

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

Monday, October 28, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on October 28, 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 (present at roll-call, left meeting at 7:27); 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:

SGA-Hannah Geron

- Hannah presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Report.

Presentation-Karen Zaums-2019 Better Hearing and Speech Month State Winners:

Ada Chamberlin-1st place coloring

Allison Cosklo-2nd Place Drawing

Ryleigh Kilmer-1st Place Essay

- Mrs. Zaums presented the Better Hearing and Speech Month State Winners, Ada and Ryleigh.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –October 14, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated October 14, 2019, as presented.

Motion 124 Carried: 9 Yes

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report.

1.7 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.*

- None.
- Mrs. Anuszewski left the meeting at 7:27

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve October Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the October 28, 2019 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$393,837.49.

Motion 125 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve October Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, 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 \$2,663,300.76.

Motion 126 Carried: 9 Yes

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

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve exonerations for 2019 real estate, 2019 per capita taxes and 2019 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 127 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Homestead / Farmstead Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Homestead/Farmstead Contract with GSS. The cost per mailer will be \$0.90, postage included.

Motion 128 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve Student Activity

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve establishing the following student activity – Class of 2022, as presented.

Motion 129 Carried: 9 Yes

2.6 Approve Change Order for ESG project as follows:

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve change orders for ESG project as follows

7. Control Units \$-61,675

Motion 130 Carried: 9 Yes

2.7 Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated September 30, 2019 as presented and file for audit:

1. High School Activities Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. Elementary School Activities Account
4. Athletic Account

Motion 131 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. Very, to approve the following volunteer:

Dwight Carey- Junior High Basketball

Motion 132 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Approve Substitute

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

- a. Samantha Allen, New Milford, PA, to the Emergency Certified lists

Motion 133 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3 Corrected Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to accept the corrected letter of resignation from Heidi Serbonich from her teaching position effective November 4, 2019, as presented.

Motion 134 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2019-2020, as presented.

Motion 135 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve Lisa Loomis as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as high school learning support/math teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective October 8, 2019.

Motion 136 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve Dawn Chase as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as high school math teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective October 8, 2019.

Motion 137 Carried: 9 Yes

3.7 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve BethAnn Masters as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as high school elementary life skills teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective October 11, 2019.

Motion 138 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

4.1 Second Reading (discussion) of the Following Policies:

Policy #251-Homeless Students

Policy #113- Special Education

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led discussion on Policy #251 – Homeless Students & Policy #113 – Special Education.
- The next policy committee meeting is Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Mason Stiver and 13 Jr./Sr. Band Students, Wednesday, November 6, 2019, Susquehanna County Band, Lackawanna Trail High School (Transportation \$131.80, Substitute \$95.00, Registration \$300.00; Total \$526.80)
- B. Jason McHenry and 5 Drama Club students, Thursday, November 7, 2019, Play Advertising, Magic 93, Wilkes-Barre, PA (Transportation \$53.94)
- C. Kathy McHenry, Jason McHenry and 10 FBLA Members, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17th and 18th, 2019, FBLA Regional Leadership Conference, Keystone College (Transportation \$123.26, Registration \$144.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$362.26)
- D. Glen Mackey, Matthew Donnelly and 5 students, Tuesday, November 5, 2019, What's So Cool About Manufacturing, Golis Machine (Transportation \$24.36, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$214.36)

Motion 139 Carried: 9 Yes

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor announced that door replacement began today. The baseball field renovation is nearing completion. Scoreboard is coming soon. The PT Cruiser has been removed.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

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

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

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake thanked Clifford, Harford, and Hop Bottom fire companies for their role in Fire Prevention Week. Casual Friday collection will be donated back to the fire companies. The ES held a lockdown drill with new barricades. There was a good turnout at the Spooktacular. Report cards going home on November 11. The Veterans Program is on November 11. The Ag Lab is coming November 4 through 8. The Halloween Parade is 10:00 AM on October 31.

High School Principal – vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said he was working on giving the students an increased voice. The HS is considering purchasing an interactive smart board. Old signage around the school will be replaced.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak announced that there will be a mock bus accident on Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 AM at the Montrose High School.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that there was a Comprehensive Planning meeting on October 16. Lucas Taylor and the Alumni Association wants to be more involved with district events. New signage will be hung in the board room. Mrs. Sekely asked about bussing for skiing at Elk Lake. She congratulated Katheryn Long for qualifying for states in cross country.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Richmond thanked Nutrition, Inc. for their Farm to Fork treat.

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- Ted Brewster asked about the Bus Accident Drill at Montrose.
- Joe Loomis asked about the Mobile Ag Lab.

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

HELD:

- Monday, October 14, 2019- 9:00 PM - 9:15 PM for Personnel, Labor Relations
- Monday, October 28, 2019-6:00 PM - 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 28, 2019, after the public meeting
- Monday, November 11, 2019 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-October 14, 2019 minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-October 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.5-Student Activity

2.6-ESG Change Order
3.3-Corrected Resignation Letter
3.4-Supplemental Salaries
4.1- Policy #251-Homeless Students
 Policy #113- Special Education
FYI-Conference Report
FYI-2-Dennis Farm Trust Article-Scranton Times
FYI-3-Safety Article-Education Leadership-October 2019
FYI-4-Better Hearing and Speech Month
FYI-5-Wrestling Booster Club 2018-2019
FYI-6-Boys Varsity Basketball Booster Club 2018-2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak