

# MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Regular Meeting*

West Snyder Elementary School

Music Room

Monday, February 24, 2020

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

I. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 p.m.**

II. **OPENING CEREMONY**

III. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:22 p.m.**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Abate stated this evening we have a third grade student with us. Your name is Hope. So, what's your favorite thing about school? I know because it's on the card.

Miss Wert responded math.

Mr. Abate inquired what do you like about math?

*Miss Wert's response was inaudible.*

Mr. Abate stated your favorite sport is soccer. Where do you play?

*Miss Wert's response was inaudible.*

Mr. Abate stated and you have two brothers.

Miss Wert stated uh huh.

Mr. Abate inquired what are their ages?

Miss Wert responded one's 12 and well, one's 11 and one's 12.

Mr. Abate inquired you didn't know you were going to get tested tonight?

*Laughter occurred at this time.*

Mr. Abate stated okay. Alright, there's the flag, Hope, and whenever you're ready, you can start us, and we'll follow.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Mr. Abate stated, Hope, thank you so much.

*A round of applause occurred at this time.*

IV. **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. Donald D. Pinci, Vice President	X		
Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman, Treasurer		X	
Mr. Terry L. Boonie	X		
Mrs. Julie R. Eriksson	X		
Mr. Justin T. Haynes	X		
Mrs. Wyona P. Lauver		X	
Mr. Christopher T. Nesbit	X		
Mrs. Sherryl L. Wagner		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
- Mr. Daniel E. Auman, Head of Maintenance
- 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
- Mrs. Julie L. Lohr, Principal, Middleburg Elementary School
- Mr. Paul M. Mall, Jr., School Police Chief
- Miss Erin C. Sheedy, Principal, West Snyder Elementary School
- Mrs. Stephanie Bowersox
- Mr. Chad Keister
- Mrs. Lori Keister
- Mr. Ryan Wagner
- Mrs. Elise Wert
- Miss Hope Wert

Mr. Abate stated thank you, Mrs. Folk. Do we have a quorum?

Ms. Folk responded yes.

Mr. Abate stated before this evening’s meeting, we met in Executive Session where we did discuss a contract issue and a personnel issue. So, with that being said, Mrs. Folk, do we have anybody registered this evening to speak on agenda items.

Ms. Folk responded no, we do not.

V. **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.*

VI. **STUDENT REPORT**

Miss Makenna M. Dietz

Miss Dietz reported on the following items:

1) Grade 12 Fundraisers

So, at the high school right now, twelfth grade are selling R&K subs and Butter Braids.

2) Grade 11 Fundraiser

Eleventh grade is selling Gertrude Hawk candy, and they are preparing for Junior-Senior Prom which will be on April 25. The promenade is starting at 6:30, and Prom is starting at 7:30.

3) Grade 10 Fundraiser

The tenth graders are selling chocolate and flowers out of the Kidz First Magazine.

4) Boys Basketball Team

Boys basketball just finished their season. They made it to Districts this year, but they lost to Montoursville.

5) Wrestling Team

Six wrestlers competed in Districts on Saturday, and three will be advancing to the sectionals which will be held this coming Saturday. Those wrestlers are Avery Bassett, Conner Heckman and Carter Sauer.

6) Bowling Teams

Both the boys and girls bowling teams will be competing in Regionals on Friday and Saturday.

7) Spring Sports

Spring sports begin on Monday, March 2.

8) FFA Chapter

FFA is selling spring flowers, and they are celebrating National FFA Week this week with spirit days.

9) Student Council

Student Council is preparing for the talent show, "Mid-West's Got Talent," and that will be on Thursday, March 19. The Underclassman Spring Ball is also being planned right now which will be April 17, and the Student Council and the AP history class will be heading to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, May 20, for their annual trip.

10) DECA Club

DECA just competed in the State competition, and they have two students that will be moving onto Nationals; Maggie Bachman and Carman Stauffer, and Mikayla Beachel and Alexis Walter both placed, but they won't be moving on. Allie Keister also ran for and was elected to the DECA Executive Council. She was pretty excited about that.

11) Spring Musical

The theatre department will hold their spring musical on April 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, and they will be performing "Bye, Bye, Birdie."

12) STEM Teams

Then, finally, some students from the Mid-West STEM class competed in the Regional Governor's STEM Competition and placed first. That team was Gabe Drumheller, Aidan Steininger, Stefan Leitzel and Nick Eppley. Another group competed in the PENNDOT Innovations Regional Challenge, and they also placed first, and that group was Reid Dunkelberger, Chase Strohecker, Elias Swartz, and both teams will move onto state competitions in April and May that will be held in Harrisburg.

VII. **SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

- 1) Mrs. Julie L. Lohr, Principal at Middleburg Elementary School and Miss Erin C. Sheedy, Principal at West Snyder Elementary School – Kindergarten Camp Presentation

Miss Sheedy stated you have our presentation at your seats if you would like to refer to it. Mrs. Lohr is going to talk a little bit tonight about implementing something called Kindergarten Camp.

Mrs. Lohr stated so, the whole purpose behind wanting to have a Kindergarten Camp is to build relationships with students and families early on in the process, reduce anxiety and tears on the first days. We do have that often on the first days when they come in. With hundreds of other kiddos is overwhelming for kiddos. To acclimate them to the building and the staff without older students present, an opportunity for us to determine any concerns, behavior, learning needs; all of those different things, and then creation of balanced classes in kindergarten at the end of that week. The week that we are proposing would be June 8 through the 11<sup>th</sup>, and it would be about 9:00 to 11:30. So, just a little bit of time with them.

Miss Sheedy stated currently we just have a kindergarten screening. When they register in March, we get a quick snapshot of information on our kiddos that are in a one-on-one setting during registration. So, that can look a lot different than what it looks like in a classroom with 17 to 18 other students. So, this would give us better information when we're making kindergarten classes to make sure that we have everything in place for a successful kindergarten year. What the morning would look like would include read alouds. So, a chance for all of the kids to sit on carpet. A center time where they're going to rotate through different activities; a recess time. Recess in kindergarten, there are a lot of rules and expectations. Recess is a lot to adjust to for a kindergartener. A little snack, an introduction to routines and our school-wide positive behavior plan; our expectations. One of the

biggest things that a lot of kids struggle with are using the big bathrooms. Some of our kids don't use public bathrooms, and I know an adjustment for a lot of our boys here is getting used to a urinal; like how to use a urinal, and that's different, and some kids have a lot of anxiety about loud, flushing toilets versus ones we use at home. There's just a lot time to expose on the first day of school. Some other opportunities for socializing, learning activities for math introduction to the first couple of lessons and really the whole point is to have fun and kind of hook them to come into school so that when they're here in August it's not as overwhelming.

Mrs. Lohr stated and so, the costs that we kind have estimated in talking to Sue Lessman, transportation wise, the quote that she was given to bus kids in and out so that we get them here is about \$3,500.00. Supplies – \$1,000.00; Snack – \$500.00; and then the Teacher/Staff Pay which is of course the biggest chunk around \$7,000.00. Within that teacher pay, teachers are included in there, nurses because we would need to have a nurse while kiddos are here in the buildings, specialized teachers of giving our kids a snapshot of encores, Title teachers, learning support, emotional support and paras to also provide support on the buses so that we're not putting 4 and 5-year olds on buses by themselves when they've never been on a bus before. So, all of those things are wrapped into that piece as well.

Miss Sheedy stated and it falls under the umbrella. It can fall under the umbrella of Title I because under Title I one of the things that we're required to do is have a transition plan. So, this can then be part of our transition plan. So, that is kind of what we're looking at. It's just a quick snapshot of all the things that it would include. So, if there are any questions or anything you'd like to know or like us to expand on, let us know.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired both schools?

Miss Sheedy responded yes.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired so, that was costs for the total program or both schools?

Miss Sheedy responded both schools.

Mr. Pinci inquired and would the students be? Are you encouraging students to participate in this, or you're not making it mandatory?

Miss Sheedy responded we're going to strongly encourage.

Mr. Pinci inquired strongly encourage?

Miss Sheedy stated right, because we do find it beneficial for all students. It would be voluntary because we can't make parents do it, but we're going to strongly encourage it.

Mrs. Lohr stated and we have like vacations and things being an issue.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired so, they should. They're going to have attend the whole week? It's not this group comes this day, and this group comes that day?

Miss Sheedy responded it would be all four mornings, yeah.

Mr. Pinci inquired how did you pick the June 8 day?

Mrs. Lohr responded so, that came from me because I've done this. Not here but also two districts before this. Hugely successful at every district that I've done it at, and have done it the end of June, and that tends to be problematic with vacations. You hit a ton more vacations not only for kids and families but also for the teachers. So, when we bumped it back to giving a buffer week in between the last day of school and then a buffer week in case we have, you know, snow days and whatnot, that week seems to work really, really well for all the staff and families, too, because they haven't left yet.

Miss Sheedy stated we also took into account what summer cleaning looks like in our building. So, this way our teachers can leave their rooms set up for a couple days, come back and teach it instead of breaking it down, cleaning it, having class, breaking it down, cleaning it and starting over again. So, that was another piece that factored in.

Mr. Musselman stated I just want to make a comment. I just think that's a really good return on the investment, quite honestly. Not fiscally even but the time wise because it's building a good rapport with those parents that are going to be with us for the next 13 years, and their young students having them come into school, be familiar with what's going on. At least they come in with that one little experience that, okay, I remember where the bathroom is. I remember that. You know? Where some of these things are. So, I've seen it. I did it while I was an elementary principal; something similar to this, not exactly like this, but the rewards are. It can be tremendous. Just even that community bond with the folks that you're reaching out to do it. So, I applaud you, and I mean. I tell you what. I think the Board should be thrilled that we're moving forward with something like this, in my opinion.

Mr. Boonie stated I know both my kids went through the Mini Mustang Camps that we used to have, and that was a huge help in getting them prepared. I think this is an awesome idea. Thank you for putting it together.

Miss Sheedy stated we did have a parent information, kindergarten parent information night last week and floated it out there as a possibility, and we had a lot of positive comments that they would be very interested.

Mr. Abate inquired do you know what your incoming kindergarten class is yet, or you haven't had registration?

Miss Sheedy responded right now West Snyder looks like it's sitting at 63, and.

Mrs. Lohr stated I'm right around 70. I'm low.

Miss Sheedy stated so, I'm about 10 to 12 higher than I usually am this time of the year, and ME is about 10 to 12 lower than they usually are at this time of the year.

Mr. Abate stated good, very good. Do we have any other questions for our elementary teachers this evening?

VIII. **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.*

Mr. Abate stated okay. I will be taking items on Page 2, Business and Fiscal, starting at 1., and I will be ending on Page 5 line item 16. I will be pulling Item 8., the SUN Tech Institute General Operating Budget, and moving that to "Other." Does anybody wish to have anything removed? Looking for a motion to approve Items A., under Business and Fiscal, Page 2 and including Item 16. ending on Page 5.

IX. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

A. **BUSINESS AND FISCAL**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **MINUTES**

- a. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the January 27, 2020, regular meeting of the Mid-West School District Board of School Directors.
- b. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the February 10, 2020, work session of the Mid-West School District Board of School Directors.

2. **LIST OF BILLS**

Approval is recommended of the list of bills for the period January 28, 2020, through February 20, 2020.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- 1) Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Food Service Fund and Activity Fund for the period ending November 30, 2019.
- 2) Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Food Service Fund and Activity Fund for the period ending December 31, 2019.
- 3) Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Food Service Fund and Activity Fund for the period ending January 31, 2020.

4. **BUS DRIVER**

Approval is recommended for the following individual as a bus driver for the 2019-2020 school year:

Weikel Busing, LLC

Therese M. Scholl effective February 3, 2020

5. **BUS STOP**

Approval is recommended for the following bus stop:

2299 Starlight Drive, Middleburg

6. **SPRING ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION BIDS**

Approval is recommended of the spring athletic transportation bids in the amount of \$8,761.20 as follows:

Hunters Valley, Inc.	\$ 487.00
Strawser Busing, LLC	\$ 521.00
Weikel Busing, LLC	\$7,753.20

7. **TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR BASEBALL PRACTICES AND HOME GAMES**

Approval is requested to accept the quote from Weikel Busing, LLC, in the amount of \$130.00 per round-trip transport to provide transportation service to West Snyder Elementary School for baseball practices and home games for the 2019-2020 school year.

9. **2020-2021 CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT PRELIMINARY GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

Approval is requested of the 2020-2021 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Preliminary General Operating Budget in the amount of \$886,527.00. *{The 2019-2020 budget was \$837,388.00.}*

10. **QUOTE FOR SAWSTOP CABINET SAW FOR MIDD-WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase a Sawstop cabinet saw from Hermance Machine Company, Williamsport, PA, for Midd-West High School in the amount of \$4,766.00.

*{Other quotes were received from Woodcraft, Harrisburg, PA, in the amount of \$4,766.00; and C.H. Wilke, Inc., York, PA, in the amount of \$4,916.00.}*

11. **QUOTE FOR STADIUM SHELTERS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase two (2) 24-foot wide European soccer team shelters with bench seats from Morley Athletic Supply Co., Inc., Amsterdam, NY, in the amount of \$15,716.28.

12. **QUOTE FOR UTV FOR MIDDLEBURG CAMPUS**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase a Hustler UTV under Sourcewell from Hilly Ridge Sales and Service, LLC, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA, for use at the Middleburg campus in the amount of \$21,559.00. *{Middle-West School District is a member with Sourcewell.}*



13. **DISPOSAL OF LISTED ASSETS**

Approval is recommended of the disposal of listed assets in the Mid-West School District to be sold through Municibid or disposal if not sold as follows:

Yamaha CLP-123 Clavinova Electric Piano  
1995 Ford 7-Passenger Van  
Two (1995 and 2001) Cub Cadet Small Garden Tractors

14. **DISPOSAL OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND BAND RISERS AT MIDD-WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Approval is recommended of the disposal of the listed musical instruments and band risers at Midd-West Middle School to be sold to Robert M. Sides Family Music Center, Williamsport, PA, as follows:

Selmer Bundy Flute	Instrument Serial #463166
Selmer Bundy Bb Clarinet	Instrument Serial #80795
Symphonie de Luxe Bb Clarinet	Instrument Serial #20127
Bb Clarinet	Instrument Serial #HTCL705031
Selmer Bundy Eb Alto Clarinet	Instrument Serial #15277
Vito-Bb Bass Clarinet	Instrument Serial #7890B
Selmer Bundy Eb Alto Saxophone	Instrument Serial #961280
Selmer Signet Bb Tenor Saxophone	Instrument Serial #1270
Selmer Bundy Eb Baritone Saxophone	Instrument Serial #573800
Jupiter Bb Trumpet	Instrument Serial #K76646
Conn Cornet	Instrument Serial #E08931
Tuba Chair <i>(Obsolete Equipment)</i>	
Band Risers <i>(To be sold at the end of the 2019-2020 school year)</i>	Asset Control Solutions Serial #A00332620

*{The District will receive credit for the instruments in "poor" condition and will allow the District to purchase other necessary instruments in the future.}*

15. **QUOTE FOR 2020 FORD F-250 4x4 REGULAR CAB TRUCK WITH 8.5' PRO PLUS WESTERN ULTRAMOUNT SNOWPLOW**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase a 2020 Ford F-250 4x4 regular cab truck with an 8.5' Pro Plus Western Ultramount Snowplow under COSTARS from Lake Ford Lincoln, Inc., Lewistown, PA, in the amount of \$26,345.00 and from Dejana Truck and Utility Equipment Company, Kings Park, NY, in the amount of \$4,770.00 for a total cost of \$31,115.00.

16. **CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT (CSIU) IN-HOUSE TO eSERVICE SPECIAL RAMP UP PROPOSAL**

Approval is requested of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) In-house to eService RAMP UP Proposal for fund accounting, payroll, personnel and employee portal applications being moved from in-house to eService for a three-year term beginning on March 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022, at a total cost of \$57,450.00 as follows:

2019-2020	\$16,237.00*	
2020-2021	\$19,150.00	(annual software fee)
2021-2022	\$22,063.00	(annual software fee)

\*Credit will be issued for current payments of approximately \$8,118.50.

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Haynes seconded approval to accept.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci  
 No: None  
 Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner  
 6-0-3-0  
 MOTION CARRIED

**B. POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

Mr. Donald D. Pinci

Mr. Pinci stated I would like to take 1. through 4.; Calendar – First Reading, New Elective Course Descriptions, Chinese Auction and 4., Gift Card Bingo at Mid-West High School.

**1. 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR – FIRST READING**

Approval is recommended of the 2020-2021 school calendar on first reading.

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

Approval is requested of the new elective course descriptions to be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year at Mid-West High School as follows:

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|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. Programming I           | .5 credit  | Grades 9-12  |
| 2. Computer Applications   | .5 credit  | Grades 9-12  |
| 3. Supply Chain Management | 1.0 credit | Grades 10–12 |

**3. CHINESE AUCTION AT MIDD-WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval is requested to authorize the Mid-West High School Music Boosters to have a Chinese Auction at Mid-West High School on March 6, 2020. {Snow date is March 20, 2020}

**4. GIFT CARD BINGO AT MIDD-WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval is requested to authorize the Mid-West High School Music Boosters to have a Gift Card Bingo at Mid-West High School on March 27, 2020.

Mrs. Eriksson stated so move.

Mr. Abate inquired is there a motion to?

Mr. Musselman stated she moved it.

Mr. Abate stated okay.

Mr. Boonie stated second.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner

6-0-3-0

MOTION CARRIED

C. **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Donald D. Pinci

Mr. Pinci stated I'd like to just take 1. at this point, Employment – Administrative.

1. **EMPLOYMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE**

Mr. Boonie moved and Mrs. Eriksson seconded approval to employ the following individual:

- a. Administrative Employee – Ryan L. Wagner – Business Manager – Mid-West School District – Effective: Upon release from current employer pending receipt of Act 34, 151, 114, 24, 168 and 31 – Salary: \$85,000.00 pro rated *{Replacement/Musselman}*

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner

6-0-3-0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Abate stated, Mr. Wagner, welcome aboard, sir.

Mr. Musselman stated congratulations and welcome. We're glad to have you. Do you have your speech ready?

Mr. Wagner responded yeah, I have my report ready.

Mr. Musselman stated your report, yes.

Mr. Abate stated you only have to read back by memory the last three months of our Board meetings.

Mr. Musselman stated well, we look forward to having you come on board. We're very excited to have you. So, we'll work out any type of transition that you need. So, get in touch with me. Alright? Thanks. Welcome.

Mr. Pinci stated alright. I'd like to take 2. through 7. now; Employment – Classified.

Mr. Abate inquired is there a motion to?

Mr. Pinci stated and then through 7., Resignation.

2. **EMPLOYMENT – CLASSIFIED**

Approval is requested to employ the following individual:

- a. Classified Employee – Timothy L. Beachel – Head Custodian – Mid-West Middle School – Effective: February 25, 2020 – Salary: \$13.70 per hour *{Replacement/Aucker}*

3. **APPOINTMENTS**

a. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

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

John J. Daku	Assistant Track & Field Coach	MWHS	\$2,638.00
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b. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

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

Alisha A. Kurtz	Assistant Softball Coach	MWHS	\$3,140.00
Kelcie M. Crabb	Assistant Junior Varsity Softball Coach	MWHS	\$2,889.00
Chelsey R. Beaver	Assistant Track & Field Coach	MWHS	\$2,889.00
Stanley L. Share	Assistant Track & Field Coach	MWHS	\$3,140.00
Christopher S. Sauer	Junior High Boys Soccer Coach	MWMS	\$2,166.00
Lori A. Goodling	Junior High Girls Soccer Coach	MWMS	\$2,166.00
Jodie L. Sheaffer	Junior High Field Hockey Coach	MWMS	\$2,166.00

c. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR – VOLUNTEERS**

Approval is recommended of the following individuals as volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year:

Mark P. Ferster	Volunteer Junior High Boys Soccer Coach	MWMS
Michael J. Wolfley	Volunteer Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	MWHS

4. **ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LIST**

a. **CERTIFICATED**

Approval is recommended of the following individuals as certificated substitutes at a rate of \$90.00 per day for the 2019-2020 school year:

Area of Certification

Gordon F. Lee	Mathematics
Andrew J. Sassaman	Middle Level Social Studies 4-8
Amy R. Stauffer*	Grades PK-4/Special Education PK-8/ Special Education Expansion 7-12



6-0-3-0  
MOTION CARRIED

2. **CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Pinci moved and Mr. Haynes seconded approval to appoint Victor L. Abate, a member of the Board, as the District representative to the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Board of Directors to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.  
*{Currently Victor L. Abate}*

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner

6-0-3-0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Abate stated Item 4. is the supplement that was with your agendas. Item 3., my mistake.

3. **TRANSPORTATION AND REFEREE COSTS FOR LACROSSE TEAM**

Mr. Pinci moved and Mr. Haynes seconded approval for the District to designate transportation and referee costs up to \$2,500.00 for the lacrosse team beginning with the 2019-2020 season.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner

6-0-3-0

MOTION CARRIED

4. **RESOLUTION – CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM**

Mr. Haynes moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval of the Resolution calling upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the existing flawed charter school funding systems for regular and special education to ensure that school districts and taxpayers are no longer overpaying these schools or reimbursing for costs the charter schools do not incur.

Discussion:

Mr. Pinci stated it's just being pushed. The only thing I have to say is it is being very strongly pushed by the Governor as well as the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

Mr. Haynes stated it's time.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci  
No: None  
Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner  
6-0-3-0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Abate stated Item 5.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired 5.?

Mr. Abate responded yeah, I moved.

Mr. Musselman stated it was Item 8.

Mr. Abate stated Item 8. from before.

Mrs. Eriksson stated oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. Sorry.

Mr. Abate stated Item 5. under "Other" moved from Item 8.

5. **2020-2021 SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

Mr. Haynes moved and Mrs. Eriksson seconded approval of the 2020-2021 SUN Area Technical Institute General Operating Budget in the amount of \$7,521,519.00. *{The 2019-2020 budget was \$7,389,265.00.}*

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci  
No: None  
Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner  
Abstain: Boonie  
5-0-3-1  
MOTION CARRIED

X. **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

XI. **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.*

XII. **SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

*There were no scheduled speakers.*

XIII. **REPORTS**

1. **SUPERINTENDENT** Mr. Richard J. Musselman

Mr. Musselman reported on the following item:

- 1) Mid-West High School STEM Team

Just to echo Makenna's report, yes, we've had some great successes with our students, and we like, you know, we're always thrilled whenever we can have some sports success, but I was just was really tickled to hear our STEM Team doing so well, and since we've started that program, we've been very, very successful with it. So, I think this is the year we win states, so.

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

Mr. Stroup had no report.

3. **BUSINESS AND FISCAL**

There was no report.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Wagner, anything from you this evening, sir? Business and Fiscal?

*Laughter occurred at this time.*

Mr. Abate stated I'm going to have Mr. Sassaman get in touch with you to schedule some dates for a budget meeting, and we'll get Mike, Mr. Miller, too, to get that. He couldn't make this evening. He had a previous engagement, so.

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.

Mr. Abate stated we do have our Police Chief this evening. Mr. Mall, do you have anything to add?

Mr. Mall responded no report, sir.

Mr. Abate inquired nothing?

Mr. Mall responded everything's good.

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

Mr. Abate reported on the following item:



1) Highlights of Meeting on February 19, 2020

We did have a meeting last Wednesday evening at the LPN Center in Lewisburg, and it was a very nice time. They have a machine there, and I don't really know how to pronounce it, but it's kind of like a big 3-D thing.

Mrs. Eriksson stated oh, the 3-D cadaver like thing.

Mr. Abate stated yeah.

Mrs. Eriksson stated to work on.

Mr. Abate stated yeah.

Mrs. Eriksson stated the leadership class was there, and they were saying it was really neat.

Mr. Abate stated yeah, it is absolutely phenomenal. I mean I was a little queasy because I don't like.

Mrs. Eriksson stated a computerized body, basically.

Mr. Abate stated yeah, it is like the normal individual right down to the nerve endings and everything. It's just like. I mean you could put like quizzes on there, and you just put little like stick pins, and the kids have to. It's great. I did get a hold of Mrs. Oldt by the way, and they do offer tours or seminars up there if she'd like to bring some of her biology students, and she really. Yeah, she'll probably be in contact. We also had a retirement, Lynn Cromley, who was there at the IU for the 37 years retired on Wednesday evening as well, and she will be sorely missed. The year-to-date at the KPN and PEPPM was \$350 million dollars in sales which equates to .75 percent roughly \$1 million 7, somewhere in that, so. They had a good. They're having a good year, so.

7. **SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

Mrs. Julie R. Eriksson

Mrs. Eriksson reported on the following item:

1) Highlights of Meeting on February 20, 2020

You have the Joint Operating Committee Highlights in front of you. We met last week, and so some of the highlights. Thank you for passing the budget. We have the enrollment, first-phase enrollment. Midd-West. I want to see what that says.

Mr. Boonie stated 307.

Mrs. Eriksson stated so, no, it's 70 some from Midd-West.

Mr. Boonie stated oh, oh, I'm sorry. Yeah.

Mrs. Eriksson stated they were second in the numbers out there.

Mr. Musselman stated yeah, we usually do.

Mrs. Eriksson stated there is a lot of kids that are still trying to get in. So, hopefully, depending on when the numbers come to which I understand, I think is in May when they do the second round. What was the other thing I wanted to bring up? SkillsUSA, you had a lot of really good results with that with some kids winning awards. We had different students that were Young Americans. What was the other thing I wanted? Oh, we approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the school years from 20-21 through 2023. So, that was approved at the meeting. That was the major thing. It went through there as well as the, which this is new to me, but they also approved the changes in the Act 48 Professional Development Plan which was a lot of reading for someone like me who didn't know what that all was. So, that was all approved. So, it was a very constructive and well done meeting, and the teachers there did a great job of working with the teacher union or whatever working with the Board and getting it done.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mrs. Eriksson, do they have any programs that are in danger of dropping?

Mrs. Eriksson responded the low ones this time was cosmetology, woods and oh, shoot. Wait, I do have that information. What was the third one? Collision Repair was the third.

Mr. Abate inquired really?

Mrs. Eriksson responded they each only had like seven. Those were the three lower ones that they're hoping more will come in or whatever, but those are the three lower ones right now. They only had like seven students in each, and there's other ones that were like at 25. Like the welding is above and beyond where, you know, the standard 18 which is like the standard you usually have.

8. **PSBA LIAISON**

Mr. Donald D. Pinci

Mr. Pinci reported on the following items:

1) Schedule

I have just a schedule to announce. I've got all these meetings that I've decided I go to. There's a personal visit to Pennsylvania School Boards Association on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. That's a Saturday and Sunday.

2) Sectional Meeting on March 25, 2020

There's also a local Sectional Meeting on March 25 at Columbia-Montour's technical school.

3) Advocacy Day on March 23, 2020

There's an Advocacy Day on March 23. I had recommended that if you have the opportunity to try to make it down to that.

4) PDE Seeking Input on Updating State's Science Standards

Pennsylvania Department of Education is seeking input on updating the state science standards, and so, I've. They're having a meeting at Nittany Middle School on Monday next week. So, I decided I would like to just hear what they're proposing. The science curriculum was first, the one we're using now, was from 2002. I assume it's from 2002, and they're looking to update it.

5) PSBA – Principles for Governance and Leadership Poster

We had talked about this earlier about our Principles of Governance, and we now have a nice display of those effective qualities, and I'm going to ask that we sign it and show our support for this as a group, as a School Board, and we can then post it somewhere, hopefully in here (Music Room at West Snyder Elementary School).

Mr. Musselman stated well, out here some place we may be. Because this is a classroom, but we can post it. We'll talk with Miss Sheedy about where it can go, and we have one at ME already that we can even have new members sign that one if you'd like to plus this one. So, yeah, I mean, absolutely. We can find a place to post it.

Mr. Pinci stated alright. So, I'll have this here. At the end of the meeting, and we can.

Mr. Musselman stated and I think you have a Sharpie.

Mr. Pinci inquired oh, you did give me a Sharpie?

Mr. Musselman stated there's a Sharpie right there.

Mr. Pinci stated I still have a Sharpie from last year.

Mr. Musselman stated that was Allyson Folk. So, there you go.

9. **POLICY COMMITTEE** Mrs. Julie R. Eriksson

Mrs. Eriksson had no report.

10. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE** Mr. Terry L. Boonie

Mr. Boonie had no report.

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

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

Mr. Abate stated Mr. Sassaman is not here, but I did convey his message for Budget and Finance on that.

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. Terry L. Boonie

Mr. Boonie had no report.

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

Mrs. Bzdil had no report.

Mr. Edmiston stated not much besides two shots at a state championship for our STEM Team. One of them, at least one of them is going to win.

Mr. Boonie inquired who's the advisors for that?

Mr. Edmiston responded so, Mr. Dietz and Mr. Gunkle are the main two, and also Mr. Steininger assists when he can.

Mr. Boonie inquired and did they win last year?

Mr. Edmiston responded they made it to states last year, yes, but lost at states. Actually, they made it to states two years in a row and lost both years. So, it's third time's the charm. It's going to happen this year.

Mr. Boonie stated that's awesome. Thank you. Make sure you thank them for us for doing such a great job.

Mr. Edmiston stated absolutely.

Mr. Abate stated we're going to be having them come here in April doing a presentation. I'm looking forward to that. Further questions for Mr. Edmiston?

Mrs. Eriksson stated, Mr. Edmiston, I just wanted to share with you that I attended the Youth Philanthropy Program with the kids the other week, and it was awesome. Just to watch, and I mean it's a bummer because we only have five kids where there's other schools that have like 12, 14, 20, but it was so neat to see them all get together and start working now and drilling down because they'll have the grant rounds going out very shortly.

Mr. Edmiston stated correct. We just got the notification on that yesterday.

Mrs. Eriksson stated and what they do is, for other people that don't know, is they'll go out into the community, and these kids are given \$5,000.00 to distribute out in the community, in their local community, and what they do is they actually go through the grant rounds, and they make people apply, and the make non-profits apply in order to get funds, and then they'll go through the process of deciding what ones they're going to do, and almost all those kids that are in the program want to do it again next year because they were so excited about how it started and how it's going, so.

Mr. Edmiston stated I think you're correct. We have five this year, and I think the numbers will grow next year because the word will spread.

Mrs. Eriksson stated I was even surprised. My son was like, "Can I do this from Tech?," you know. So, they're trying to figure out a way that he can come back and still do it, too. So, I was kind of pleased with that, too. So, yeah, it's neat, and it's a new program, and I just want to thank you for letting them take part in it and to watch these kids.

Mr. Edmiston stated absolutely, my pleasure.

Mrs. Eriksson stated because it was new for Selinsgrove, too, when they started it there as well. So, it's neat in what they're doing and giving back to the community.

Mr. Abate stated thank you, Mrs. Eriksson. I didn't know that.

Mrs. Eriksson stated yep. That's why I thought I'd share.

Mr. Abate stated appreciate that.

Mr. Brown had no report.

Mr. Aucker stated I just want to thank the Board for, again, having a full staff on my custodian crew. We're able to be back up and running again tomorrow. So, thank you.

Miss Sheedy stated you have the elementary Board report at your seats for this evening. I wanted to thank you for your time with allowing us to give that presentation, and Mr. Stroup mentioned at our last meeting about primary looking into ECRI which is Enhanced Core Reading Instruction. We did our first visit with Mifflinburg, and the staff was very motivated, very intrigued in the instructional strategies and methodology behind it, and that we have two more visits with some more K-2 staff coming up.

Mrs. Lohr had no report.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Mall, anything from you that you might have forgotten?

Mr. Mall responded oh, I took liberty. I noticed the parking situation out there on the loop, and I put a parking ticket on a vehicle.

*Laughter was occurring at this time.*

Mr. Abate inquired have you ever been to a butcher shop, Mr. Mall?

Mr. Mall inquired what's that?

Mr. Abate inquired have you ever been to a butcher shop?

Mr. Mall responded numerous times I have, yes.

*Laughter was occurring at this time.*

Mr. Abate stated pick a number.

*Laughter was occurring at this time.*

Mr. Abate stated thank you, sir. Always a pleasure having you. Do we have any questions? Does the Board have any questions for any of our administrators this evening? Is there anything further from the Board that you want to bring up at this time?

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mrs. Eriksson seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Lauver, Sassaman, Wagner

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