

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

Monday, October 9, 2017
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on October 9, 2017 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:25 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. David Schulte, Second Vice President; Mr. Ed Napierkowski, Treasurer; Mr. Kenneth Decker; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mrs. Sondra Stine.

Absent: Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. Jason Casselbury.

Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal; Dr. Patricia Pasierb, Director of Special Services.

1.4 PRIDE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- No presentations.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – September 25, 2017

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated September 25, 2017 as presented.

Motion 102 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 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.*

- Ted Brewster asked if executive session description can be more specific. Mr. Barhite explained the agenda is vague since it is prepared in advance, however, it will explained in more detail when we get to that section at the meeting.

2. Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve October Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the October 9, 2017 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$147,807.65.

Motion 103 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.2 Approve Workers' Compensation Review

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize American Risk Management Services, Inc. to review workers' compensation coverage, policies and premiums, as presented.

Motion 104 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.3 Approve Budget Timeline and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize the 2018-2019 budget timeline and associated mandatory advertising, as presented.

Motion 105 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.4 Award Bid for Snow Removal

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the low qualified bid for snow removal for the 2017-2018 school year to Stoney Creek Property Services of Kingsley, PA, in the amount of \$79.00 per hour, per bid specifications as presented.

Motion 106 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Napierkowski, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Decker), 1 No (Mrs. Stine), 2 Absent (Mr. Casselbury, Dr. Plonski-Sezer)

2.5 Award Bid for Fuel Oil

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the low qualified bid for fuel oil for the 2017- 2018 school year to Mirabito Fuel Group of Binghamton, NY, in the amount of \$1.9038 firm price per gallon, per bid specifications as presented.

Motion 107 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.6 Award Bid For Wood Fuel

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the low qualified bid for wood fuel for the 2017-2018 school year to RGM Hardwoods, Inc. of Covington, PA, in the amount of \$29.00 per ton, per bid specifications as presented.

Motion 108 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.7 Award Bid For Copy Paper

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the low qualified bid for copy paper for the 2017-2018 school year to CPG, Inc. of Uniontown, OH, in the amount of \$22.32 per case, per bid specifications as presented.

Motion 109 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Substitutes

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

- a. Lindena Marcy, Nicholson, PA to the Clerical, Cafeteria and Hall/Cafeteria Monitor Lists
- b. Jenna Master, Nicholson, PA to the Elementary and High School Teacher Lists (emergency certified) and the Paraprofessional List
- c. Miranda Price, Kingsley, PA to the Elementary Sub List

Motion 110 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.2 Approve Volunteers

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

Bridget Thomas, Elementary Volunteer
Kari Belcher, Elementary Volunteer
Gary Parks, Wrestling

Motion 111 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.3 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

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

Motion 112 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.4 Approve Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve posting and advertising for a paraprofessional position.

Motion 113 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Jason Casselbury

4.1 First Reading Policy 904- Public Attendance at School Events

- Mr. Napierkowski read Policy 904.

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. Richmond, to approve the following conference requests:

- a. Allison Martino, Jamie White and Donna Porter on Friday, October 20, 2017, Endless Mountains Counselor Association (No district cost)
- b. Kathy McHenry, Terri Kelsey, Dr. Christopher Lake, Matthew Georgetti on date to be determined to attend WVIA Learning Media, Pittston PA (No district cost)

Motion 114 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- a. Donna Porter, Allison Martino and 20 students on Tuesday, November 7 2017 Health Career Fair, Elk Lake HS (Transportation Cost \$115.13)
- b. Donna Porter, Allison Martino and 20 students on Thursday, October 19, 2017 Careers in Hot Demand, Elk Lake HS (Transportation Cost \$115.13)
- c. Ashley Coviello, Lisa Loomis, Brandi Miller, Jamie Janesky, Judy Bell, Debbie Pompey, Colleen Hammond, 16 chaperones and 78 students on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, Roba's Pumpkin Patch, North Abington Township, PA (Transportation Cost \$145.49, Registration \$616.00, Substitute \$87.00; Total \$848.49)
- d. Karen Voigt, Charleene Martens and 6 students on Saturday, November 4, 2017 to attend Young Scholars Program, Scranton Prep (No district cost)
- e. Michael Talabiska, Whitney Twining and 45 students on October 20, 2017, January 27, May 3, 2018 to attend Envirothon fall Event, Prep Day and Competition at Salt Springs, Talabiska Woodlot, and Elk Mountain (Transportation Cost \$354.85, Substitute \$475.00; Total \$829.85)

Motion 115 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.3 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve homebound instruction for Student #21033 beginning September 5, 2017 ending December 1, 2017.

Motion 116 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.4 PSBA Election

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Richmond, to cast the following votes in the PSBA election:

- Otto Voit for president
- Gary Michael Smedley for vice-president
- Mike Gossert for treasurer
- Michael Faccinnetto and Marianne Neel for trustee

Motion 117 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.5 Approve Waiver of Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student # 20037.

Motion 118 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

6. **Building and Site Committee: Jason Casselbury, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor mentioned that the RFQ ad has run. 5 companies have responded already. The fuel oil tank should have been cleaned today, but issue with manhole covers prevented cleaning. The assembly will be removed, then the tank will be cleaned.

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

- Mr. Barhite explained MVSD and MVEA met on October 4. The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

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

- Absent

9.2 Director of Special Services – Dr. Patricia Pasierb

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction / Acting Elem. Principal –Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake stated student-of-the-month information was sent home. Halloween will be celebrated on October 26. 46 students took the recent SAT exam. On September 26 PA State Police worked with staff. iReady data is almost all collected. The Dennis Farm tour turned out great. Google training will take place on October 16.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak explained the different financing options available for the energy project and renovations.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt stated the next Children's Produce Market is October 24. PA State Police Sergeant, Mike Joyce, will be bringing the K9 unit to MVES.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte explained they brought in a portable 911 center to prepare students on which questions would be asked if they ever needed to call 911. There will be more anti-bullying posters available.

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- Veronica Thomas mentioned the fire training was excellent. It really helped prepare the kids for an emergency.

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

HELD:

- Monday October 9, 2017 - 6:00 PM to 7:20 PM for Personnel (the need of an additional paraprofessional position), Negotiations (MVEA proposal) and a student discipline matter.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 23, 2017, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Enclosures:

1.5-September 25, 2017 minutes

2.1-October 2017 Bill List
2.2- American Risk Management Services
2.3-Budget Timeline
2.4-Snow Bid
2.5-Fuel Bid
2.6-Wood Bid
3.3-Supplemental Positions
4.1-Policy 904
5.4-PSBA Attachment
FYI-Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tom Witiak