

Regular School Board Meeting – January 18, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Mid Valley School District was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:10 PM at the Mid Valley Secondary Center – Board Room.

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

Mr. Rick Barone indicated that an executive session was held prior for legal purposes.

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

- (1) Mr. James Liparulo – Olyphant Tax Collector – Asked if the board could give an explanation regarding the motion to change the tax collector compensation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Steven Vituszynski seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the minutes of the minutes of the reorganization/special school board meetings of December 7, 2016 as submitted. **9-0**

I. PRESENTATIONS

None

II. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations

MOTION by Mr. Paul Mackosky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to accept the resignations submitted by the staff member(s) listed below. **9-0**

<u>Staff Members</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Glenn Ford	JV Softball Coach	June 2, 2016

B. Staffing

MOTION by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno 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. **9-0**

➔ Action #1: Appointment
 Appointee: Ray Filipkoski
 Position: Asst. Junior High Softball Coach
 Salary: \$1087.00
 Effective Date: 16-17 sy

C. Volunteers

MOTION by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to place the individuals listed below on the applicable volunteer list. Contingent upon receipt of all clearances. **9-0**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Glenn Ford	Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

D. School Psychologist

MOTION by Mrs. Joanne Pesota seconded by Mr. Peter Kolcharno to approve the agreement with Soliant Health for a part-time School Psychologist as needed. **9-0**

II. **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

A. Field Trip Request(s)

<u>Requested By & Purpose</u>	<u>Period</u>
Sarah Davis – Accelerated Reader – Valley Bowling Lanes, Childs	January 18, 2017 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Sarah Davis – Accelerated Reader – Valley Bowling Lanes, Childs	January 20, 2017 7:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Amy Valentukonis – French Club – Le Manhattan Bistro, Wilkes-Barre	February 17, 2017 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

MOTION by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the Field Trip request(s), as presented above. **9-0**

B. Affiliation Agreement for Counseling Internship Site – Marywood University

MOTION by Mr. Peter Kolcharno seconded by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner to approve the Affiliation Agreement for Counseling Internship Site with Marywood University as per attached. **9-0**

III. BUILDING & GROUNDS

A. Facilities' Utilization Request(s):

<u>Requested By & Purpose</u>	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Period</u>
PMEA District 9 Band Fest – Linda Orseck	HS Auditorium, Cafeteria & Gymnasium	May 5, 2017 7:30 AM – 8:30 PM
Olyphant Little League – Stan Yanoski – For Baseball Clinics & Practices for Little League Teams	MVEC Gymnasium *if available when needed due to inclement weather	January – April 2017 5:30 PM-9:00 PM Weekdays 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Saturdays
Double “R” Twirlettes – Annual Baton Twirling Recital (Revision)	HS Auditorium	May 10, 2017 & May 12, 2017 5:00PM-8:00PM & 6:00PM-9:00PM
Kelly Patrick Studio of Dance – Kelly Patrick-Dance Recital	HS Auditorium	June 3, 2017; 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM June 4, 2017; 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

MOTION by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve facilities' utilization request(s), as presented above. **9-0**

Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner questioned the use of the Olyphant Little League – they will only be using the Elementary Gymnasium in inclement weather and will only be permitted to use the facility as long as it doesn't conflict with any other school event occurring at the same time.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS & POLICY

A. Drivers' Lists 2016-2017 SY – Contracted Student Transportation Services

MOTION by Mr. Steven Vituszynski seconded by Mr. Paul Macknosky to approve the Drivers' List as submitted for the 2016-2017 school year. **9-0**

B. Policies – First Reading

MOTION by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Steven Vituszynski to adopt the following Policies – First Reading. **9-0**

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Policies</u>
251	Homeless Students
255	Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

C. Policies – Second Reading

MOTION by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to adopt the following Policies – Second Reading. **9-0**

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Policies</u>
901	Public Relations Objectives
902	Publications Program
903	Public Participation in Board Meetings
904	Public Attendance at School Events
905	Citizen Advisory Committees
906	Public Complaints
907	School Visitors
908	Relations with Parents and Guardians

- 909 Municipal Government Relations
- 910 Community Engagement
- 911 News Media Relations
- 912 Relations with Educational Institutions
- 913 Non-school Organizations, Groups and Individuals
- 914 Relations with Intermediate Unit
- 916 School Volunteers
- 917 Parental and Family Involvement
- 918 Title I Parental Involvement
- 919 District-School Report Cards

Mr. Patrick Sheehan commented that the revision of the District Policy Manual is now complete.

D. Conference Request(s):

Requested By & Purpose

Debra Demming – PDE Special Education Annual Conference 2017, Hershey, PA – March 8-10, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to approve Conference request(s), as presented above. **9-0**

V. **BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

A. Act 1 Resolution

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to adopt a resolution indicating that the board of school directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2017-18 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. **9-0**

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Peter Kolcharno

Mr. Paul Macknosky stated that this is a sign in change for our district to stay within the index due to a large part in PLANCON being received. Mr. Rick Barone complimented the Board, Administration, Albert B. Melone Co., and Staff for all the work with staying within the budget.

B. DeHey McAndrew – Contract Renewals – IRC 403 (b) Salary Reduction Plan

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to recommend approval to accept the Letter of Engagement with DeHey McAndrew L.L.C. for ‘IRC 403 (b) Salary Reduction Plan Administrative Services and Common Remitter’ at a fixed rate of \$3,675.00 and \$1.59/per Contributor per payroll period for the timeframe: January 1, 2017 -December 31, 2017. **9-0**

C. DeHey McAndrew – Contract Renewals – IRC 403 (b) Post Severance Plan

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to recommend approval to accept the Letter of Engagement with DeHey McAndrew, L.L.C. for Administration for IRC 403 (b) Post Severance Plan at a fixed rate of \$2,675.00 and variable fee of \$9.75/per associated Retiree per year for the timeframe: January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. **9-0**

D. DeHey McAndrew – Contract Renewals – Consultative Retainer

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to recommend approval to accept the Letter of Engagement with DeHey McAndrew, L.L.C. for ‘Consultative Retainer’ at fixed fee of \$2,275 for the timeframe: January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. **9-0**

E. Petition for Tax Appeal

Motion by Mr. Gerald Luchansky seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota directing the solicitor with the assistance of the District’s Business Office and Superintendent to respond and defend the real estate tax assessment appeal commenced by Home Depot USA, Incorporated. **9-0**

F. Advertisement in Drama Club Program

Motion by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mrs. Joanne Pesota to place an advertisement in the Drama Club programs for the upcoming school plays in the amount of \$500.00/per advertisement. **9-0**

G. Real Estate Tax Collection Rate

Motion by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Gerald Luchansky to table the motion listed below. **9-0**

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution 2017-1 establishing revised Real Estate Tax Collection rates as per the attached.

Mr. Paul Macknosky made present outline current tax compensation to possible compensation in line with other districts and municipalities. Mr. James Liparulo – Olyphant Tax Collector - commented on the duties of the tax collector and understands the reasoning for the change but suggested one that was fairer to the tax collectors. He wanted the board to know that he does the best he can for the residents of Olyphant.

H. Authorize Payment of Bills

The Secretary submits the list of bills.

MOTION by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to approve the list of bills payable November 17, 2016 through January 18, 2017, as submitted, and to attach a copy of the same in the minutes. **9-0**

I. Reports

1.) Treasurer’s Report

MOTION by Mr. Paul Macknosky Tanner seconded by Mrs. Mary Ruth Tanner to accept the Treasurer's report as posted, and to attach a copy of same in the minutes. **9-0**

2.) List of Checks Received

The Treasurer presents the list of checks received, as posted.

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. **9-0**

3.) Activity Report

MOTION by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane that the Activity Fund report be approved as posted, and to attach a copy of the same in the minutes. **9-0**

4.) Cafeteria Report

MOTION by Mrs. Joanne Pesota seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to approve the Cafeteria report as posted, and to attach a copy of the same in the minutes. **9-0**

VI. INFORMATIONAL

- ▶ January is School Director Recognition Month
- ▶ PDE Notification for Compliance for Special Education Monitoring –
Ms. Donna Dixon commended Special Education Department and Mrs. Debra Demming
- ▶ Certificate of Recognition from Ryan’s Run for the Secondary Center Dress Down held on September 16, 2016.

MEETINGS HELD

- ▶ Wednesday, January 11 – Work Session @ 6PM
- ▶ Wednesday, January 11 – Executive Session for Legal and Personnel Purposes @ 7:30 PM
- ▶ Wednesday, January 18 – Executive Session for Legal and Personnel Purposes @ 6 PM

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- ▶ Wednesday, February 8 – Work Session @ 6PM - Special Meeting to follow for General Purposes
- ▶ Wednesday, February 15 – Regular School Board Meeting @ 7PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ January 9 -23 – Winter Keystone Exams
- ▶ January 16th – Act 80 Day – Faculty/Staff Only-No School for Students
Mr. Patrick Sheehan thanked Mr. Eduardo Antonetti and Administration for an excellent in-service day.
- ▶ January 28 – MVSC Parent Scheduling Meeting for Grades 8-11 – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- ▶ February 11 - Semi-Formal- Montdale Country Club

ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Donna Dixon informed the Board that the Build a Spartan Foundation has received its first grant in the amount of \$25,000.00

Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Paul Macknosky seconded by Mr. Daniel Lane to adjourn at 7:50 PM. **9-0**

Ms. Donna Dixon, Secretary