

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2017
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on March 13, 2017 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Michael Barhite, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Michael Barhite, President; Mr. Jason Richmond, First Vice President; Mr. Kenneth Decker, Treasurer; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Ed Napierkowski, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Jason Casselbury.

Absent: Mr. David Schulte, Second Vice President.

Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Patricia Pasierb, Director of Special Services; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager.

1.5 Budget Presentation

Technology- James Soya and Matthew Georgetti

- Mr. Soya and Mr. Georgetti presented the technology budget in the amount of \$451,306.38. Highlights include replacing student desktop computers with ChromeBooks and replacing faculty and administration computers.

1.6 Approval of the Minutes – February 27, 2017

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the minutes dated February 27, 2017 as presented.

Motion 228 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

1.7 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda. (Please state your name and where you are from when being recognized)

- Dan Bonham questioned the educational relevance of the fly fishing field trip.

2. Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve March Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the March 13, 2017 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$280,805.17.

Motion 229 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

3. Personnel Committee: **Monica Miller, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Supplemental Salary Coach

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following supplemental salary coach requests for 2016-2017.

- a. Josh White, Baseball Head Coach, Eynon, \$3,542.00
- b.
 - i. Logan Kanuik Baseball Co-Assistant Coach, Peckville, \$1,441.00
 - ii. Shawn Pellow Baseball Co-Assistant Coach, Kingsley, \$1,441.00
- c. Brandon Cholish Baseball JV Co-Coach Baseball, Dickson City, \$1,441.00
- d. Jeannette Cunningham, JV Softball Coach, New Milford, \$2,882.00
- e. Ralph Welch, Head Softball Coach, Hallstead, \$3,542.00

Motion 230 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

3.2 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Madonna Munley from her teaching position, effective the last school day of the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion 231 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Roger Thomas Jr. from his teaching position, effective the last school day of the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion 232 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

3.4 Accept Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept Michael Zimorowicz's resignation from his Baseball Head Coach position effective immediately.

Motion 233 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

3.5 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second Mr. Richmond, to approve the following volunteers:

- a. Whitney Johnson, Varsity/JV Softball
- b. John White, Dunmore PA, Varsity Baseball

Motion 234 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

3.6 Accept Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second Mr. Richmond, to accept Denise Yankauskas resignation from her Head Softball Coach position effective immediately.

Motion 235 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

3.7 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second Mr. Richmond, to approve the following substitute, pending receipt of all documentation:

Luisa Neary, Great Bend, PA, to the cafeteria substitute list

Motion 236 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Jason Casselbury

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Napierkowski, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Mason Stiver and 9 students on Friday, May 5, 2017 to attend PMEA District 9 Bandfest, Mid-Valley HS (Travel Cost \$26.75, Registration \$288.00; Total \$314.75)
- B. Roger Thomas, Anthony Borgia, Ron of Ron's Fly's, Charlie Ahern and 25 students for Fly Fishing Local Experience at Merli Sarnoski Park, Carbondale PA (Travel \$127.70, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$222.70)
- C. Mason Stiver, Glen Mackey, 10 Intermediate Guitar and 13 Wood II Students, on Tuesday, April 4, 2015 to attend Martin Guitar Factory Tour, Nazareth PA (Transportation \$452.85, Substitute Teacher \$95.00; Total \$547.85)

- D. Heidi Page, Judy Bell, Veronica Thomas, Tiffany Cosklo, Rebecca Mordent and 6 students on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 to the Pump-N-Pantry and Price Chopper, Montrose PA (Transportation \$55.90)
- E. Allison Martino, Donna Porter, Jackie Bain, Kate Sekely, Erin Rupp, Stephanie Kile and the Sophomore Class on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, to visit Marywood University, Penn State Worthington, Johnson College (Transportation \$437.18, Substitutes \$380.00; Total \$817.18)

Motion 237 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Napierkowski, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Corrine McNabb on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, to attend Introduction to PA English Language Develop Standards Framework, Lehigh IU (Substitute \$95.00) paid by Title III
- B. Mason Stiver on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 Through Saturday, June 3, 2017 to attend International Trumpet Guild Conference, Hershey PA (Travel \$160.50, Hotel \$452.50, Registration \$250.00; Total \$863.00)
- C. James Soya on Monday Through Wednesday, May 1 to May 3, 2017, to attend Tech Talk live, IU #13 (Travel \$145.52, Lodging, \$197.58, Registration \$350.00; Total \$693.10)
- D. Mona Hoadley on Friday, March 31, 2017 to attend A/CAPA Spring Conference, Hershey PA (Travel \$1563.01, Substitute \$87.00; Total \$240.01)
- E. Matthew Georgetti and James Soya on Thursday, March 16, 2017 to attend Technology Coordinators' Meeting, IU #19 (Travel \$25.79)
- F. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Todd Calabro and 7 Students on Friday, March 17, 2017 to visit Community Resources Tour and Grocery Shop, Tunkhannock, PA (Travel \$26.75)
- G. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Todd Calabro and 7 students on Wednesdays March 22nd, April 26th and May 24th, 2017 to attend Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Lessons and stable work, Nicholson, PA (Transportation \$32.10)

Motion 238 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

5.3 Approve School Calendar

The motion is made by Mr. Napierkowski, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the 2017-2018 school year calendar as presented.

Motion 239 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

5.4 Approve Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Napierkowski, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the agreement between the Mountain View School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, PaTTAN, for the 2017 school year for the Back2Basics Project, as presented.

Motion 240 carried: 8 yes, 1 absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Jason Casselbury, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor stated the wood boiler is working. He noted that there are no AWD minivans on state contract. A 2017 Dodge Caravan will cost about \$23,000. Board instructed Mr. Taylor to purchase a 2017 Dodge Caravan.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Jason Casselbury

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Monica Miller, Kenneth Decker

MVSPA Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Mrs. Kelly noted that the Washington DC field trip with parents went well, and all students and chaperones will be able to fit on 2 busses. Cabot brought their Mobile Offline Learning Unit for the 5th and 6th grade to attend 90 minute sessions. The science fair is scheduled for March 16.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Mr. Presley mentioned that the musical, Back to the 80's, went well. The boys' basketball team lost in the state playoffs. Scheduling meeting went quite well. Mary Lynne Twining is learning scheduling quickly. Mr. Presley thanked Mr. Soya and Mr. Georgetti for the Chromebook migration. March 21 will be the steered straight presentations for grades 3 to12.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Dr. Patricia Pasierb

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake applauded the Chromebook transition. He also wished a happy retirement to Mr. Thomas and Ms. Munley. MV hosted the SATs on Saturday, March 11. There were 58 students who took the SATs, and about half were MV students.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak declared that MV achieved production status with the IRS for ACA reporting. ACA reporting should be concluded by next week.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt shared the WVIA scholastic competitions schedule. Donkey Basketball tickets are still available for the game on March 31. CTC Student

of the Month was Colin Scott. 5 students competed in the Jr. Academy of Science, and 2 students advanced to states. David Shae won 1 of 4 fellowships. Mrs. Voigt asked the board to consider passing a resolution to oppose elimination of state property taxes. Odyssey of the Mind competition was held last Saturday. The teams did well, but none went to states.

New Business from Board Members

- None.

Second Hearing of Visitors

- Abby Mecca discussed the Donkey Basketball Benefit which includes Pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey and a basket raffle.
- Ashley Kilmer believes that MV hired 3 good baseball / softball coaches. She also has concerns about 5th grade faculty staffing.
- Pattie Pest thanked Dr. Plonski-Sezer for the Marywood Strings Project. She feels that the 5th grade faculty is a “magic triangle.”
- Beth Sedleck advocated 5th grade faculty. They have great energy to teach a tough grade.
- Justin Fletcher hopes the ES dress code goes away. He asked about childcare during parent-teacher conferences. He also asked about parent request for teachers at the elementary.

Executive Session – Announcement of executive sessions held and/or scheduled.

HELD:

- Monday, March 13, 2017 - 6:00 PM to 6:50 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, March 13, 2017, after the public meeting
- Monday, March 27, 2017, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mr. Richmond, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Enclosures:

1.6-February 27, 2017 minutes
2.1-March 2017 Bill List
3.1-Supplemental Salary Coaches
3.2-Munley
3.3-Thomas
3.4- Zimorowicz
5.3-School Calendar
5.4-Agreement with PaTTAN
FYI 1-Conference Reports
FYI 2- 2016 SAT Scores-Times Tribune
FYI 3- Host a French Exchange Student
FYI 4-PA Funding Inequality

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tom Witiak