

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

Monday, November 11, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 11, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:08 PM by Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Jason Richmond, President; Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: None

Administration Present:

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –October 28, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated October 28, 2019, as presented.

Motion 140 Carried: 9 Yes

1.6 First Hearing of Visitors – *You may speak about anything on the agenda. 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.*

- Kris Snyder and Connie Milunic presented the PTO Fiscal Report.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve November Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the November 11, 2019 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$87,528.00.

Motion 141 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve Budget Timeline and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize the 2020-2021 budget timeline and associated mandatory advertising, as presented.

Motion 142 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3 Approve IDEA-B Funds Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve IDEA-B Funds Agreement between The Mountain View School District and the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Motion 143 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following substitute.

Anthony Smith, New Milford, PA, to the custodian substitute list

Motion 144 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

4.1 Approve the Following Policy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Miller, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #251-Homeless Students

Motion 145 Carried: 9 Yes

4.2 Approve the Following Policy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Miller, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #113-Special Education

Motion 146 Carried: 9 Yes

4.3 First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy #916- Volunteers

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #916- Volunteers.
- The next Policy Committee meeting is December 4 at 6:00 PM.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Jacqueline Ferenczi, Mary Ann Tranovich, Tuesday, December 10, 2019, Motivating and Managing Hard to Reach, Uninterested, Disruptive Students, Binghamton NY (Travel \$77.72, Registration \$490.00, Substitute \$190.00; \$757.72) (Title II)
- B. Katie Naegele, Pamela Ealo, Catherine Sekely, Monday and Tuesday, February 3rd and 4th, 2020 Everyone Reading Conference, New York, NY, (Travel \$148.73, Tolls \$150.00, Lodging \$920.00, Registration \$990.00, Substitute \$570.00; Total \$2,778.73)

Motion 147 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Colleen Heller, Alisha Hudak, Debbie Pompey, Colleen Hammond, Kathy Walker and 7 students, Monday, December 9, 2019 The Gardens at Tunkhannock Nursing Home and McDonalds, Tunkhannock, PA (Transportation \$35.87)
- B. Colleen Heller, Alisha Hudak, Debbie Pompey, Colleen Hammond, Kathy Walker and 7 students, Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Walmart Dollar Tree And Perkins, Tunkhannock, PA (Transportation \$28.22)
- C. Mason Stiver and 4-5 band students, Sunday, November 17, 2019, District Band pre-auditions, Wyoming Valley West HS (Transportation \$63.80, Registration \$40.00; Total \$103.80)
- D. Mrs. Aten, Mrs. Ihlefeldt and 2020 State Chairs, Thursday, November 21, 2019, 2020 State Conference Planning Meeting, Kalahari Convention Center, Pocono Manor (Transportation \$63.50, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$158.80)

- E. Kelly Richmond, Christine Misura, Danielle Scott, Missy Berish, Charissa Ofalt, Tiffany Cosklo and 19 students, Thursday, November 14, 2019, Feed-A-Friend, Groceries, Dunkin Donuts, Trehab, Price Chopper (Transportation \$222.60, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$317.60)
- F. Charleene Martens, Karen Voigt and 3 students, Saturday, November 2, 2019, Young Scholars, Scranton Prep (Transportation \$31.32)
- G. Jamie Bottger, Diana Lombardi and 2 students, Friday, November 22, 2019, WVIA Artist of the Week, Pittston, PA (Transportation \$47.79, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$237.79)

Motion 148 Carried: 9 Yes

5.3 Approve Waiver of Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student #22116 beginning November 11, 2019 and expiring January 16, 2020 (depending on school calendar).

Motion 149 Carried: 9 Yes

6. **Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor stated that doors are being installed. The last few should be installed soon. The backstops are installed. Scoreboards are in transit. Wood chips will be delivered tomorrow. The wrestling room is being cleaned. The freezer door may need to be replaced.

7. **Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Substitute Car Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following Substitute Car Contractor for Lewis Bussing:

Elizabeth Holtzman

Motion 150 Carried: 9 Yes

- Mr. Witiak attended the mock bus accident at Montrose HS on November 2.

8. **Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson**

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Monica Miller, Kenneth Decker

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

- Mrs. Voigt stated that the Support Staff contract expires on June 30, 2019. Negotiations will begin soon.

9. **Administration**

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake thanked Jan Price for organizing the Veterans Day program. The ES will receive a \$500 grant from Liberty Petroleum for 5th and 6th grade science classes. He presented the PBIS structure and update.

High School Principal – Vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski mentioned she has been busy with IEPs. She will be attending Gifted sessions at the NEIU. There will be a Homeless student audit later this week.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said that report cards went home today. Jan Price organized a great Veterans Day program. Parent-Teacher Conferences are later this week. The safety assessment is later this week. Job shadowing will be moving to 9th grade instead of 11th grade. The HS is working on career clusters. The competitive safety grant was submitted with a focus on communication.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak noted the district is switching Flex 125 providers. He thanked Dr. Lake and Dr. Elia for their assistance in scheduling time for all staff members to attend a 1-on-1 meeting.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt reiterated that school climate is still a focal point. The grant to help pay for our SRO was submitted. We will be receiving a \$20,000 donation for trophy cases. Flag pole is in transit. A visitor from Antarctica, Mike Penn, a teacher from Antarctica from Moon Area SD, met with 2nd grade students and HS AP students.

New Business from Board Members

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer mentioned the possibility of establishing an advisory board.
- Mr. Schulte mentioned that kids seemed to love meeting Mike Penn.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer said the Craft Fair was amazing.

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- None.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 11, 2019 – 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, November 25, 2019 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by _____, second by _____, to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at _____ PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- October 28, 2019 Minutes
- 2.1- November 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Budget Timeline
- 2.3-IDEA Fund Agreement
- 4.1- Policy #251-Homeless Students
- 4.2- Policy #113- Special Education
- 4.3-Policy #916- Volunteers
- FYI- PA Charter School Funding Reform
- FYI-2-Nurse's Pantry–United Way

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak