in the Mid Valley Secondary Center.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT:	Mr. Rick Barone, Mr. Paul Mackosky, Ms. Donna Dixon, Mr. Peter Kolcharno, Mr. Gerald Luchansky, Mrs. Joanne Pesota Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner
	ABSENT:	Mr. Daniel Lane, Mr. Steven Vituszynski

**RECOGNIZE VISITORS & ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

► None

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the minutes of the reorganization/special school board meetings of December 3, 2015, and the special school board meeting of January 13, 2016, as submitted. **7-2**

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to place the individuals listed below 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. **7-2**

Amanda Gruszewski	Substitute Elementary/Special Education Teacher
Elizabeth Leslie	Substitute Art Teacher
Alice Cupelli	Substitute Cleaning Staff
Michele Steblinski	Substitute Cleaning Staff

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Gerald Luchansky 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. **7-2**

Action #1:	Appointment
Appointee:	Melissa Hiller
Position:	Elementary Teacher
Status:	Long-Term Substitute Teacher for 2015-2016 SY (2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester)
Salary:	CBA Step B1 (\$40,100)
Effective Date:	January 21, 2016

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Action #2: Appointment  
Appointee: Arielle Wilkes  
Position: English Teacher  
Status: Long-Term Substitute Teacher for 2015-2016 SY (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)  
Salary: CBA Step B1 (\$40,100)  
Effective Date: January 21, 2016

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Motion by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mr. Gerald Luchansky to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to review the request from employee PS#04-15-16, for Child Rearing Leave and to approve the same. **7-2**

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Motion by Mrs. Joanne Pesota seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to review the request from employee, PS#05-15-16 for Family Medical Leave and Child Rearing Leave and to approve the same, subject to the Superintendent's determination that the applicable provisions of the law governing said leave have been satisfied. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded Mr. Peter Kolcharno to place the individual listed below on the applicable volunteer list. Contingent upon receipt of all clearances. **7-2**

Dan Damiani – Volunteer Football Coach

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Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve the Field Trip request(s), as presented below. 7-0

REQUESTED BY & PURPOSE	PERIOD
SARAH DAVID – ACCELERATED READING – VALLEY BOWLING LANES	JANUARY 20 & 22, 2016 9:00 AM – 11:45 AM
JOE ROVINSKY – MS STUDENT COUNCIL – PA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS DISTRICT IX CONFERENCE	MAY 3, 2016 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
CHARLES WILSON – PMEA DISTRICT 9 BAND FESTIVAL	JANUARY 27-29, 2016

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Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the Student Teaching/Intern Affiliation Agreement with the University of Scranton as per the attached. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Gerald Luchansky to accept the consent agreement for Student ST#01-15-16 pertaining to the exclusion of said student in accord with the existing policy. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to accept settlement agreement and release for Student ST#02-15-16. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the facilities' utilization request(s), as presented below. **7-2**

<u>REQUESTED BY &amp; PURPOSE</u>	<u>FACILITIES</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
RED DRAGON KARATE – TOURNAMENT	HS GYM	FEBRUARY 28, MAY 1, JULY 10, SEPTEMBER 18, DECEMBER 4, 2016 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
JB HOOPS DBA BACKYARD HOOPS	HS/MS GYMS	MARCH 19,20,26, 2016 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Mid Valley School District and the Mid Valley Educational Support Professionals Association clarifying employee salaries. **7-2**

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Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve the Drivers' List as submitted for the 2015-2016 school year. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Gerald Luchansky to adopt the following Policies – First Reading. **7-2**

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Policies</u>
113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
127	Assessments
132	Alternative Education
138	Limited English Proficiency Program
200	Enrollment of Students
201	Admission of Students
202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
203	Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
203.1	HIV Infection
204	Attendance
205	Postgraduate Students
206	Assignment Within District
207	Confidential Communications of Students
208	Withdrawn From School
209	Health Examinations/Screenings
210	Use of Medications
210.1	Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers
211	Student Accident Insurance
212	Reporting Student Progress
213	Assessment of Student Progress
214	Class Rank
215	Promotion and Retention
216	Student Records
217	Graduation Requirements
218	Student Discipline
218.1	Weapons
218.2	Terroristic Threats
219	Student Complaint Process
220	Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials

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221	Student Uniforms
222	Tobacco Use
223	Use of Motor Vehicles
224	Care of School Property
226	Searches
227	Controlled Substances
227.1	Drug Testing of Student Athletes
228	Student Government
229	Student Fundraising
230	Public Performances By Students
231	Social Events and Class Trips
232	Student Involvement in Decision-Making
233	Suspension and Expulsion
234	Pregnant/Married Students
235	Student Rights/Surveys
236	Student Assistance Program
237	Electronic Devices
239	Foreign Exchange Students
246	Student Wellness
247	Hazing
248	Unlawful Harassment
249	Bullying/Cyberbullying
250	Student Recruitment
251	Homeless Students

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Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to adopt the following Policies – Second Reading. **7-2**

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Policies</u>
115	Career and Technical Education

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Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to approve Conference request(s), as presented below. **7-2**

TOM NOWAKOWSKI – PSADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, HERSHEY, PA - MARCH 15-18, 2016
DEBRA DEMMING – PDE SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE, HERSHEY, PA - FEBRUARY 10-12, 2016

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to accept the proposal from King, Spry, Herman, Freund, and Faul LLC to act as Special Counsel to the Mid Valley School District. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the adoption of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association’s recommended Principles for Governance and Leadership. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Gerald Luchansky to recommend approval to adopt a preliminary budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year with expenditures of \$25,124,869 and revenues of \$24,351,849 with millage of 113.2691 mills assessed valuation. *\*Mr. Macknosky stated the Business Office will work diligently in upcoming months for the deficit is still 1 million.* **6-1-2** (Mr. Kolcharno voted nay.)

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Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to accept the Independent Auditor's Report submitted by Brian T. Kelly, CPA for the year ended June 30, 2015. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner to approve the list of bills payable January 2016, as submitted, and to attach a copy of the same in the minutes. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to accept the Treasurer's Report as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes. **7-2**

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Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno that the list of checks received be approved as posted and placed in the proper accounts. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno that the Activity Fund report be approved as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes. **7-2**

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Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Gerald Luchansky that Cafeteria report is posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes. **7-2**

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Informational:

- ▶ January is School District Recognition Month
- ▶ School Counseling Intern – Michael Moschella – University of Scranton – from January 18 to mid/end of March.
- ▶ CTC Students from the Mid Valley School District won four silver medals and two bronze medals at the Regional SkillsUSA Competitions. (*Mr. Kolcharno read names*)

Austin Clark – silver medal in Crime Scene Investigation  
Alexandra Patterson – silver medal in Health & Knowledge Bowl  
Victor Ozuna – silver medal– Quiz Bowl  
Brittany Davis – silver medal – Quiz Bowl  
Matthew Cook – bronze medal – Collision Repair Technology  
Ashley Fritz – bronze medal – Restaurant Service

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### Meetings Held:

- ▶ February 13, 2015 – 5:30 PM – Executive Session  
5:45 PM – Special School Board Meeting  
6:00 PM – Work Session
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### Scheduled Meetings:

- ▶ February 10, 2016 – Work Session - 6:00 PM
  - ▶ February 17, 2016 – Regular School Board Meeting - 7:00 PM  
*Will be held at the Career Technology Center, 3201 Rockwell Ave, Scranton*
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### Upcoming Events:

- ▶ February 12, 2016 – No School (Possible Snow Make-up Day)
  - ▶ February 15, 2016 – No School – President’s Day
  - ▶ February 24, 2016 – Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 PM
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Motion by Mr. Paul Mackosky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to adjourn at 7:30 PM. **7-2**

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Ms. Donna Dixon, Secretary