

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

Monday, September 23, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 23, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:02 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. Michael Barhite.

Absent: Mr. Danny Very.

Administration Present:

Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA-Hannah Geron

- Hannah presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Report.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –September 9, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the minutes dated September 9, 2019, as presented.

Motion 87 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

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

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read the Treasurer 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

1.8 Read Letters of Interest

Secretary reads names of individuals interested in the Harford / Lenox School Board Director seat.

- Kathy Walker
- Joe Loomis
- Mike Talabiska

1.9 Appoint New Board Member

1. Nominations for Harford / Lenox School Board Director seat:
Mr. Barhite Nominated Joe Loomis.
Mr. Decker Nominated Mike Talabiska.
2. The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Decker, to close the nominations.

Motion 88 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

3. Final Vote Taken: (By show of Hands or Roll Call Vote)
 - Joe Loomis – 2 Votes (Mr. Barhite, Mrs. Miller)
 - Mike Talabiska – 5 Votes (Mr. Decker, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Stine)

1.10 Oath of Office

- A. Secretary reads name of qualified board members.
- B. Oath is administered by Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Notary.
- C. Oaths are signed and presented to Board Secretary.
- D. New Members are seated at the Board table.

1.11 Election of Second Vice President

1. Nominations for Second Vice President:
Mr. Decker Nominated Mr. Barhite.
2. The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to close the nominations for Second Vice President (2/3 majority).

Motion 89 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Final Vote Taken: (By show of Hands or Roll Call Vote) (Majority of full Board)
 - Mr. Barhite – 8 Votes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Mr. Talabiska)
4. Mr. Barhite was elected Second Vice President.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the list of bills for the September 23, 2019 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$98,603.23.

Motion 90 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve September Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Decker, 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 \$2,037,682.77.

Motion 91 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Decker, 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 92 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Division Order

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the Division Order of Empet D 005 well by Cabot Oil.

Motion 93 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 Mr. Schulte, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2019-2020, as presented.

Motion 94 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Substitute

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

- a. Alisha Finn, Kingsley, PA, to the Elementary Emergency Certified list

Motion 95 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Volunteer

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

Meadow Reeder, Lock Haven, PA; Girls Soccer, Track and Field

Motion 96 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Vacant, Danny Very

4.1 Approve the Following Policy

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

Policy #113.2-Behavior Support

Motion 97 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.2 Approve the Following Policy

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

Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities

Motion 98 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Vacant, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Todd Calabro and 6 students, Thursday, September 19, 2019, Environmental Forum, Lackawanna State Park (Transportation \$14.50, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$109.50)
- B. Mason Stiver, 9th Grade Band Students, October 2, 2019, PMEA Freshman Wind Clinic, Blue Ridge HS (Transportation \$25.00, Registration \$300.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$420.00)

- C. Sheri Ransom and 8 students, Every 3rd Wednesday of month until end of school, Montrose Soup Kitchen, Montrose (Transportation \$16.24 each trip)
- D. Steven Farrell, Kristy Bayle and Pre-K class, Friday, September 27, 2019, Roba's, North Abington Township (Transportation \$106.80, Registration \$306; Total \$412.80)
- E. Sheri Ransom and 6 students, Wednesday October 16, 2019, Disability Employment College Fair, Taylor PA (Transportation \$32.48)

Motion 99 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Lisa Kozloski, Tuesday, February 18, 2020 until Friday, February 21, 2020, NASP Annual Convention, Baltimore MD (Travel \$266.80, Lodging \$760.00, Registration \$744.00; Total \$1,770.00)
- B. Leslie Gossage, Thursday, September 26, 2019, Title III Consortium Meeting-M.Wolfe-Greenberg, NEIU 19 (No cost to the district)
- C. Jamie White and Samantha Hayden, Wednesday, October 16, 2019, Horses Healing Children, Marley's Mission, Clarks Summit (No cost to the district)
- D. Stephanie Anuszewski, Tuesday, October 15 through Thursday, October 17, 2019, Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness, Kalahari Resort Convention Center (Travel \$170.13)

Motion 100 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Dual Enrollment

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Dual Enrollment between the Mountain View School District and The University of Scranton for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Motion 101 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.4 Approve Dual Enrollment

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Dual Enrollment between the Mountain View School District and Keystone College for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Motion 102 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.5 Approve State Conference Funding

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve \$2,915 for students and staff to attend the 2019 PASC State Conference.

Motion 103 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 said doors have not arrived. New scoreboards are in transit. Emergency lighting is stuck on in spots around the ES. There was a partial power outage at the HS last Thursday. The concession stand roof will be repaired this week.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Appoint Substitute Bus Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Dennis Demohoski, Brooklyn, as a substitute bus driver.

Motion 104 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Vacant, 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

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked the board for their faith in appointing him as acting principal. The HS will be sending more text messages through the 1-Call System about upcoming events. The TV Studio is making strides. SATs will be held October 5. Cafeteria staff and 7th grade students received ALICE training.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak stated that Phyllis, Rachel and himself attended several days of training at the IU on MVSD's new financial software system.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Absent

New Business from Board Members

- Mrs. Miller mentioned physics related music lessons.
- Mr. Schulte said the cross country meet went well.

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- Lucas Taylor, president of the Alumni Association, noted that the Alumni Association is reaching out to the community. The Distinguished Alumni Dinner is coming up.

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

HELD:

- Monday, September 23, 2019- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

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

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Decker, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-September 23, 2019 minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-September 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 3.1-Supplemental Salaries
- 4.1- Policy #113.2-Behavior Support
- Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities
- 5.3-University of Scranton Dual Enrollment
- 5.4-Keystone College Dual Enrollment
- FYI-Compliance Letter-IDEA

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak