

# MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Regular Meeting

West Snyder Elementary School

Large Group Instruction Room

Monday, March 26, 2018

### ***A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL, FOR LIFE***

#### I. **OPENING CEREMONY**

#### II. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Abate stated this evening Steven Yakamook will be saying the Pledge. Steven is a second grade student in Mrs. Trawitz's class. Steven was nominated to say the Pledge of Allegiance this evening because of his respectful and responsible attitude as well as his love for learning. Is that true?

Mr. Yakamook gave a smile.

Mr. Abate stated whenever you're ready, the flag is right there.

*A round of applause occurred at the conclusion of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### III. **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

<b><u>BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>	<b><u>LATE ARRIVAL</u></b>
Mr. Victor L. Abate, President	X		
Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo, Vice President	X		
Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman, Treasurer		X	
Mr. Ronald L. Hoffman	X		
Mrs. Wyona P. Lauver	X		
Mr. Tony G. McKnight	X		
Mr. Christopher T. Nesbit	X		
Mr. Donald D. Pinci	X		
Mr. Ronald E. Wilson	X		
Mr. Richard J. Musselman, Superintendent Non-Voting Member)	X		
Ms. Allyson L. Folk, Secretary (Non-Member)	X		

#### **OTHERS**

Mr. Joseph W. Stroup, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Mrs. Amy B. Simmons, Business Manager  
Attorney Orris C. Knepp, III, Solicitor  
Mr. Dane S. Aucker, Principal, Midd-West Middle School  
Mr. Jeremy D. Brown, Assistant Principal, Midd-West High School  
Mrs. Lee C. Bzdil, Supervisor of Special Education  
Mr. Thor R. Edmiston, Principal, Midd-West High School  
Ms. Cynthia L. Hutchinson, Principal, Middleburg Elementary School  
Miss Erin C. Sheedy, Principal, West Snyder Elementary School

Mrs. Bree A. Solomon, Athletic Director  
Mr. Gary L. Thomas, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds  
Mrs. Loren Collins  
Mrs. Kristy Etzler  
Mr. Elijah Feltman  
Mr. Ryan Frantz  
Mr. Zachary Hoffman  
Miss Ella Sanderson  
Mrs. Lacie Sanderson  
Mr. Scott Sanderson  
Mrs. Courtney Trawitz  
Mr. Harvey Mowery  
Mrs. Wanda Mowery  
Mr. Hunter Wolfley  
Mrs. Monica Yakamook  
Mr. Steven Yakamook  
Mr. Stevie Yakamook

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Public comment is restricted to three (3) minutes per speaker and on the subject of Agenda Action Items only. Any individual who wishes to address the Board on an agenda item should contact the Board Secretary by 1:00 p.m. the day of the Board meeting at (570) 837-0046, Ext, 1100.

*There were no public comments.*

**V. SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

**1) FFA Chapter, Midd-West High School – Midd-West School Farm**

Mr. Feltman stated so, if you go out there now, there is a new building out there. It's probably about a year ago now, and we asked to build a barn out there for our animal science class. We ended up building this with a \$25,000.00 grant through Monsanto. It's 25. No, it's 30 foot by 42 foot long, and we hope to soon get animals in. It's pretty much done. There's a few little touch ups that we have to do to finish it off altogether, some final excavating along the side to divert some water. There's been some water issues, but no issues really. It just needs finished. So, we're getting there.

Here's the inside of it. You can kind of see. There's two stories from the outside, but upstairs is where we're going to store straw which we planted a few months ago. So, we ended up planting winter wheat so we can grain off of it, and then on top of that, we will bale the straw for bedding and put upstairs. Eventually, we hope to have six 10-gates. It would be three on each side and then two in the back so there ought to be six pens altogether with one aisle way through the middle. So, it's coming traumatically. Like it is really coming together. On top of this, we also got a chicken coop out there from Mr. Snoddy's class that we got chickens in, and now we're incubating eggs, and we're actually starting to hatch chicks through the eggs. I think we're up to four chicks now.

So, here's kind of a map of the land. You can see like where everything's at. Over in here is where the barn is, and you can just kind of see where we do stuff. Number 3 is the forestry science lab. Whenever we go there, we hope to eventually

get rid of evasive species so on and so forth and just traumatically change the forest so that we will be able to one day have a useful purpose for it. As of right now, there's not much there. Number 2 is kind of going to be more the fenced-off area for our grazing areas, paddocks, so on and so forth. Number 1 is more of a fields/crops so on and so forth. Hoping one day just be able to crop farm it and be able to feed our own animals out of our products. Number 4 is across the stream. So, there's a stream in Number 3, and there's more land there, and that's kind of still being talked about. Maybe putting up a fence eventually and being able to do just different paddocks there also. So, you can kind of transitionally graze them throughout the time being. There's the acreage also. Like I said, this is the forestry science lab area so right there what we do is we've gone out there. We wrote notes of what is there, what we hope to be there and how we plan to change it. So, right now we have a lot more evasive species that just need to be gotten rid of. So, they're talking about getting rid of them and maybe planting the new variety of trees, shrubbery, bushes so that we just have more of a diverse forest that should be there compared to what is actually there.

Mr. Frantz stated so, now to integrate the animal part of it. So, we're just looking out for the future right now, and so we are planning on getting three ovines very soon. Actually, me and another student are going to a lamb sale on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April to maybe look out some prospects for our breeding program. So, we're going to be doing that, and then with our breeding program, we hope to breed and have lambs at the farm and have other FFA members have their SAE project as the lambs that we have raised, and then they can raise them to market weight to show at the Beaver Fair, and then in the future, like years from now, possibly, we want bovine out there.

Mr. Feltman stated explain to them what that is. Not many people know what those big words are.

Mr. Frantz stated all right. An ovine is a sheep, and a bovine is a cow. So, another project that FFA members could have would be a market steer, and we have the resources available at the school farm for students to raise those animals to market weight, and then in the next slide, I can explain more. So, this is our proposed plan for fencing which was Number 2 on the slide about the different lab areas. So, the blue little square is the barn, obviously, and then the dotted outline is the 2½?

Mrs. Etzler stated it's about 2.8.

Mr. Frantz stated 2.8 acres of pasture that we hope to have. So, the little green boxes around represent gates. These yellow lines also represent fence, and here is water troughs for animals. So, the proposed plan with all of this, what's the point of all of the lines and all that stuff, is that this area of what would be the pasture is a wetter area. So, when we integrate the bovine into our program out there, we would put them in that part of the pasture because they're a more hardier animal, and their hooves can withstand the wetter soil compared to a sheep which can more quickly get the foot rot. So, they would be up here in the dryer area, and then for these two little run-outs, during the day and the summer months when the animals are mostly going to be there, is they need to be cool so they can gain weight so they are market ready for the Fair, and then at night, they can turn out into those runs. That way they can get exercise and build muscle mass on them and also so they don't look stiff when they're walking. So, that's what we have proposed for that. We think it's a really good idea, and it's going to really work with our program and what we have planned and set up to happen, and that's all for the animal lab.

Mrs. Etzler stated okay, so I'm actually speaking on behalf of Hunter who's a little presentation shy, but obviously as you all know, our program is pretty diverse in the different aspects that we have. So, we have plant science, animal science, ag mechanics; all these different components that we can incorporate into the school farm. So, most of what you heard is primarily about incorporating animals into the program of the school farm, and a really unique idea that was brought is to incorporate plant science for a fruit production. So, the little square which this field that we showed you on the first slide is dedicated to agronomic crops. So, I believe, if I'm not mistaken, currently up there we had, Sam had corn and soybeans planted in that stretch right there. So, the plan is to take out of that 13 acres a small 1-acre plot just to start a small, experimental blueberry area. So, that would be a supervised agricultural experience project for Hunter, and the plan would be to start it kind of small and open it up to the community. So, obviously, we know that blueberries are ready to harvest in the summertime. So, as a way to kind of give back to the community and their support towards our program, we could utilize it towards an outreach for those members in our school community that aren't taking advantage of the back pack program, the less fortunate individuals as a way for them to be accessible to free and healthy foods for them and their children. So, that's just one idea that we have, and with that space, we would be able to add onto it additionally if we would need to. So, that's just one of the ideas that we have thrown around, and it's a great opportunity for these guys to work on their supervised agricultural experience project because they don't come from an ag background per say. So, it gives them more opportunity in that field, and then the last slide that we have to talk to you about is basically where we're going with the school farm. So, when we incorporate all of the animals and the plant science components to the program, we face some challenges when we have to secure these three items. So, we have a premise I.D., a manure management plan and a nutrient management plan. So, basically, what those three things are. To start off, the premise I.D. is something that all working farms are supposed to have, and basically that is just to have recorded information for the United States Department of Agriculture. Say that we have our chickens at the school farm, and there's an outbreak of the Avian Flu in Snyder County. We have to be able to say, "Yes, we have this many chickens in our flock, and we have tested them, and we have record of our chickens being healthy." So, that way the United States Department of Ag can make sure that we're not exposing a risk to the community. So, that's one thing that we have to secure is a premise I.D., and then obviously with all of the animals that we're talking about, we have to have some sort of manure management plan, and that is run through our Conservation District, and what that means is we have to figure out with that Conservation District what we are going to do with all of the defecation that's created from our animals. So, once we have all of our acreage mapped out, and we know we have the support from the school and the community to say we can go ahead and allot this acreage that we've talked about in our presentation, we can actually give the Conservation District that information, and they will help the students create a manure management plan that suitable for the amount of animals we have and the amount of acres that we have available to utilize for that. And, then the nutrient management plan goes for the agronomic crops. So, if we are choosing to continue the growth of our own products for the animals, say corn, soybeans, wheat. We would just generate a nutrient management plan with the Conservation District to be sure that since that we have that riparian area there that we're ensuring that we don't get run-off and anything that could be detrimental to the stream. So, I think that's it. Does anyone have any questions for any of us?

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Frantz, you said you're going to start getting animals here in the next couple of weeks?

Mr. Frantz responded yes. So, with that plan is this is sale season right now for all the lambs. So, they were born January/February this year, and me and Catherine Weiland are actually going to a sale in Mercer, Pennsylvania. We will be looking at cross-bred ewe lambs. So, they're just a bunch of everything mixed together, and so, we're going to look at that, and then until the barn and all of the legalities are taken care of, students like me or Catherine can house them, but we need to get them now to be ready to breed with in like this fall. So, hopefully, Mrs. Etzler is going to. We have a large animal science class right now. So, we're going to open that up for people who don't have SAE projects that if you don't, we have available, and this is what we're going to do with them. This is what we have planned, and we're going to thrive off the opportunities that this will present you with because a lamb can have so many opportunities for a student because throughout that lamb's life before it hits the rung, it can be shown at many different places. There's different shows out in Somerset and Bedford Counties that they can take them to and learn how to properly show that lamb, how to take care of it and groom it, and then, obviously, we're here at the Fair. We have that. There's a lot of learning experience from these animals.

Mr. Feltman stated I'll keep going with that. One of the cool things about like everything that we're doing kind of deal is Ryan and the livestock team got the chance to go to nationals. So, they're actually the top FFA team in Pennsylvania for livestock judging. So, with that being said, they know a little bit, not much, about what's good animals and what's not so good animals. So, they can kind of get us started and in the right track, and that's something Mr. Erb was so gracious about. Like he just knows his stuff about the animals and what's a good animal and what's not a good animal, what's the best suited for our situation. That's kind of the cool thing of what everything's coming to is they've learned through just livestock judging, the school farm, every little detail and stuff, and they actually won states and went onto nationals. So, that's just a little pat on the head for him (Ryan Frantz).

Mr. Pinci stated I had a question about evasive plants. What plants were you looking at to get rid of?

Mr. Feltman responded what was there? There were thorn bushes. Well, nobody likes them because they're prickly, and I think there's also poison ivy back there. So, it's not. There's mustard. There's just different little things adding up to a bigger thing.

Mr. Pinci inquired what types of plants? Would you consider planting trees?

Mr. Feltman responded we already planted trees. Last year was it? To extend the repairing of riparian area. That was actually an event the one day when we got all kinds of people. I mean we got the community involved. We got the NewsWatch 16 involved. I mean there's still videos out there of kids planting these trees. So, it was just kind of an event, and we hope to do something like that with getting rid of the evasive species so that we can.

Mr. Pinci inquired what kind of trees did you plant?

Mr. Frantz responded there were oaks. There was different varieties.

Mr. Feltman responded yeah, yeah, there were quite a different varieties.

Mr. Pinci inquired mostly hardwoods?

Mr. Feltman responded yeah, yeah.

Mrs. Etzler stated and the nice thing is a lot of the trees what they found when they went out to do their scope for their management plan that they are going to implement is a lot of the tree population out there is pretty dead. So, they can understand like.

Mr. Feltman stated a lot of it is the actual forest.

Mrs. Etzler stated yeah, so, they saw some, not only just evasive species as far as the plant aspect of those, but also how evasive species like the insects are effecting the trees, and they'll have to implement the plan based on. Elijah could tell you, I'm sure, that in a few of the readings that they did, they found how many snag trees there really are supposed to be in designated forest lot for them to basically enhance the ecological diversity out there, but we have too many. So, part of their plan that they're going to implement in the fourth marking period is to get rid of some of that and kind of open it up so that it can be a more ecological diverse ecosystem. So, it will be better for the wildlife classes and everyone to get the biggest bang for their buck, I guess.

Mr. Abate stated, Elijah, I'd just like to shift gears here for a moment. You started this for a specific reason. Correct?

Mr. Feltman stated yeah.

Mr. Abate inquired have you succeeded in that?

Mr. Feltman responded in April on the 28<sup>th</sup> I go for my Board review to become an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Abate stated in case the rest of the Board who wasn't here at the time, Elijah decided to do this as his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Feltman stated yeah.

Mr. Abate stated and the school district is very grateful that you chose to do this. It's a wonderful thing that you've done, and I commend you for that undertaking. That's amazing.

Mr. Feltman stated thank you.

Mr. Abate stated good luck with your Eagle Scout.

Mr. Feltman stated thanks. Thank you.

Mr. Abate inquired does anybody else have anything for our student representatives? Thank you very much.

*A round of applause occurred at this time.*

VI. **STUDENT REPORTS**

Miss Libby R. Sankey and Master Dominick F. Abate

Master Abate reported on the following items:

1) Junior High Spring Sports Season

So, today, junior high sports kicked off which includes boys soccer, girls soccer and some other things like that.

2) Varsity Spring Sports Season

Varsity sports have also been in full swing the last couple of weeks. Also, track and field has its first meet tomorrow at Shikellamy.

3) Third Marking Period

The third marking period is coming to a close on Wednesday this week.

4) Mary Poppins Spring Musical

Ticket sales for the spring musical, Mary Poppins, are for sale which shows April 12 through the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Sankey reported on the following items:

1) DECA Dance

DECA is hosting a dance this Thursday before spring break for a fundraiser actually. Our school store got its third year of Gold Level of certification through DECA. So, we qualified to travel to Atlanta, Georgia, for nationals this year. Myself, I'm the President of our DECA Club at Midd-West, and seven other students are going to be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, for nationals. So, the dance is for a little fundraiser trying to earn some of that money.

2) Senior Class Trip

The senior trip is right after that. We're going to Georgia April 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, and then the senior trip to Boston is April 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>.

3) Spring Ball

Student Council is hosting a spring ball for the underclassmen on May 11.

Mr. Abate inquired before we get started, I believe, Mr. Stroup, you had something?

Mr. Stroup responded yes. Thank you. I just want to talk to you about the devices that are in front of you this evening. They are computers that we are looking at to replace the ones the students are using for the one-to-one program at the high school, and we need your help, and we need your help in the fact that we want you to put them through the paces and see what type of machines they are. We've already had them in the hands of students. We've had them in the hands of teachers. We've had them in the hands of administrators, and most of the feedback we've gotten about them is very, very positive at this point. There are some things that we really look for with our student program, one-to-one program, as far as a computer that we have to have that are non-negotiables. One is battery life. We can't have batteries that last only 40 minutes or so, or then our kids have to go charge them at the end of each period.

We need batteries that can last an entire day. Batteries on this are very, very good. We also need a product that will run all the different programs we have. It has to have enough hard drive space and memory. These will do that. And, something else that's really, really important for us is price point. These actually come in at a better price going to what we used to use. These are the old machines. They're not going to make them anymore. These are very sturdy. The student machines that we use, they're called a ProBook. Their price point was about \$470.00 a unit to run the program. These have some nicer features. One, they can be used as a tablet. They totally flip over, and you can use it as a tablet. Kids can use it this way. It's touch screen so you can write on it with the writing instrument or your finger. Very, very versatile in that regard. Nice, nice computer. The price point on these comes in at \$290.00. So, with that versatility we're hoping to maintain all of the other features that are nice. The one thing about our concerns, and you can see the meatiness of it is not what these are, but that's what we're hoping to really test; how well they hold up. So far, we've had these since the end of October/ early November, and they've held up well, but again, we had them in hands of teachers, administrators and some students. So, that is our test. To log in, you would use the first part of your e-mail address and then your e-mail password. Your passwords I don't know. So, if you have trouble with that and can't access it, you call our tech department. They can reset your password for you so that you can start over, but we'd really, really like to have your input back on these machines and what do you think on them. Okay? Any questions?

Mr. Pinci responded yeah. Maybe I missed it, but you have the advantages far outweighed the perceived negatives. What were the perceived negatives?

Mr. Stroup responded one of the complaints I got was processor speed, and that's how quickly it will call up like a screen or program from the Internet. So, if you can go into Sapphire, it's not like instantaneous. In some cases it may take a second to load up or boot up, but it is a cheaper processor. One of the other issues people said was the track pad. So, to me, it's a cheaper track pad than this may have, but it's also touch. So, the touch helps overcome track pad issues if you have them. So, test those things out. Those are the two negatives that I heard. Get back to us. Keep them for two weeks or so, and then we'll have a conversation about them at our work session. Thank you.

Mr. Abate stated thank you, Mr. Stroup. I do have a question. Repair? Mr. Edmiston's group can repair these as he can those?

Mr. Stroup responded yes, yes. In fact, they're actually going to be adding space to some of the hard drives and gigs for high school student and teacher usage.

Mr. Abate inquired are you just going to phase the other ones out as the new?

Mr. Stroup responded yes, we will keep all these, and they will be cycled out over the course of the five years that we can get out of life out of those programs, but another advantage because of the price point, and I should have went into this, but I didn't, and so I will now. The money budgeted for these we then have money or funds in the budget to do other things, and one of the things we were talking about is heading in the direction of going one-to-one with our middle school kids as well in six and seven because of the room that we would have in the budget for that. So, we've started conversations with how we get there, and I think that is a good next step for the District to take especially with the reward we're getting for being good financial stewards and finding a cheaper, more successful product.

Mr. Abate stated okay. Any questions?

Mr. Nesbit inquired with one of the complaints being a slower processor, is there another model that's going to be a little bit faster? Have you looked at the cost difference between that?



Mr. Stroup responded it's quite a good bit more expensive. Then you start to lose. I personally did not experience any slower processor speed. I'd like to know what you all. That was one person who had issues with that.

Mr. Abate inquired anything further for Mr. Stroup? If not, we will move through the Action Items. Mr. Sassaman is not here this evening. In his absence, Mr. Hoffman will take over.

## VII. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### A. **BUSINESS AND FISCAL**

Mr. Ronald L. Hoffman

#### 1. **MINUTES**

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval of the minutes of the February 26, 2018, regular meeting of the Midd-West School District Board of Directors and the minutes of the March 12, 2018, work session of the Midd-West School District Board of Directors.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

#### 2. **LIST OF BILLS**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval of the list of bills for the period February 26, 2018, through March 26, 2018, chargeable against the funds and accounts indicated as presented and as included in the supporting documents.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

#### 3. **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval for the Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Food Service Fund and Activity Fund for the period ending February 28, 2018.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

4. **BUS DRIVERS**

Mrs. Lauver moved and Mr. McKnight seconded approval for the following individuals as bus drivers for the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of Act 34, 151, 114, 24 and 31:

Weikel Busing, LLC

Philip J. Adam, Jr., effective March 27, 2018

Andrew E. Bickhart effective March 27, 2018

Levon S. Hoover effective March 27, 2018

James D. Roberts effective March 27, 2018

Latisha M. Walk effective March 27, 2018

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

5. **SPRING ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION BIDS**

Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval of the spring athletic transportation bids in the amount of \$891.00 from Weikel Busing, LLC.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

6. **TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR BASEBALL PRACTICES**

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mr. Wilson seconded approval to accept the quote

from Strawser Busing, LLC, in the amount of \$150.00 per transport to provide baseball practice transportation to West Snyder Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Discussion:

Mr. Abate inquired, Mrs. Solomon, is this \$150.00? They have to find their own?

Mrs. Solomon responded it's round trip.

Mr. Abate inquired that's round trip?

Mrs. Solomon responded it's round trip.

Mr. Abate commented okay.

Mr. Nesbit inquired how many practices do they have in a season?

Mrs. Solomon responded oh.

Mr. Nesbit inquired roughly?

Mrs. Solomon responded roughly, well, it would be for home games, too. They would transport them on home games. So, I would guess about 50 or so.

Mr. Nesbit commented thank you.

Mr. Abate commented okay. Any further discussion?

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

#### 7. **PENTELEDATA SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Wilson seconded approval of the Service Agreement between PenTeleData and the Mid-West School District to provide Dedicated Internet Service to be effective for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021, at a monthly cost of \$1,875.00.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

8. **QUOTE FOR WEB-BASED LITERACY RESOURCE**

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval of the quote with Edmentum for Reading Eggs for Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School for Grades K-2 for a term of three (3) years at a total cost of \$12,456.80. *{Reading Eggs is a web-based literacy resource used to teach/practice early literacy skills.} {This will be paid with Title I funds.}*

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

9. **QUOTE FOR LANGUAGE FOR LEARNING**

Mrs. Lauver moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of the quote with McGraw-Hill to purchase Language for Learning as an intervention in Kindergarten for Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$9,197.82. *{This will be paid with 2017-2018 Title I funds.}*

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

10. **QUOTE FOR DEVELOPING NUMBER CONCEPTS**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval of the quote with Didax Education to purchase Developing Number Concepts as mathematics interventions for Grades K-5 for Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$7,203.30. *{This will be paid with 2017-2018 Title I funds.}*

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

11. **QUOTE FOR LEXIA READING CORE5 STUDENT SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval of the quote to purchase 70 student subscription renewals and 30 student subscriptions for Lexia Reading Core5 from Lexia Learning Systems, LLC, for Grades K-5 at Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School at a cost of \$4,000.00. *{This software will be utilized as a Tier III intervention.} {This will be paid with 2017-2018 Title I funds.}*

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

12. **QUOTE FOR MCS CLOUD CONVERSION SITE**

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval of the quote with Heartland School Solutions for the MCS Cloud Conversion Site for the food service data at Middleburg Elementary School, West Snyder Elementary School, Midd-West Middle School and Midd-West High School at a total cost of \$4,800.00.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lauver inquired is this a yearly? Is this annually or just a one time?

Mr. Musselman inquired, Amy, do you remember if that was? Jim had talked about it at our work session. I don't know if that's an annual cost or a one-time cost. Do you know?

Mrs. Simmons responded part of it, I know at least part of it is a one-time cost. I'm not sure what the annual cost is.

Mr. Musselman stated there could be an annual fee. So, it would be less than that, but I would assume that there may be some annual. That was all part of Jim's discussion at our work session. We talked about how to move forward with the storage to the Cloud and servers and everything else, and this was a major piece of it.

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

13. **QUOTE FOR SECURITY CAMERA SERVER, FIVE (5) CAMERAS AND FIVE (5) SOFTWARE LICENSES AT MIDD-WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval is recommended of the quote with Sage Technology Solutions for the replacement of the security camera server, five (5) cameras and five (5) software licenses at Midd-West High School at a total cost of \$13,660.00. *{This was done through COSTARS contract pricing.}*  
*{Camera installation and wiring to be completed by District personnel.}*

Discussion:

Mr. Pinci stated you have a different number that I do.

Mr. Hoffman responded yes, I know it is. I was given that number.

Mr. Pinci commented okay.

Mr. Hoffman stated and that's the correct number.

Mr. Abate inquired what's the number?

Mr. Rubillo inquired what was it?

Mr. Hoffman stated \$13,660.00.

Mr. Abate inquired did it just go up because you're reading it?

*Laughter occurred at this time.*

Mr. Hoffman responded I do not know that.

*Laughter occurred at this time.*

Mr. Musselman stated I think there was a portion of the quote that was missed when they were adding it up. So, a correction had to be made here. I think Mrs. Lauver found that and pointed it out. So, thank you.

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

14. **ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR BUS ROUTING SOFTWARE**

Mrs. Lauver moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of an additional license with Transfinder for bus routing software beginning on March 2, 2018, at a total cost of \$2,195.00.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

B. **POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo

Mr. Rubillo stated okay, if there's no objections on the field trips, I would like to do a., b., and c. together.

Mr. Hoffman stated objection.

Mr. Rubillo inquired pardon me?

Mr. Hoffman stated that's the one.

Mr. Rubillo inquired was that the one you want?

Mr. Hoffman responded that's the one.

Mr. Rubillo stated okay. I'm sorry. We're going to take these separately, please.

1. **FIELD TRIPS**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval of the following field trip:

- a. Varsity Wrestling Team – Midd-West High School – Hershey, PA –  
March 7, 2018, through March 10, 2018 – 2 Students/2 Adults –  
Cost to Organization: \$0.00 – Cost to District: \$310.36

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Wilson seconded approval of the following field trip:

- b. Varsity Bowling Team – Midd-West High School – Pittsburgh, PA –  
March 15, 2018, through March 18, 2018 – 9 Students/2 Adults –  
Cost to Organization: \$0.00 – Cost to District: \$232.17

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson  
No: Hoffman  
Absent: Sassaman  
7-1-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of the following field trip:

- c. DECA – Midd-West High School – Atlanta, GA – April 21, 2018, through April 24, 2018 – 8 Students/2 Adults – Cost to District: \$315.86 – Cost to Organization: \$7,180.00

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson  
No: Hoffman  
Absent: Sassaman  
7-1-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rubillo stated if there's no objections, I would like to combine Items 2., the school calendar – second and final reading; Items 3., Revised Policy Guide 102 – Academic Standards; and Items 4., Revised Policy Guide 106 – Curriculum Guides/Maps for Planned Instruction.

2. **2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR – SECOND AND FINAL READING**

Approval is recommended of the 2018-2019 school calendar on second and final reading.

3. **REVISED POLICY GUIDE 102 – ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

Approval is recommended of revised Policy Guide 102, Academic Standards, on second and final reading.

4. **REVISED POLICY GUIDE 106 – CURRICULUM GUIDES/MAPS FOR PLANNED INSTRUCTION**

Approval is recommended of revised Policy Guide 106, Curriculum Guides/Maps for Planned Instruction, on second and final reading.

Mr. Hoffman moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of the 2018-2019 School Calendar on its second and final reading; and Revised Policy Guide 102 and Revised Policy Guide 106 all on their second and final reading.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson



No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rubillo stated if there's no objections, I would like to include Items 5., New Elective Course Descriptions for Midd-West High School and Item 6., Field Experience Affiliation Agreement with Luzerne County Community College.

5. **NEW ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – MIDD-WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval is requested of the new elective course descriptions to be implemented in the 2018-2019 school year at Midd-West High School as follows:

1. Plane Geometry	1.0 credit	Grades 10 & 11
2. Informal Geometry	1.0 credit	Grades 10 & 11
3. Business and Economics	.5 credit	Grades 9–12
4. Corporate and Business Law	.5 credit	Grades 10–12
5. Multi-Media II	.5 credit	Grades 10–12
6. STEM Problem Solving	1.0 credit	Grades 10–12

6. **FIELD EXPERIENCE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Approval is requested of a Field Experience Affiliation Agreement with Luzerne County Community College for the placement of early childhood education students in field experiences as set forth in Appendix 1 within the schools in the District to be effective on March 1, 2018, through February 28, 2023.

Mr. Pinci moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of the New Elective Course Descriptions listed on your agendas and Field Experience Affiliation Agreement with the Luzerne County Community College.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

7. **CHINESE AUCTION AT MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Wilson seconded approval to authorize the Middleburg Elementary School P.T.O. to include a Chinese Auction at the School Fair at Middleburg Elementary School on May 11, 2018.

Discussion:

Mr. Abate inquired proper paperwork, Mr. Aucker, in order?

Mr. Musselman responded that would be Cynthia.

Mr. Abate stated oh, I'm sorry. Old habits, sir. Cynthia?

Ms. Hutchinson responded it will be. It's too soon to apply for it. It's a 30-day window.

Mr. Abate commented 30-minute window.

Yes: Abate, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson

No: Hoffman

Absent: Sassaman

7-1-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

C. **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo

Mr. Rubillo stated I would like to combine Items 1. and 2., but I would like to for the Personnel, Appointments in Extra-Curriculars, I would like to pull out Lance C. Burris' name, but I would like to go ahead and do the appointments for Extra-Curricular, Items. a., Extra-Curricular, Item b., Extra-Curricular – Volunteers and 2., Addition to Substitute List – Certificated.

1. **APPOINTMENTS**

a. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Approval is requested to appoint the following individual for the 2017-2018 school year:

James L. McCloskey Assistant Junior Varsity Baseball Coach MWHS \$2,535.00

*\*Pending receipt of Act 151, 114, 24 and 3*

b. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Approval is requested to reappoint the following individuals for the 2018-2019 school year: *{Stipends will be determined at a later date, following approval of the Midd-West School District Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement.}*

Christopher S. Sauer	Boys Soccer Coach – Head	MWHS
Jodie L. Sheaffer	Field Hockey Coach – Head	MWHS
Brian A. Beward	Golf Coach – Head	MWHS
Stanley L. Share	Cross Country Coach	MWHS

c. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR – VOLUNTEERS**

Approval is recommended of the following individuals as volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Alexander A. Callender*	Junior High Boys Soccer Coach	MWMS
Ronald N. Flood**	Baseball Coach	MWHS

*\*Pending receipt of Act 24 and 31*

*\*\*Pending receipt of Act 114, 24 and 31*

2. **ADDITION TO SUBSTITUTE LIST**

a. **CERTIFICATED**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a certificated substitute at a rate of \$90.00 per day for the 2017-2018 school year:

Area of Certification

Jenna P. Fisher

All Instructional Areas PK-12

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of the appointments under Personnel, Items 1.a., Extra-Curricular; Items 1.b., Extra-Curricular with the exception of Lance C. Burris; Item c., Extra-Curricular – Volunteers and Item 2., Addition to the Substitute List – Certificated.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

1. **APPOINTMENT**

b. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval to reappoint the following individual for the 2018-2019 school year: *{Stipends will be determined at a later date, following approval of the Midd-West School District Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement.}*

Lance C. Burris

Girls Soccer Coach – Head

MWHS

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo

No: Hoffman, McKnight, Wilson

Absent: Sassaman

5-3-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

3. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval of the following medical leaves of absence:

- a. District Administrative Office – Effective: March 1, 2018, through March 5, 2018
- b. District Administrative Office – Effective: March 29, 2018, through April 15, 2018

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

4. **SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM**

As per Article VI., Section K., of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Administration has received an “Application for Summer Study Program” from Melinda A. Callender to pursue a four-year Master of Education in Instructional Media with the STEM Endorsement Program at Wilkes University beginning with the summer of 2018 contingent upon satisfactory completion of the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval of the summer study program for Melinda A. Callender as presented.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

8-0-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rubillo stated I’d like to combine, if there’s no objections, Items 5., which is the Resignations and Items 6., which is the Retirements.

5. **RESIGNATIONS**

Approval is requested to accept the following resignations:

Effective: March 12, 2018

Effective: March 23, 2018

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

7. **TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval to accept the following transfers/change in assignments:

- 1) Nancy M. Marrara as guidance counselor at Midd-West Middle School to mathematics teacher (Grade 7) at Midd-West Middle School to be effective on July 1, 2018.
- 2) Scott A. Sanderson as elementary teacher (Grade 3) at West Snyder Elementary School to science teacher (Grade 7) at Midd-West Middle School to be effective on July 1, 2018.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Abate announced we're going to take a brief Executive Session to discuss a student discipline.

*An Executive Session was called at 7:57 p.m.*

*The Board reconvened at 8:03 p.m.*

*Mr. Abate stated we did have a discussion on a student discipline issue.*

D. **OTHER**

1. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of the adoption of the Administration's student discipline recommendation and directs the Superintendent to give notice of the action to Student 09-2018 and the parents and advise them of the disciplinary recommendation.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,  
Wilson

No: None  
Absent: Sassaman  
8-0-1-0  
MOTION CARRIED

2. **DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT FOR TRACK AND FIELD**

VIII. **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Comment from the public is limited to three (3) minutes per person, and at the discretion of the Board President.

Mrs. Collins stated we have like 40 girls signed up for intramural volleyball possibly in the fall.

Mr. Abate commented good.

Mrs. Collins stated so they may or may not come to you at some point.

Mr. Abate commented okay.

Mrs. Collins stated they want me to spear head it. So, I'm okay with it.

Mr. Abate commented okay.

Mrs. Collins stated it would like within the school.

Mr. Abate commented alright. Forty?

Mrs. Collins stated yeah.

X. **SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

*There were no scheduled speakers.*

XI. **REPORTS**

1. **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Richard J. Musselman

Mr. Musselman reported on the following item:

1) Foster Grandparent Program

I have just one item to share. Late last week I had the lady who actually does our Grandparents Program where we have some folks in the community that actually come in and volunteer in our schools. They have to register through the organization, do all the clearances and everything else, and one of the things that we do is we provide lunch for them. They asked. I guess it's time to renew the agreement with them for the following years, and one of the things is I guess in the past Midd-West School District not only bought them lunch but also paid them \$3.00 and some cents a day for when they came into volunteer, and she asked if we wanted to actually increase what

we're doing now. We currently buy them lunch. Do we want to give them \$1.00 a day, \$2.00 a day, \$3.00 a day? I said that I would bring that up with the Board. I don't have a motion on here. Like I said, it was just last week that she came in and talked with us. We don't have to do anything. We can just keep it the same way that it is. So, it is a budgetary matter as far as that. I don't know what that would come out to. I can't believe it would be huge dollars, but it's something if the Board is interested in it. We can certainly increase that if we desire to do that.

Mr. Abate inquired how many are there?

Mr. Musselman responded I know you have one here (West Snyder Elementary School), right? And then we have a couple at ME, I believe. How many grandparents do you have coming in? Do you know?

Ms. Hutchinson responded I have six.

Mr. Musselman inquired you have six of them, maybe? Okay. That's about it. We don't have any at the middle school, right? No. So, she has six. Seven. So, that's seven total, and that doesn't mean that they're in every day. Some of them are pretty consistent, but they aren't necessarily in every single day, but so you have about seven that are there right now. Like I said, we do buy them lunch. So, we provide the lunch for them. You can just keep it the same. They just asked if we wanted to give them more we could because in the past we had, and then when there was a budget crunch, the Board pulled those dollars back and just provided the meal, so.

Mr. Abate stated so you're getting paid. How can that be volunteering?

Mr. Musselman responded I don't know. I don't set this up, but anyhow it's the Grandparent Program that they can have those folks come in. They do read with the kids. I've seen them interacting with students quite a bit in the schools when I'm in.

Mr. Abate inquired when do we have to know by?

Mr. Musselman responded well, it's just something for next year.

Mr. Abate stated well, let's just put in on the agenda work session for April, and we can discuss it.

Mr. Musselman inquired is there a dollar amount?

Mr. Abate inquired what are we paying them now?

Mr. Musselman responded just the lunch.

Mr. Abate inquired just the lunch?

Mr. Musselman stated we just provide lunch for them. We provide a free lunch.

Mr. Abate stated we can discuss it in April.



Mr. Musselman commented okay. We'll put something together for that.

Mr. Abate commented thank you.

Mr. Musselman commented okay.

2. **DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** Mr. Joseph W. Stroup

Mr. Stroup stated I have two brief things I'm going to talk about, but before I get started on my two topics, I did want to say thank you for supporting all our educational endeavors. There are a lot of things that I'll present to you next week that we are using those materials and resources that you approved today for, and we gratefully appreciate your support as always on those things.

Mr. Stroup reported on the following items:

1) Middleburg Borough Police Cooperative on School Safety Training

First thing I want to talk about is a Middleburg Police Cooperative on school safety. Tony Jordan has contacted me about getting a retired Lieutenant Colonel by the name of David Grossman in to do some school safety presentations. It would be a full day of in-service for our teachers followed by some evening programs for family and community members. I've watched several of his YouTube videos, and this would be a good way for you to break in your machines that I have there in front of you maybe checking Lieutenant David Grossman out. He's in your notes. His messages are very real, very honest, but they can be very graphic as well, and before we enter into an agreement with the Borough to provide this with our staff, I'd like you to have a little background on it. Not everybody can see, and I'll agree that it may be with the message. So, just check him out if you get a chance. It will be a good way to help break in the computer, and some of the things that people might find objectionable, they do show clips from real events and activities of times when shootings have happened from security cameras and whatnot. Give us some feedback on that. The potential date was October 8 that they threw out, and that was a good day because we have an in-service planned with our teachers that day, and then to carry something into the evening in the community. So, thank you for that.

2) 2017-2018 School Calendar Revisions

The last thing I want to talk about, we had a snow day last week. We have a decision to make with the current school calendar. Two things. If we want to keep graduation Friday, June 1, where it is, we've typically have done graduations Fridays since I've been here. Two ideas we've had would be to make the following Monday an Act 80 day. Act 80 days are days where staff members are in-serviced, but it counts as a day for students. The other way, there's a new law in Pennsylvania that if you can push/use technology to push out educational activities, and we'd just do this for the seniors. Have a senior day that would be online in the course of that time, and then they can graduate on time. If we don't have the seniors come in, and we give up a day, we would be, and we were just calculating the exact figures. They're higher than my estimates earlier. We would be giving up funding from the state if we allowed those students to graduate before their 180<sup>th</sup> day rolled around. So, and it is significant. It's a significant amount of money. So,

those are the two options we're pursuing. We could just move graduation to Monday as well, and have everybody come in that Monday as far as students, but I know a lot of people plan on that Friday because of relatives and visitors out of town. So, we're going to be having discussions about that.

Mr. Abate inquired when do you need to know by, Mr. Stroup?

Mr. Stroup inquired on what topic?

Mr. Abate responded on what you just talked about. Graduation.

Mr. Stroup stated the school calendar and graduation, well, it won't be on for you guys to approve until the April meeting. So, we'll have more discussion at the work session.

Mr. Abate stated okay.

Mr. Stroup stated just giving you an idea of where we're heading.

Mr. Pinci inquired if it was a computer, it would only need to be required for the seniors, or would all students do it?

Mr. Stroup responded well, you can do it for all students. We don't have the ability to push it out for all elementary students right now or even all middle school students. The only ones we could do it for is the high school students and because we have that disparity, and we'd still have to run buses, we were just thinking the seniors. That we'd do it for only seniors this year. As we have more technology, that could be something years down the road that we can explore. In fact, some districts set up their snow days that way that are one-to-one across the spectrum. Like a snow day, they'll plan as February 17, and then their curriculum is automatically pushed out that day electronically. So, that's planned ahead of time. Good questions. Thank you.

Mr. Hoffman stated and that is providing we don't have any more.

Mr. Stroup stated that is. You promised. Didn't you?

Mr. Hoffman responded no, just a possibility.

*Laughter occurred at this time.*

Mr. Hoffman stated just to let you know, my, it would be my sister-in-law, lives out in Illinois, and a lot of things they get out there, we get here. She was snowed in yesterday with nine inches of snow, so.

Mr. Musselman commented no, we don't want that.

Mr. Hoffman stated I know we don't. I'm hoping we don't have any more.

Mr. Stroup stated we'll readjust if we have more.

Mr. Nesbit inquired are there any issues with having graduation on Saturday?

Mr. Stroup responded there's no issues with it. We'd still have Monday afterwards would be a school day that we'd have to work around. So, the graduation itself on Saturday.

Mr. Nesbit inquired so they'd still have to come in on Monday?

Mr. Stroup responded somehow we have to account their attendance for that day or lose funding, yes. We could have the senior graduation count as a day on Saturday, possibly, and take attendance, and that would count for their attendance for their 180<sup>th</sup> day. That may work. I'm just trying to wrap my mind around what you're saying. So, that could work.

Mr. Musselman stated I personally like the idea of our seniors taking and doing a class. Our teachers can. It's a good practice for them to set up their classes on and use those laptops with the technology they have available. So, they have a period of time to get their work done and get it submitted. I've used it in the past, and it worked well. The state is now allowing us to do that or any school. So, that meets the requirements of 180 days, and they still get to graduate on Friday, which I think Friday graduation is kind of nice because people are there to spend the weekend if they're traveling from far away. So, but I personally like that option if we can't get an Act 80 day or something like that so that all students could be less impacted by the snow day, and there will be no more snow days, Mr. Hoffman. There will be no more.

*Laughter occurred at this time.*

3. **BUSINESS AND FISCAL**

Mrs. Amy B. Simmons

Mrs. Simmons reported on the following items:

1) 2018-2019 Midd-West School District Budget

Continuing to work on the 18-19 budget numbers.

2) CSIU E-Service

We moved over to CSIU's e-service so that our financial software is now hosted on their server. Frees up some of the technology's staff time. We don't have to maintain the server here on site anymore, and it also gives us a server that's relatively newer as back-up if one of ours would go down. Still in the process of cleaning up the data for the past five years in CSIU so that we can look at going to their web services. As soon as they can fit us in, and we can get the information to you for approval.

Mr. Abate inquired would you do me a favor, ma'am, and get a hold of Mr. Sassaman and come up with new dates as soon as you can?

Mrs. Simmons responded yes, sir.

Mr. Abate stated thank you, ma'am.

Mrs. Simmons responded yep.

4. **STUDENT ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

Mrs. Bree A. Solomon

Mrs. Solomon reported on the following items:

1) Junior High Spring Sports Season Begins

Today was another start to the junior high season, and we had three teams start up today.

2) Midd-West Bowling Post-Season

Just a follow-up to some of the post-season for the winter. We did have an individual boy bowler finish third in the state. So, that was pretty fantastic. That's pretty remarkable when you think of all the kids that are out there in Pittsburgh bowling. So, that was good news, and I think our girls team did very well, too. I believe they ended up ninth in the state as a team. So, we fared pretty well out at Pittsburgh.

3) Spring Season for Varsity Teams

You heard earlier the actual, the varsity teams are getting ready to kick off their seasons this week. Tomorrow is track's first meet, and then later in the week, softball, and next week baseball will start, weather permitting.

5. **FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS**

Mr. John S. Rosselli

Due to Mr. Rosselli's absence, there was no report.

6. **MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES**

Mr. Gary L. Thomas

Mr. Thomas had no report.

7. **CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Abate reported that the meeting on Wednesday was cancelled due to inclement weather. I will not have another meeting until the third Wednesday in April.

8. **SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

Mr. Ronald L. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman stated I want to thank everybody for coming to the last meeting we had over at New Berlin.

Mr. Hoffman reported on the following items:

1) March 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Enrollment

March 1<sup>st</sup> preliminary enrollment for the 2018-19 school year was totaling 229 students, and this lists includes 12 programs with waiting lists due to district enrollment shares. For an additional, there's 33 students more. As per the programs with waiting lists to district enrollment shares, the Juniata School District available enrollments will be provided to them by the second

Tuesday in May. Seats will be opened to Milton, Warrior Run and other districts in the immediate vicinity.

2) Fish Fry Sponsored by the SUN Tech Foundation

Another one is the SUN Tech Foundation was sponsoring a Fish Fry on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and I don't know how they made out. I haven't heard. Hopefully, they did all right.

3) Community Meal and Service Auction

There is another one coming up. A Community Meal and Service Auction will be held on April 6.

4) Chef Justin Wright, Culinary Arts Instructor

They're also coming up with Chef Justin Wright, a culinary arts instructor, is making a presentation concerning an Apiary for his program. They're talking about that. Maybe they mentioned that to you people in your meeting. You didn't hear anything about it?

Mr. Musselman responded I didn't hear anything.

Mr. Hoffman stated that's something they're planning on coming up with.

Mr. Pinci inquired is Justin Wright a former West Snyder student?

Mr. Hoffman responded I do not know that.

Mr. Musselman responded I don't know.

9. **PSBA LIAISON**

Mr. Ronald E. Wilson

Mr. Wilson reported on the following item:

1) Adoption of PSBA's Principles for Governance & Leadership

Before you, you have a sheet here about on Principles for Governance & Leadership. Read it for yourself. It says to consider adopting Principles on Leadership again. I'm not going to go over each one of them. You can read them yourself. Give it some thought. About a year ago, I asked for it to be put on the agenda for a vote.

Mr. Pinci stated I have a question. I went to their site, and they said something about opening a Board port for Board members.

Mr. Wilson stated I can't hear you.

Mr. Pinci stated I'm sorry. I went to their site, and they said something about opening this organization up to Board members that they were sending out passwords or codes in March, around March 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. Did anyone see anything like that? I didn't see anything in my e-mail. Mr. Wilson responded I haven't.

Mr. Abate inquired where did you see it at?

Mr. Pinci responded I went to the website, and they said coming soon is a new portal. It made it sound like our names were already given to them, and they would be sending out.

Mr. Musselman stated I didn't see anything.

10. **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo

Mr. Rubillo reported on the following items:

1) March 26, 2018, Policy Committee Meeting

We just had a Policy Committee Meeting this evening. You will soon see some more policies coming in through the pipeline.

2) Next Meeting

Our next Policy Committee Meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Middleburg Elementary.

11. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo

Mr. Rubillo reported on the following item:

1) Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office.

Mrs. Lauver inquired where is the Policy meeting held?

Mr. Rubillo responded Middleburg Elementary. Where did we meet at in there?

Miss Sheedy responded in the conference room.

Mr. Rubillo stated in the conference room.

Mr. Musselman stated off of the office.

12. **FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman

Due to Mr. Sassaman's absence, there was no report.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mrs. Simmons, do you want to give an update on where we stand with the budget, or we can do that at the next work session? I'd like to have a meeting if you can schedule it with Mr. Sassaman prior to that, if that's possible. That's two weeks.

Mr. Musselman stated we'll have to get with Shawn and find out what works for him. He's a hard one to.

Mr. Abate stated yeah, I know he is.

Mr. Musselman stated he's the most difficult one to track down.

13. **PROFESSIONAL STAFF NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE** Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman

Due to Mr. Sassaman's absence, there was no report.

14. **SUPPORT STAFF NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE** Mr. Donald D. Pinci

Mr. Pinci had no report.

15. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Mr. Ronald L. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman had no report.

16. **BOARD AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS** Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mrs. Bzdil had nothing to report.

Mr. Thor Edmiston had nothing to report.

Mr. Brown had nothing to report.

Mr. Aucker had nothing to report.

Miss Sheedy had nothing to report. She stated but thank you guys for visiting for this half of the year with Board meetings, and see you guys next winter.

Mr. Abate stated the third quarter I guess we'll be back here.

Ms. Hutchinson had nothing to report.

Mr. Abate inquired how'd that playground equipment? What did that sell for?

Mr. Thomas responded yes, we did sell the playground equipment. \$4,400.00.

Mr. Abate commented wow.

Mr. Thomas stated I forget where. It's a place in Pennsylvania. It's an orchard that bought it.

Mr. Nesbit stated on the agenda, we had on there under Other, Discussion on Development of Track and Field. Was that overlooked, or was there something to be discussed there?

Mr. Abate inquired did I? Where did I see that? Did I miss that?

Mr. Musselman responded yeah.

Mr. Nesbit stated just before Closing Ceremonies.

Mr. Abate stated oh, gee, I'm sorry. Thank you. I totally missed it. Want to pick it up on the work session in April?

Mr. Nesbit responded we can. That's fine. One thing based or dovetailing off of a

previous motion, you have transportation for the busing for the baseball, I'd like to discuss that.

Mr. Abate stated yeah, we will fill that in there, too.

Mr. Nesbit stated the money that we're spending on that busing, I think we could do some development up there.

Mr. Abate stated that's \$7,500.00.

Mr. Nesbit stated every year and not to mention time and costs for everybody involved to travel.

Mr. Abate stated and the kids' safety as well.

Mr. Nesbit stated a lot of factors.

Mr. Abate stated yes. Why don't we piggyback that on the next month's work session? Thank you, Mr. Nesbit.

Mr. Nesbit commented thank you.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Hoffman moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded a motion to adjourn the March 26, 2018, regular Board meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Yes: Abate, Hoffman, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

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