

MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

Middleburg Elementary School

Large Group Conference Room

Monday, October 28, 2019

A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL, FOR LIFE

I. **OPENING CEREMONY**

II. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

III. **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

<u>BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>LATE ARRIVAL</u>
Mr. Victor L. Abate, President	X		
Mr. Donald D. Pinci, Vice President	<i>Via telephone</i>		
Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman, Treasurer		X	
Mrs. Stephanie M. Bowersox	X		
Mrs. Wyona P. Lauver	X		
Mr. Tony G. McKnight	X		
Mr. Christopher T. Nesbit	X		
Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo	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
Attorney Orris C. Knepp, III, Solicitor
Mr. Dane S. Aucker, Principal, Midd-West Middle School
Mrs. Lee C. Bzdil, Supervisor of Special Education
Mr. Umberto G. Catania, Senior Network Administrator
Mr. Thor R. Edmiston, Principal, Midd-West High School
Mrs. Julie L. Lohr, Principal, Middleburg Elementary School
Miss Erin C. Sheedy, Principal, West Snyder Elementary School
Mr. Shawn Bainbridge
Mr. Cody Bilger
Mr. Daniel Bilger
Miss Kathryn Gaugler
Miss Kylee Noble
Ms. Melanie Noble
Mr. Aidan Steininger
Mrs. Julie Stugart

Mr. Abate stated please let the minutes reflect Mr. Pinci will be joining us this evening via telephone.

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.

Mr. Abate stated, Mrs. Stugart, I believe you had something you wanted to address the Board this evening.

V. **SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mrs. Stugart responded yes, sir. The senior class trip due date, the final deadline to sign up was today. The Board policy requires that we have 50% of the senior class deposit agreeing/making their intention to go on the trip. Unfortunately, the make-up of the way we are structuring the offerings to the kids at this point, it's almost impossible to get 50% agreement, 50% of the kids to commit to anything. We currently have 157 seniors who are eligible for the trip. Of that 157, 81 of them are in-house students. The remainder, 42% of the kids are at SUN Tech, and we've got about 5% either in the ACE Program or in the cyber program all of which are wonderful options, but it makes it very difficult for us to connect with them and try to share opportunities and keep them engaged with their classmates. So, that said, we are 14 votes short of the required 50%, but we have 64 kids who are very much excited at the possibility of visiting Boston and learning more about the history of the city and are really excited at the possibility of the prospect. We were not unfortunately able to come up with the required number, but the requirement seems to me to be something that we wish you would consider forgiving for the year given the number of the parameters and the number of kids that we actually have to work with. We actually have a pretty significant percentage of kids in-house who are agreed to go on the trip.

Mr. Abate stated okay. If there's no objection, the Board, I would like to put at the end of the meeting a request to waive Policy 121 for this school year only to allow those 64 students to proceed with their class trip if there's no objections.

Mr. Nesbit stated no objection.

Mr. Abate stated, Mrs. Stugart, you will need six votes this evening in order to waive that policy.

Mrs. Stugart stated okay. Thank you.

VI. **STUDENT REPORTS**

Miss Makenna M. Dietz and Master Andrew B. Oldt

Master Oldt reported on the following items:

- 1) Grade 12 Fundraisers

Our seniors at Midd-West are selling Krispy Kreme and are having a spaghetti dinner on November 5.

2) Grade 11 Fundraisers

Our eleventh graders are selling Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars. Then in February, there will be Deppen's Pies sale.

3) Grade 10 Fundraisers

The tenth graders over Easter will be selling chocolate and flowers out of the Kids First Catalog.

4) FFA Fundraisers

FFA is currently selling poinsettias, and they are also in the middle of their annual and much-looked-forward-to fruit sale.

5) Homecoming

Homecoming was just wrapped up October 19, and Student Council had over 500 students attend that, and Makayla Mitchell and Trent Peachey were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

Miss Dietz reported on the following items:

1) Boys Soccer

For an update on the sports, boys soccer is 17-2. They beat Milton on Saturday night in the first round of Districts, and tomorrow night they will play Loyalsock at Balls Mills in the District Semi-final.

2) Football

Football is 4-6. They beat Tunkhannock on Friday night 39-37 for a field goal with 5.5 seconds left, and this coming Friday night, November 2, they will kick off their District competition against Selinsgrove at Selinsgrove.

3) Golf

Golf completed their season with the District IV Championship and had one student make it to the second round, Andrew Oldt.

4) Girls Soccer

Girls soccer finished their season 9-8-3. They made it to Districts and beat Shamokin, but then had a tough loss to Central Columbia in the quarter-finals.

5) Field Hockey

Field hockey finished up their season 10-9. They also qualified for Districts but also lost in the quarter-finals to Line Mountain.

6) Cross Country

Cross Country finished up their season last Thursday at the District IV Championship.

7) DECA Club

DECA does not have any events until December when they will be competing in Districts at Susquehanna University.

8) Fall Play

The fall play will be held from November 14 to November 17, and the theatre department will be putting on the “*Three Fairy Godmothers.*”

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters taken under this section are considered to be routine, and action will be taken with one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

VIII. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

Mr. Abate stated we will take “Items for Action,” Item A., Business and Fiscal, Items 1. on Page 2, Items 6. through 10. on Page 3, 11. and 16. On Page 4, and we finish up on Item 17. on Page 5. Does anybody wish anything to be pulled from this Consent Agenda?

A. **BUSINESS AND FISCAL**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **MINUTES**

- a. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the September 23, 2019, regular meeting of the Mid-West School District Board of Directors.
- b. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the October 7, 2019, work session of the Mid-West School District Board of Directors.
- c. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the October 14, 2019, work session of the Mid-West School District Board of Directors.

2. **LIST OF BILLS**

Approval is recommended of the list of bills for the period September 21, 2019, through October 22, 2019.

3. **TREASURER’S REPORTS**

Approval is recommended 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 September 30, 2019.

4. **BUS DRIVERS**

Approval is recommended for the following individuals as bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year:

Hunters Valley, Inc.

Karen S. Bentz effective September 24, 2019

Rohrer Bus Service

Heather A. Oberdorf effective October 1, 2019

Weikel Busing, LLC

April D. Beaver effective October 7, 2019
Kay S. Erdman effective October 22, 2019
Stefan A. Paulus effective October 23, 2019
Robert J. Rines effective September 24, 2019
Nathan T. Witmer effective October 7, 2019

5. **BUS STOPS**

Approval is recommended for the following bus stops:

20090 Route 522, Beaver Springs
207 East New Market Street, Freeburg
116 East Ridge Road, Middleburg
341 Valley Drive, Middleburg

6. **QUOTES FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES**

Approval is recommended to accept the quote from the following vendor for snow removal services for the 2019-2020 school year:

Blesst Landscapes, Middleburg, PA

District Administration Building, Middleburg Elementary School, West Snyder Elementary School, Mid-West Middle School and Mid-West High School

\$45.00/hour – Skidsteer Loader
\$55.00/hour – Pick-up with Plow
\$65.00/hour – Front-end Loader
\$85.00/hour – Tri-axle Dump Truck

{The 2018-2019 rates for Mid-State Paving & Excavating, LLC, were \$45.00/hour – Skidsteer Loader; \$60.00/hour – Pick-up with Plow; \$80.00/hour – Front-end Loader and \$100.00/hour – Tri-axle Dump Truck.}

{The 2018-2019 rates for Edmiston’s Construction were \$56.00/hour – Truck with Plow/Skidsteer Loader/ATV and \$65.00/hour – Heavy Equipment.}

7. **RENEWAL FOR SWIFTMD – HEALTHCARE ON DEMAND**

Approval is recommended of the renewal for SwiftMD to provide a telemedicine service for health care for Mid-West School District to be

effective October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020, at an annual cost of \$7,912.00.

8. **QUOTE FOR EPSON BRIGHTLINK PROJECTORS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase three (3) Epson Brightlink Projectors from Whitlock for Midd-West High School at a total cost of \$5,049.00.

9. **QUOTE FOR QUICKREADS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase three (3) QuickReads (Levels A-E) from Pearson for Middleburg Elementary School (2 sets of each level) and West Snyder Elementary School (1 set of each level) to be used as RTII/MTSS resources at a cost of \$10,844.55. *{This will be paid with Title I funds.}*

10. **QUOTE FOR WHOLE NUMBER FOUNDATIONS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase four (4) Whole Number Foundations Level K sets from Curriculum Associates for Kindergarten to be used as a strategic intervention at Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School at a cost of \$1,596.00. *{Both schools will receive two (2) sets.} {This will be paid with Title I funds.}*

11. **QUOTE FOR EARLY NUMERACY INTERVENTIONS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase four (4) Early Numeracy Interventions Level 1 and Level 2 from Psycho-Educational Services for Kindergarten and Grade 1 to be used as a strategic intervention at Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School at a cost of \$1,396.00. *{Both schools will receive two (2) sets.} {This will be paid with Title I funds.}*

12. **QUOTE FOR READING A-Z AND RAZ-KIDS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase 30 Reading A-Z and 30 Raz-Kids on-line reading resources licenses from Learning A-Z for Grades K-5 at Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School for a three-year period beginning October 17, 2019, through October 17, 2022, at a total cost of \$9,501.30. *{This will be paid with Title I funds.}*

13. **QUOTE FOR ZERO-TURN RIDING MOWER FOR MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase a Toro Z Master 7500 Series Diesel Commercial Zero-Turn Riding Mower under Co-Stars from Hilly Ridge Sales and Service, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA, for the Midd-West School District in the amount of \$28,072.87.

14. **QUOTE FOR START-STOP GOLDENEAR R44 DIGITAL PRO 4-CHANNEL CONFERENCE RECORDING SYSTEM, EXTRA CM1000 MICROPHONES AND 25-FT EXTENSION CORDS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase the Start-Stop GoldenEar R44 Digital 4-Channel Conference Recording System, Extra CM1000 Microphones and 25-ft Extension Cords from HTH Engineering, Inc., to record and transcribe School Board meetings at a cost of \$2,124.90.

15. **PROPOSAL FOR REPOINTING OF PILLARS AT WEST SNYDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval is recommended of the proposal to repaint both pillars at the front entrance of West Snyder Elementary School from Willow Stoneworks, LLC, Mifflinburg, PA, at a cost of \$3,350.00.

16. **2019-2020 ADDITIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT**

Approval is recommended of the following additional student activity account for Mid-West High School for the 2019-2020 school year:

Choir

17. **PLANCON PART K, PROJECT REFINANCING, FOR THE MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MIDD-WEST HIGH SCHOOL – 2017 BONDS**

Approval is recommended of PlanCon Part K, Project Refinancing, for the Middleburg Elementary School and Mid-West High School 2017 Bonds.

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

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MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Abate stated Policy and Programs on Item B., Page 5, we will take Items 1. through 4. Does anybody wish anything to be removed from this Consent?

B. **POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **FIELD TRIPS**

Approval is recommended of the following field trips:

- a. Varsity Wrestling Team – Mid-West High School – Woodbridge, VA – December 27, 2019, through December 28, 2019 – 16 Students/2 Adults – Cost to Organization: \$0.00 – Cost to District: \$213.44

- b. Varsity Wrestling Team – Midd-West High School – Severn, MD – January 16, 2020, through January 18, 2020 – 16 Students/2 Adults – Cost to Organization: \$0.00 – Cost to District: \$163.56
- c. DECA Club – Midd-West High School – Hershey, PA – February 18, 2020, through February 21, 2020 – 40 Students/3 Adults – Cost to Organization: \$8,000.00 – Cost to District: \$5,331.34
- d. Senior Class – Midd-West High School – Boston, MA – May 16, 2020, through May 19, 2020 – 78 Students/8 Adults – Cost to Organization: \$59,234.00 (\$750.00 per student) – Cost to District: \$775.12

2. **REVISED POLICY GUIDE 113.2 – BEHAVIOR SUPPORT**

Approval is recommended of revised Policy Guide 113.2, Behavior Support, on second and final reading.

3. **REVISED POLICY GUIDE 213 – ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS**

Approval is recommended of revised Policy Guide 213, Assessment of Student Progress, on second and final reading.

4. **REVISED POLICY GUIDE 222 – TOBACCO/NICOTINE USE**

Approval is recommended of revised Policy Guide 222, Tobacco/Nicotine Use, on second and final reading.

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Abate seconded to approve Items 1. through 4. on Page 5, Policy and Programs.

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

Mr. Abate stated under C., Personnel, Page 5, we will take Items 1., 2., 3., 4. on Page 6, 5., 6., 7. and finishing up on Page 8.

C. **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **EMPLOYMENT – CERTIFICATED**

Approval is requested to employ the following individual:

- a. Extended-rate Substitute – Jennifer L. Hostler – Special Education Teacher {Learning Support} – Midd-West High School – Effective: September 26, 2019, through November 24, 2019 – Salary: \$100.00 per day for the first thirty (30) consecutive days and \$249.82 per day for the remainder of the assignment {Replacement/Edmiston}

2. **PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT**

Approval is recommended to grant a professional employee contract to the following individuals:

Meghan E. Andrews	Guidance Counselor Mid-West Middle School
Emily M. Kramer	Elementary Teacher West Snyder Elementary School

3. **APPOINTMENTS**

a. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Approval is requested to appoint the following individuals for the 2019-2020 school year:

Jennifer Hummel	Junior High Girls Basketball Coach	MWMS	\$2,166.00
Jena M. Stauffer	Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach	MWMS	\$1,274.00
Wyatt L. Bassett*	Junior High Wrestling Coach	MWMS	\$2,001.00
Jennifer L. Mason	Cheerleading Coach {winter season}	MWHS	\$1,420.00

**Pending receipt of Act 34, 151, 114, 24 and 31*

b. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR – VOLUNTEER**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a volunteer for the 2019-2020 school year:

Jenna L. Mowery	Volunteer Bowling Coach	MWHS
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4. **ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LISTS**

a. **CERTIFICATED**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a certificated substitute at a rate of \$130.00 per day for the 2019-2020 school year:

Area of Certification

Melanie D. Kerstetter	School Nurse K-12
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b. **CLASSIFIED/CLERICAL**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a clerical substitute at a rate of \$13.20 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year:

Bobby J. Willow*

**Pending receipt of School Personnel Health Record*

c. **CLASSIFIED/FOOD SERVICE**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a food service substitute at a rate of \$11.45 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year:

Lisa M. Boyle*

**Pending receipt of Act 168*

d. **CLASSIFIED/HEALTH ROOM TECHNICIAN/LPN**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a health room technician/LPN substitute at a rate of \$16.20 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year:

Allison A. Knepp

e. **CLASSIFIED/INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT**

Approval is recommended of the following individuals as instructional assistant substitutes at a rate of \$13.20 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year:

Amanda K. Graybill
Bobby J. Willow*

**Pending receipt of School Personnel Health Record*

5. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Approval is recommended of the following medical leaves of absence:

- a. Mid-West High School – Effective: October 14, 2019, through October 20, 2019
- b. Middleburg Elementary School – Effective: October 22, 2019, through October 30, 2019
- c. Mid-West Middle School – Effective: October 30, 2019, through approximately December 11, 2019

6. **RETIREMENT**

Approval is requested to accept the following retirement:

Stacy L. Jordan Personal Care Assistant Learning Support Program Middleburg Elementary School	Effective: January 2, 2020
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7. **RESIGNATIONS**

Approval is requested to accept the following resignations:

Malachi J. Treaster
Technical Director (play)
Technical Director (musical)
Mid-West High School

Effective: September 21, 2019

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded to approve the items listed on your Consent Agenda.

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

D. **OTHER** Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Abate stated we will take the approval for the waiver of Policy 121.

WAIVER REQUEST FOR POLICY GUIDE 121 – FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. McKnight seconded approval to waive Policy 121, Field Trips, to allow the senior class to proceed without the required 50% participation for the 2019-2020 school year.

Discussion:

Mr. Nesbit stated this may be something we want to look at in policy. Could we adjust it based on enrollment at the high school specifically?

Mr. Abate responded uh.

Mr. Nesbit inquired or some other parameter?

Mr. Abate inquired, Tommy?

Mr. Rubillo responded yeah, the Policy Committee is discussing it and trying to figure out what is the best thing to do if we change it at all at this point. It is being discussed.

Mr. Abate inquired is there any further discussion, but great point, Mr. Nesbit.

Yes: Abate, Bowersox, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo,
Wilson
No: None
Absent: Sassaman
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MOTION CARRIED

1. **AMENDMENTS OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS**

- a. Approval is recommended to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Amendment of Public Utility Easement for Parcel ID# 06-12-026, thereby amending the prior easement granted to PPL Electric Utilities Corporation recorded in the Office of Recording of

Deeds in and for Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book 16, Page 419.

- b. Approval is recommended to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Amendment of Public Utility Easement for Parcel ID# 06-12-026A, thereby amending the prior easement granted to PPL Electric Utilities Corporation recorded in the Office of Recording of Deeds in and for Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book 16, Page 419.
- c. Approval is recommended to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Amendment of Public Utility Easement for Parcel ID# 10-02-087, thereby amending the prior easement granted to PPL Electric Utilities Corporation recorded in the Office of Recording of Deeds in and for Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Miscellaneous Book, Volume 16, Page 394.

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval to accept Items 1.a. through c.

Discussion:

None

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

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

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MOTION CARRIED

2. **AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES – PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION AT WEST SNYDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval of the Agreement for Consulting, Design and Construction Services with ELA Sport for the playground rehabilitation and expansion at West Snyder Elementary School at a cost of \$7,200.00.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lauver inquired is that Agreement in this, or was that at work session?

Mr. Musselman responded well, it was on the work session agenda as well that we had discussed it there.

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

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

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MOTION CARRIED

3. **SOLAR ENERGY POWER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Pinci moved and Mr. Abate seconded approval to retain GreenWorks Development, LLC, for the purposes of constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, replacing and repairing an approximate 2.9 megawatt (DC) solar photovoltaic electric generation system with GreenWorks Development, LLC, using a portion of the premises, as described on Exhibit A, as the site for said solar photovoltaic generation system. Additionally, the Midd-West School District shall enter into a Solar Energy Power Service Agreement with Midd-West School District Solar Partners, LLC, to be effective as of October 28, 2019. *The exact terms of which are currently pending final approval by legal counsel for both GreenWorks Development, LLC, and the Midd-West School District.*

Attorney Knepp stated, Mr. Abate, we reached terms on that. We added two paragraphs. We sent that out to GreenWorks. I got the e-mail from them back. They're agreeable to the additional two paragraphs. So, everything is good to go from a legal standpoint.

Discussion:

Mr. Pinci inquired I was just wondering if there was a comment from the Business Manager, Mrs. Simmons, on the?

Mr. Abate responded she's not here.

Mr. Pinci stated or if she has any feelings.

Mr. Abate stated she's not here this evening, sir. She's not here, Don.

Mr. Pinci stated oh, okay. Alright. Thank you.

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

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

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MOTION CARRIED

4. **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Rubillo seconded approval to give club recognition to Girls Volleyball beginning with the 2020 fall season with the understanding that the athletes will be subject to all regulations under P.I.A.A. and the policies of the Midd-West School District.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lauver inquired what does it mean that they don't fall under any regulations of our school policies when it's worded that way?

Mr. Abate responded it says they will be subject to all the regulations.

Mrs. Lauver inquired oh, they will be?

Mr. Abate stated and the policies of the Midd-West School District.

Mrs. Lauver stated but it's a club. Okay.

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

No: None

Absent: Sassaman

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MOTION CARRIED

IX. CLOSING CEREMONIES

X. 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.

There were no public comments.

XI. SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Mr. Victor L. Abate

There were no scheduled speakers.

XII. REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Richard J. Musselman

Mr. Musselman reported on the following item:

1) PSBA Recognition for School Board Members

On behalf of the PSBA, I would like to present service awards to a few individuals on our Board, and I also have a statement here from PSBA. The legacy of school board service is firmly embedded in the history of our nation and its commitment to public education. The Pennsylvania School Boards Association, founded in 1895, has a rich history as the first school boards association established in the United States. The consummate board member is described as an ethical, principled individual with a deep desire to serve. School directors have a strong belief in the value of public schools and local control of public education for the benefit of all students. Today, school districts are expected to offer more services along with world-class instruction with limited resources. These expectations provide a tremendous challenge for school directors who are unpaid volunteers who work tirelessly, giving of their free time, away from their families to contribute to the schools and communities they serve. PSBA has been recognizing the contributions of dedicated local school directors with long-term service since 1983. The Honor Roll is the Association's way of saying "thank you" to those individuals who exemplify leadership by giving unselfishly of their time and talents for the betterment of the public schools serving students across this great Commonwealth, and so, at this time, it gives me pleasure on behalf of PSBA to present certificates to, well, only one of them is here tonight, or two of them are here tonight, actually, Mr. Abate. I have a certificate for you for eight years of School Board service. So, we thank you very much on behalf

of PSBA. Mr. Shawn Sassaman also has eight years of service as well as Mr. Ron Wilson, and I did want to say, too, just for all of the Board members that are here. We just really appreciate all the time that you guys put into our School Board. I know that you spend a considerable amount of time just attending meetings, being on call, doing different things for our school district. A lot of you are involved in many other activities. So, quite honestly, I think I can speak for the Administration. We just really appreciate what you do. You guys do a great job. Sometimes we disagree, but you always come about and try to do what's right for our kids, and so, I just wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do for the Mid-West School District, and it's been an honor to work with each and every one of you. So, thank you very much.

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

Mr. Stroup had no report.

3. **BUSINESS AND FISCAL** Mrs. Amy B. Simmons

Due to Mrs. Simmons' absence, she provided a written report.

4. **STUDENT ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES** Mrs. Bree A. Solomon

Due to Mrs. Solomon's absence, there was no report.

5. **FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS** Mr. John S. Rosselli

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

6. **CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT** Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Abate stated I did not attend last Wednesday's meeting. I think they sent the update. Did they not?

7. **SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE** Mr. Tony G. McKnight

Mr. McKnight reported on the following item:

- 1) Enrollment

Our enrollment is high this year. If you'd like to look at them, I'll pass it around.

8. **PSBA LIAISON** Mr. Donald D. Pinci

Mr. Pinci reported on the following items:

- 1) PSBA Webcast on October 31

On October 31, there's going to be a webcast from the State Government Commission on instituting later school start times for the secondary.

2) School Police Officers' Arrest Powers

There's also a reinstatement of the school police officers' arrest powers and training requirements.

3) Senate Bill 751

October 28, that's today, there's a revisal of the system for teacher-principal evaluations, Senate Bill 751.

4) Special Education

There's something about additional money needed for special education, and they sent their applications out for school districts for that.

5) Policy and Regulations Meeting

I did attend a Policy and Regulations meeting on Friday last week at the conference. I just want to commend our school district. It appeared to be on par if not above on keeping up to date with our revisions. Thank you to the Policy Committee, but I was the only person to raise my hand when I said we still use the folders with the policies. Everyone else has gone to Internet and computer-based which we will be going to very soon.

9. **POLICY COMMITTEE** Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo

Mr. Rubillo reported on the following items:

1) Meeting

We met tonight, and you'll see some stuff coming in. So, we're just moving on.

10. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE** Mr. Thomas J. Rubillo

Mr. Rubillo reported on the following item:

1) Next Meeting

Our next meeting is November 7 at 5 o'clock at the Administrative Office.

11. **FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE** Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman

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

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

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

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

Mr. Pinci had no report.

14. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Mr. Tony G. McKnight

Mr. McKnight had no report.

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

Mrs. Bzdil had no report.

Mr. Edmiston had no report.

Mr. Aucker reported this is Red Ribbon Week. So, we're celebrating and making the kids aware of drugs and not to be doing anything associated with them. So, we have spirit days this week in the middle school, and I think the elementary schools have them as well.

Miss Sheedy reported you have a copy of the elementary report for the month at your seat, and we just got back from Outdoor Ed, and the kids had a great time as always.

Mrs. Lohr had no report.

Mr. Abate inquired how did the kids at Middleburg enjoy their time at Outdoor Ed?

Mrs. Lohr responded we had some interesting weather, but we made it through, and everybody had a really great time, so.

Mr. Catania reported within the next two weeks I'll be going to Bloomsburg University to take my CompTIA Network Plus Certification Test.

Mr. Abate inquired does any of our Board members have any questions for our administrators this evening?

Mr. Wilson inquired what's that?

Mr. Abate responded does anybody have anything more?

Mr. Wilson stated yes, I would like an Executive Session.

Mr. Abate stated okay. Do we have anything from the audience this evening? Does any of the community members wish to speak? What is the nature, Mr. Wilson, of your Executive Session?

Mr. Wilson responded personnel.

Mr. Abate stated personnel. Okay.

Mr. Pinci stated I have something to add. Is Bree there?

Mr. Abate responded no, she's not.

Mr. Pinci stated oh. I wanted to compliment her on last week's presentation at the ballfield. The people that were most moved by that were the founding fathers of the field in the first place in the 1980s. They were very moved by the

whole process. Thank you.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Musselman, will you pass that onto her? We will pass that onto her, Mr. Pinci.

Mr. Pinci stated thank you.

Mr. Abate stated unfortunately, you cannot participate in the Executive Session by phone.

Mr. Pinci stated okay. That's fine.

Mr. Abate stated we will hold an Executive Session after the meeting this evening to discuss a personnel issue. Is there anything further?

Mr. Nesbit responded the one thing that I just wanted to visit. I know we have given official status to the Volleyball Club, but there's some other sports that we have that we've had for a long time like lacrosse that have never been granted full sports status in funding and so forth, and I would like the Board to consider the other sports that we have that are clubs and so forth that are not official sports and then bring them on board as.

Mr. Abate stated alright. I think Mrs. Solomon was doing a Title IX audit. I don't know where.

Mr. Musselman stated yeah, I think she had finished that, and she can give a report on it. I don't recall what the outcome was on that.

Mr. Abate inquired could we have that in November?

Mr. Musselman responded uh huh, and you're working on your budget for next year as well. So, that would be where you want to sit down and look at what that funding would be.

Mr. Nesbit stated right, but we need to know what the deadlines are, too, as to when we need to make these official.

Mr. Musselman stated okay.

Mr. Abate stated you may want to have to remind me.

Mr. Musselman inquired as far as deadlines, what do you mean?

Mr. Abate responded well, when the season starts.

Mr. Nesbit responded filing for P.I.A.A. status.

Mr. Musselman stated but they already have P.I.A.A. status, so.

Mr. Nesbit inquired are there any other deadlines that we need to?

Mr. Musselman responded we're looking at just funding then, I believe, because right now lacrosse is not funded by the District, you know, as far as they're paying for transportation, the coaches are volunteering. So, if we're going to

fund it, I don't know that there would be any deadline as far as that goes because they're already registered and playing as P.I.A.A., I believe, but I'll have to check with Bree and try to find out.

Mr. Nesbit stated okay. Those are questions I don't have answer to, so.
Mr. Musselman stated yeah, I understand.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Rubillo moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Yes: Abate, Bowersox, Lauver, McKnight, Nesbit, Pinci, Rubillo, Wilson
No: None
Absent: Sassaman
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Mr. Abate stated, Mr. Pinci, thank you very much, sir.

Recording Secretary: _____ Chairperson: _____ Date: _____