

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

Monday, September 11, 2017
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 11, 2017 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:11 PM by Mr. Michael Barhite, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

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

Absent: Mr. Jason Richmond, First Vice President.

Administration Present

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

Absent: Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager.

1.4 PRIDE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- No presentations.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – August 28, 2017

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated August 28, 2017 as presented.

Motion 66 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6 First Hearing of Visitors – *Please identify yourself by name and address all comments to the Board as a whole. You will be allowed two (2) minutes for your comments; five (5) minutes if prior written notification was made. Comments relative to private student matters or personnel issues should be directed to the appropriate school authority outside of this meeting. The presiding officer reserves the right to interrupt or terminate a participant’s statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.*

- Corey Gesford asked if there will be any roll-call votes tonight. Mr. Barhite replied that will determined at the time of the vote.

- Corey Gesford requested an executive session regarding an agenda attachment. Mr. Barhite explained that does not meet the requirements of an approved executive session (personnel, real estate or contract negotiations).
- Corey Gesford asked why the Lord's Prayer is said at the start of the meeting. He finds reciting it at a board meeting offensive.
- Meeting recess called by Michael Barhite, board president, at 7:22 PM due to the disorderly conduct of an audience member, specifically Corey Gesford, and in order to allow a district official to report the incident to local law enforcement. Meeting reconvened by board president at 7:26 PM, and law enforcement arrived during administration comments.

2. Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the list of bills for the September 11, 2017 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$199,545.57.

Motion 67 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Homestead / Farmstead Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the Homestead / Farmstead Contract with GSS. The cost per mailer will be \$0.84, postage included.

Motion 68 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Accept Career Readiness Mini-Grant

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury, to accept the Career Readiness Mini-Grant as presented.

Motion 69 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Area Agency on Aging

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve memorandum of understanding with Area Agency on Aging for 2017-2018, as presented.

Motion 70 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2017-2018, as presented.

Motion 71 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve the following volunteers:

Jason Henke, High School Volunteer; Boys Junior High, Junior Varsity and varsity Basketball

- Agenda item 3.2 was placed on hold.

3.3 Approve Substitutes

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

- a. Courtney Norton, South Gibson, PA to the Paraprofessional, Cafeteria and Cafeteria Monitor Lists
- b. Jennifer Johnson, Kingsley, PA to the Cafeteria and Cafeteria Monitor Lists
- c. Lora Wright, Factoryville, PA to the Clerical, Cafeteria, Cafeteria Monitor and Paraprofessional Lists

Motion 72 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Appoint Cafeteria Employee

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to appoint Cindy Guarnotta from Susquehanna to a 3.25 hour cafeteria position, with benefits per MVESPA Agreement pending receipt of all documentation and a start date to be determined.

Motion 73 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Suspension

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mrs. Stine, to suspend Christine Kelly, with pay, from employment at Mountain View School District effective September 1, 2017.

Motion 74 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6 Appoint Acting Principal

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mrs. Stine, to appoint Christopher Lake as acting principal effective September 12, 2017 with an expiration date to be determined.

Motion 75 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.7 Accept Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mrs. Stine, to accept Dr. Christopher Lake's resignation as High School Play Director position effective immediately.

Motion 76 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.8 Rescind Volunteer Status

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to rescind all appointments of Corey Gesford as a volunteer.

Motion 77 Carried via Roll Call vote: 7 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Napierkowski, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Decker, Mrs. Stine, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 1 No (Mr. Casselbury), 1 Absent (Mr. Richmond).

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Jason Casselbury

4.1 Discuss Policy 904- Public Attendance at School Events

- Mrs. Voigt discussed the possibility of adopting an indoor-sport admission fee.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

- a. Mary Lynne Twining on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, Sapphire "Get the PIMS Out," Hershey Country Club (District Van to be Reserved)
- b. Peter Regeski and Corrine McNabb on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 to attend Access PA/POWER Library Fall 2017 Live Training, Hilton Hotel Scranton, PA (\$190.00 substitute cost)
- c. Andrea Aten on Friday, January 12, Thursday, March 8th and Friday March 9th, 2017 to attend PASC State Executive Board Meetings, Altoona Area High School (Substitute Teacher \$285.00)
- d. Rebekah Ihlefeldt and Erin Rupp on Monday, October 23, 2017 to attend AP Teacher Workshop IU #13 (Travel \$169.06, Registration \$450.00, Substitute Cost \$190.00; Total \$809.06)
- e. Jackie Ferenczi on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 9, 10 and 11, 2017 to attend Reading Apprenticeship, Forest City School (Travel \$21.40, Registration \$636.75, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$848.15)

- f. Leslie Gossage from Sunday to Wednesday October 8-11, 2017 to attend KSRA Annual Conference : “50 Years of Literacy Leadership,” Hershey Lodge (Lodging \$529.47, registration \$450.00; Total \$979.47)
- g. Lisa Kozloski, Carole Rainey and Karissa Tugend on October 10, 2017 to attend Marli’s Mission Neiu #19 (Travel \$26.75 per trip)

Motion 78 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- a. Andrea Aten, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 8 students on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 2, 3, and 4, 2017 to 2017 PASC State Conference, Red Lion Area Sr HS (Travel Cost \$214.00, Substitute 380.00; Total \$594.00 Registration and lodging paid by MVSGA)
- b. Michael Talabiska and Whitney Johnson on September 26, October 13 and 25, November 15, 2017; January 10, March 27, April 20, May 9 and 24, 2017 to attend Environmental Forum Sr High Level, Lackawanna State Park (Substitute Cost \$855.00)

Motion 79 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 reviewed the highlights of the ESG presentation regarding energy savings and future building projects. Mr. Taylor explained what projects could potentially be included. ESG will give a complete presentation next meeting.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Jason Casselbury

7.1 Approve Parent Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Casselbury, to appoint Amanda Bledsoe as a parent driver paid at the IRS rate for the 2017 / 2018 school year, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 80 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

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

- Mr. Barhite mentioned that meeting have occurred and MVSD is waiting on MVEA’s proposal.

MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Absent

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Mr. Presley stated that school has started well. There is an open house from 5:30 until 7:30 on September 14. A portion of the open house will include a ChromeBook demonstration and an applying to college discussion. Mr. Presley met with Sgt. Joyce of the PA State Police so they have a more visible, positive presence. MVSD will be hosting a Suicide Prevention seminar and the founder, Lou Respi, will be attending.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Dr. Patricia Pasierb

- Dr. Pasierb thanked teachers, paraprofessionals, Dr. Lake and Mr. Presley for a smooth start to the school year. Dr. Pasierb reviewed the IEP process. Flyers for the HS Life Skills program were distributed to board members.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake declared the first in-service days to be very productive. Carnegie Learning training and Google training were portions of the in-service. MVSD was awarded a Career Readiness grant. MVSD will have 5 full-time NOLA students this year. Dr. Lake thanked Linda Sivers for all of her hard work.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak announced that the independent district audit was moved to this week because of scheduling conflict of a neighboring school. The first phase of the cafeteria administrative review concludes tomorrow. Mr. Witiak discussed the Activity Bus rate.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt bellowed that the 3rd day enrollment was 930 students. The ES took up a Red Cross collection. MV employees are encouraged to sign-up for the Breast Cancer Race for the Cure Walk. There will be a Strings Presentation after open house at the Elementary School at 7:30 pm on September 21.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte asked Mr. Presley to write a letter to the local fire companies for traffic assistance during large cross country meets.

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- Corey Gesford would like a State of the Union for the MVSD. Mrs. Voigt stated that we are right on target
- Krystal Very asked about the district's bullying policy. Mr. Presley explained the complaint process.

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

HELD:

- Friday, September 1, 2017-7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. personnel regarding an administrative position
- Monday September 11, 2017 - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for personnel regarding an administrative position, personnel regarding a cafeteria position, an MOU to the MVESPA contract and real estate.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 11, 2017, after the public meeting
- Monday, September 25, 2017, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Casselbury, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Enclosures:

1.5-August 28, 2017 minutes
2.1-September 2017 Bill List
2.3-Readiness Mini Grant
2.4-MOU with Aging Agency
3.1-Supplemental Positions
4.1-Policy 904
FYI-Consortium Audit
FYI 2-Gesford Letter
FYI 3-Bureau of Labor Statistics Letter
FYI 4-Welcome Back Letters

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tom Witiak