

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

Monday, December 18, 2017
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 18, 2017 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:15 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. Sondra Stine; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mrs. Monica Miller, Mr. Danny Very.

Absent: None.

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; Dr. Patricia Pasierb; Director of Special Services; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Liaison-Matt Dougherty

- Matt presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Minutes.

Presentation: McClure Company, Energy Systems Group

- Members from ESG gave their presentation.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –December 4, 2017

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated December 4, 2017 as presented.

Motion 172 Carried: 9 Yes

1.6 Amend Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to amend the minutes dated September 11, 2017, as presented.

Motion 173 Carried: 9 Yes

1.7 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Edward Napierkowski, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mr. Napierkowski presented the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report.

1.7 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.*

- Pat Farnelli asked about the amended minutes. Mr. Barhite stated it was a wording change.

2. Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve November Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to confirm payment of the General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the amount of \$2,322,970.38.

Motion 174 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve December 18, 2017 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the December 18, 2017 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$84,304.36.

Motion 175 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3 Accept Grant

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the Safe Schools Initiative Grant Award in the amount of \$11,900.00.

Motion 176 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Addendum to Title I Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the addendum to the Title I contract between the Mountain View School District and the NEIU #19, as presented.

Motion 177 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve Energy Services Partner

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve ESG, from Newburgh, IN as the Energy Services Partner for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Project.

Motion 178 Carried: 9 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Napierkowski, Mr. Richmond)

2.6 Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve exonerations for 2017 real estate, 2017 per capita taxes and 2017 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors.

Motion 179 Carried: 9 Yes

2.7 Accept Grant

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to accept School Climate Leadership Initiative Grant Award in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion 180 Carried: 9 Yes

2.8 Approve Winter Sports Admission Fees

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve winter sport admission fees: \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students, \$0.00 for children less than 5 years old, veterans, senior citizens and \$20.00 for a family pass.

Motion 181 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Volunteer

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

Michael Ofalt, Wrestling Volunteer
Maggie Ritter, Junior High Girls Basketball

Motion 182 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept the letter of resignation from Cynthia Guarnotta from her cafeteria position effective immediately, as presented.

Motion 183 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3 Post and Advertise Food Service Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to post and advertise for a food service position with a salary of \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 184 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4 Appoint Food Service Employee

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Lora Wright from Factoryville to a 6.5 hour Food Service position, at a salary of \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, pending receipt of all documentation, and a start date to be determined.

Motion 185 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5 Appoint Food Service Employee

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Patricia Edwards from Nicholson to a 6.5 hour Food Service position, at a salary of \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, pending receipt of all documentation, and a start date to be determined.

Motion 186 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6 Accept Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept Peter Hammond's Resignation from his Girls JH Basketball position, effective immediately, as presented.

Motion 187 Carried: 9 Yes

3.7 Approve Coach

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following coach for 2017-2018, as presented.

Girls JH Basketball David Breese \$ 3,029.00

Motion 188 Carried: 9 Yes

4. **Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson** Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very
5. **Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson** Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kevin Reuss, Peter Regeski and 30 students on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 to visit 30th Annual Teen Symposium on the Holocaust, Scranton, PA (Transportation \$237.80, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$427.80)
- B. Jamie Bottger and 1 student on Wednesday through Friday, January 24 through January 26, 2018 to visit PMEA District 9 Chorus, Wallenpaupack High School (Transportation \$42.80, Registration \$151.36, Substitute \$285.00; Total \$479.16)
- C. Mason Stiver and 6th grade band, some 7-12 students, and Molly Birosak on Friday, April 6, 2018 to Railriders Game/National Anthem, Moosic PA (Transportation \$260.00, Registration \$300.00; Total \$560.00)

Motion 189 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Corrine McNabb on Friday, January 5, 2018, Title III Consortia Meeting-ESL, NEIU 19 (Substitute \$47.50)

Motion 190 Carried: 9 Yes

5.3 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve homebound instruction for Student #22003 beginning October 10, 2017 ending February 7, 2018.

Motion 191 Carried: 9 Yes

5.4 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve homebound instruction for Student #25063 beginning November 14, 2017 ending December 12, 2017.

Motion 192 Carried: 9 Yes

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor announced that the wood boiler is working well. The oil tank was refilled. The building management software has malfunctioned at the HS.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenneth Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Danny Very

7.1 Substitute Bus Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve Graham Anthony, Brooklyn, as a substitute bus driver pending receipt of all paperwork.

Motion 193 Carried: 9 Yes

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

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

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

8.1 Approve Temporary Extension of Retirement Incentive MOU

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Temporary Extension of Retirement Incentive MOU between MVEA and the Mountain View School District for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented.

Motion 194 Carried: 9 Yes

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 – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake mentioned that the Christmas Program was phenomenal. PTO hosted Santa's Workshop. 6th grade students wrapped presents for younger students. The Angel Tree was a great success. ACTs were cancelled. Keystone exams for literature were administered. The school climate committee met to review survey data. PBIS will be implemented in the ES soon. CPR is still taught at the HS. PBSLM will be implemented in grades K – 12 with help from Mrs. Kelsey and Mrs. McHenry.

9.4 Business Manager- Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No comments

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt stated that Peter Quig from Community Foundation will reimburse the school for transportation to Tri-Cities Opera thanks to the generosity of Mr. Wert. Andrea Aten plans on raising money to host the state SGA conference. One of the

ideas is a car raffle. MVSD participated in a winter weather exercise with PEMA. School board member training will be at IU19 at 6:00pm on January 4.

New Business from Board Members

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer attended the ES concert. The string project performance was great. The Endless Mountains Children's Choir ended after 10 years.
- Mr. Very asked if our bullying policy is up-to-date.

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- None

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 18, 2017- 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM for Personnel (cafeteria positions), Labor Relations (negotiation updates)

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 9:09 PM.

Enclosures:

1.5- December 4, 2017 Minutes
1.6- Amended Minutes
1.7- Treasurer's Report & Cafeteria Report
2.1- Disbursements
2.2- Bill List
2.3-Safe Schools Grant
2.4-Title I Addendum
2.7-School Climate Grant
3.2-C. Guarnotta Resignation
3.6-Hammond Resignation
8.1-MOU for Retirement
FYI- Conference Reports
FYI-2-Health Services Report

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tom Witiak