

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

Monday, October 14, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on October 14, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:40 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; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite.

Administration Present:

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

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –September 23, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the minutes dated September 23, 2019, as presented.

Motion 105 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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.*

- Ted Brewster asked several clarifying questions about the agenda.

- Steve Decker asked the board to tour the wrestling room to show them all the work that needs to be completed. Mr. Schulte advised Steve Decker to enter his work orders through School Dude, not request them at public board meetings.

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 Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the October 14, 2019 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$424,912.47.

Motion 106 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Division Order

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Division Order of Empet D 003 well by Cabot Oil, as presented.

Motion 107 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve Managed Print Services Agreement

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 3 year contract with the option to extend the contract an additional 2 years, up to 5 years total, for managed print services (desktop printers) with Topp Copy, as presented.

Motion 108 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Award Bid for Fuel Oil

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the low qualified bid for fuel oil for the 2019- 2020 school year to Mirabito of Binghamton, NY, in the amount of \$2.0754 per gallon, per bid specifications as presented.

Motion 109 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Award Bid for Snow Removal

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the low qualified bid for snow removal for the 2019-2020 school year to Mike Daniels of Kingsley, PA, in the amount of \$70.00 per hour, per bid specifications as presented.

Motion 110 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve Transfer to Cafeteria Fund

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund (10-5250-930-000-00-000-000-0000 / CR: 52302) to Cafeteria Fund (50-9310-000-000-00-005-000-000-0000 / CR: CR013) in the amount of \$30,000.

Motion 111 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Re-Approve White Sheet

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to re-approve the 2019-2020 White Sheet year, as presented.

Motion 112 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 Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2019-2020, as presented.

Motion 113 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following volunteer:

William Chichester- Baseball

Motion 114 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation from Caroline Baranski-Hill from her cafeteria position effective October 11, 2019, as presented.

Motion 115 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve posting and advertising for a cafeteria position.

Motion 116 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation from Heidi Serbonich from her teaching position effective November 1, 2019, as presented.

Motion 117 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve posting and advertising for a Special Education Teaching position.

Motion 118 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.7 Approve Elementary School After School Tutoring Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the elementary school after school tutoring program for the 2019-2020 school year:

Motion 119 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.8 Approve Elementary School Tutoring Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following after school tutoring teacher for the elementary school for the 2019-2020 school year:

Jacqueline Ferenczi

Motion 120 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.9 Appoint Paraprofessional Employee

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Crystal Very from Nicholson, PA to a paraprofessional position, at \$12.20 per hour, with benefits per MVESPA Agreement pending receipt of all documentation and a start date to be determined.

Motion 121 Carried: 4 Yes (Mrs. Miller, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska), 3 No (Mr. Decker, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine), 1 Abstain (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

4.1 First Reading of the Following Policies:

Policy #251-Homeless Students
Policy #113- Special Education

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #251 – Homeless Students and Policy #113 – Special Education.

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. Karen Zaums and Heather Larkin, Fridays, November 1 and December 6, 2019, February 21, March 27, and May 8, 2020, Assistive Technology Networking Meeting, NEIU (No cost to the district)
- B. Marybeth Krivak, Friday, November 1, 2019, NEIU 19 Librarian Meeting, NEIU (Substitute \$95.00) (Title II)
- C. Stephanie Anuszewski and Charleene Martens, November 12, January 14, 2020, April 01, 2020, Evidence-Based Practices for Advanced and Gifted Learners, NEIU 19 (Registration \$600.00) (Title II)
- D. Stephanie Anuszewski, Diana Slick, Carole Rainey, Rebecca Giordano, Thursday, November 21, 2019, Create the Calm, NEIU 19 (Registration \$500.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$595.00)
- E. Stephanie Kile, Wednesday, October 23, Tuesday October 29, and Wednesday, November 20, 2019, Individualize Writing Instruction, Online (Registration \$169.00) (Title II)
- F. Kathy McHenry, Tuesday, October 15, 2019, FBLA Region 27 Advisor's Meeting, Susquehanna County CTC (Travel \$18.79, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$113.79)
- G. Stephanie Anuszewski, Wednesday, October 30, 2019, School Mindfulness and Yoga, NEIU (Registration \$100.00)
- H. Sheri Ransom, Wednesday, October 30, 2019, What is the goal? College Planning for ASD, Harrisburg (Travel \$163.56) (Title II)
- I. Anthony Borgia, Jamie Bottger, Todd Calabro, Christine Misiura, Susan Gesford, George Barbolish, Monday, October 21, Wednesday, November 13, 2019; Wednesday, January 22, Thursday, February 27, Monday, March 23, 2020, Become a Social-Emotional Learning Champion for Your School, NEIU 19 (Registration \$2,050.00, Substitute \$760.00; Total \$2,810.00) (Title II)
- J. Mary Lynne Twining, Sunday March 15 through Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2020 Data Summit PDE, Hershey, PA (Travel \$168.20, Lodging \$466.20; Total \$959.40)
- K. Mary Ann Tranovich, Friday, October 11, 2019, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Regional Training, Montgomery County Intermediate Unite 2, (Substitute \$95.00, paid by NEIU 19)
- L. Ashley Coviello, Friday, November 8, 2019, Unconventional Classroom, Wilkes-Barre (Travel \$29.00, Registration \$96.05, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$220.05) (Title II)

Motion 122 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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. Sheri Ransom, Elaine Chichura and 6-8 students, starting Wednesday, October 16, 2019 going every third Wednesday, Montrose Soup Kitchen, Montrose, PA (Transportation \$16.24 each trip)
- B. Whitney Johnson and 8 students on Tuesdays, September 24 and October 22, 2019; April 7 and May 12, 2020, Building Connections to our Environmental, Lackawanna State Park and LCX Environmental Education Center, Lackawanna College (Transportation \$143.49, Substitute \$380; Total \$523.49)
- C. Charleene Martens, Holly James, Paraprofessional, Parent Volunteers, 25-30 Gifted Students, 7 Honors Students, ELA Students, Tuesday, October 15, 2019, Young Authors Day, University of Scranton (Registration \$450.00, Substitute Teacher \$95.00, Substitute Paraprofessional \$84.00; Total \$629.00)
- D. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Charissa Ofalt and 7 students, Wednesdays, October 16, October 30, 2019; May 13, May 27, 2020, Equestrian Therapy Center, Nicholson PA (Transportation \$254.00)
- E. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 8 students, Thursdays, October 17, 24; November 7, 21; December 12, 19, 2019; January 9, 23, February 13, 27; March 12, 26; April 9, 23, May 7, 14, 2020, Rob's Market and Breakfast, Hallstead, PA (Transportation \$278.40)
- F. Todd Calabro, Whitney Johnson and 25-35 students, Thursday, October 10, 2019, Envirothon, Salt Springs State Park (Transportation \$128.16, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$318.16)
- G. Todd Calabro and 6 students, Thursday, November 7, 2019; Tuesday, January 14, Thursday, March 26, Wednesday, April 15, Tuesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 21, 2020, Environmental Forum, D&H Rail Trail, American Water of Scranton, Lackawanna College, Waymart Wind Mills, Lackawanna State Park, Montage Mountain, Susquehanna River Tunkhannock (Transportation \$162.40, Substitute \$665.00; Total \$827.40)
- H. Beth Ann Masters, Colleen Heller, Colleen Hammond, Debbie Pompey, Kathy Walker and 6 students on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, Roba's Family Farms, North Abington, PA (No cost to the district; paid by Life Skills)
- I. Mason Stiver, Glen Mackey, Terri Kelsey and guitar, wood, engineering and Physics students on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Martin Guitar Factory, Nazareth PA (Transportation \$564.00, Substitute \$285.00; Total \$849.00)
- J. Jamie Bottger and 3 students, Sunday, October 20, 2019, District Chorus Auditions, Tunkhannock HS (Transportation \$29.00, Registration \$24.00; Total \$53.00)
- K. Charleene Martens and 5-6 students, Wednesday, October 30, 2019, Scholastic Scrimmage, WVIA (Transportation \$98.29)
- L. Sheri Ransom, Elaine Chichura and 5 students, Montrose Food Market for Community, Friday, November 8, 2019, (Transportation \$16.24)
- M. Jamie Bottger, Wednesday, November 13, 2019, Susquehanna County Chorus, Forest City Regional High School (Transportation \$174.52, Registration TBD)
- N. Molly Birozak, Mary Ann Tranovich, 40 students and 2 chaperones, dates to be determined, Chimettes to play and student Council to visit community, Susquehanna, Forest City, Montrose, Community Harford (Transportation \$536.68, Substitute \$380.00; Total \$916.68)

Motion 123 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor reported that the new backstops are being installed. Traction tape was installed on the freezer floor. Fuel oil supply is low, but will order now since a supplier was selected. Vo-Tech does not want any of our spare and unused vehicles.

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

- Absent

High School Principal – Vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski noted mindfulness rooms are up and running. There has been great participation in both buildings.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia stated that the HS is working on goals, morale, and communication. The new televisions in the cafeteria and hallway should be up and running this week. The Homecoming Dance went well.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt noted that MV received \$20,000 from Peoples Security Bank & Trust for dual enrollment and scholastic competitions. HS students, Matt Dougherty and Katie Tracy, are auditing polling places. Clifford United Methodist will be hosting an afterschool program called Lighthouse. The South Milford Baptist Church is donating a flag pole near the soccer field. More trophy cases and displays are being planned to recognize student achievements. Mountain View teachers Brion Stone and Charleene Martens present the Dennis Farm Trust with maple syrup at the annual symposium at Keystone College.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte thanked Mrs. Voigt for arranging ALICE Training.

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

HELD:

- Monday, October 14, 2019 – 6:00 PM - 7:35 PM

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 14, 2019, after the public meeting
- Monday, October 28, 2019 before and after the public meeting

10 Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- September 23, 2019 Minutes
- 2.1- October 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Cabot Oil
- 2.3-Topp Copy
- 2.4-Fuel Oil
- 2.5-Snow Removal
- 2.7-White Sheet
- 3.1-Supplemental Salaries
- 3.3-Hill Resignation
- 3.5-Serbonich Resignation
- 4.1- Policy #251-Homeless Students
- Policy #113- Special Education
- FYI- Conference Report
- FYI-2-Peoples Security Common Wealth Charitable Management

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak