

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

**Monday, April 22, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on April 22, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:18 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. Edward Napierkowski, Second Vice President; Mr. Danny Very, Treasurer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Michael Barhite; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: Mrs. Monica Miller.

**Administration Present:**

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

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

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**SGA-Sydney Barhite**

- Sydney presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Report.

**Budget Presentations**

**Federal Programs/Ready to Learn - Karen Voigt**

- Mrs. Voigt presented the Federal Programs / Ready To Learn budget in the amount of \$477,828.

**Curriculum, Act 44, PASmart Grant - Mike Elia**

- Dr. Elia presented the Curriculum budget in the amount of \$5,500.

**Athletics - Robert Presley**

- Mr. Presley presented the Athletic budget in the amount of \$106,500.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –April 8, 2019**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated April 8, 2019, as presented.

Motion 263 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report:** Dan Very, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mr. Very 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.*

- Ted Brewster asked a series of clarifying questions about the agenda.

## **2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve April Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the April 22, 2019 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$170,065.24.

Motion 264 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.2 Approve March 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 \$2,857,997.68.

Motion 265 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. 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 266 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.4 Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated March 31, 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 267 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.5 Approve Tax Bill Printer**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Government Software Services (GSS) for 2019 real estate tax, per capita tax, and occupation tax bill printing, as presented.

Motion 268 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.6 Approve Student Activity**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following student activity – High School Library for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 269 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.7 PSBA Agreement**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2019-2020 PSBA Agreement for Standard Membership and Policy Maintenance services, as presented.

Motion 270 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.8 Approve Red Cross Renewal**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve renewal agreement between The Mountain View School District and the Red Cross for the 2019-2022 time period.

Motion 271 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.9 Approve FSMC**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Napierkowski, to approve The Nutrition Group as the FSMC for 2019-2020 with 4 optional 1-year renewals for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024.

Motion 272 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr Napierkowski, Mr. Richmond, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 2 No (Mr. Schulte, Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mrs. Miller)

#### **2.10 Approve Student Settlement**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #22060.

Motion 273 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**2.11 Approve MOU**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to MOU between the Mountain View School District and Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency Inc. Early Learning Program, as presented

Motion 274 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

**3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Susan Penedos from her Paraprofessional position, effective the last school day of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 275 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.2 Accept Supplemental Resignation**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to accept Jamie Bottger's resignation from her Special Events Coordinator position, effective immediately.

Motion 276 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.3 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2018-2019 as presented.

Motion 277 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.4 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to accept a letter of resignation from Kelly Miller from her Cafeteria Monitor position, effective April 26, 2019.

Motion 278 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.5 Vacate all Coaching Appointments at the end of the 2018-2019 school year**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to vacate all coaching appointments at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 279 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.6 Vacate all Supplemental Appointments at the end of the 2018-2019 school year**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to vacate all Supplemental appointments at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 280 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.7 Authorize Advertising for Coaches for Fall/Winter Sports for 2019-2020 school year**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize advertising for coaches for Cross Country Head Coach, Assistant Cross Country Coach, Golf, Girls Volleyball Head Coach, Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach, Boys Soccer Head Coach, Boys Soccer Assistant Coach, Boys Junior High Head Coach, Girls Soccer Head Coach, Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, Girls Junior High Soccer Coach, Boys Basketball Head Coach, Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Boys Jr High Basketball Coach, Girls Basketball Head Coach, Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, Girls Jr High Basketball Coach, Wrestling Head Coach, Wrestling Assistant Coach, JH Wrestling Coach, Cheerleading Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion 281 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.8 Authorize Posting for All Supplemental Salary Positions for the 2019-2020 school year in accordance with the MVEA contract**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize posting for all supplemental salary positions for the 2019-2020 school year in accordance with the MVEA contract.

Motion 282 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.9 Correct Nurse Salary Approval**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to correct Allison Bluhm Step and Column from Bachelor's +12- step 1 to Bachelor's +36, step1, retroactive to hire date of pending receipt of official documentation.

Motion placed on hold. No action taken.

**4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

**4.1 Second Reading of the following policy:**

Policy #012- Nepotism

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #012 – Nepotism.

**4.2 Amended Procedure**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Very, per Policy #003 – Functions, the MVSD will amend the procedure for reading policies. The policy will be read initially at a public meeting, the second “reading” will be a discussion, and the third “reading” will be approval.

Motion 283 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the next meeting is May 1 at 7:00 PM in the board room.

## **5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, 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. Allison Bluhm, Thursday, April 25, 2019, CPR Recertification, Wayne Memorial Hospital (No cost to the district)
- B. Matthew Donnelly on Monday through Friday July 15-19, 2019, PLTW Training-Automation and Robotics, Worster MA (Travel \$322.48, Tolls/Parking \$2.65, Lodging \$700.00, Registration \$1200.00, Stipend \$575.00, Meals TBD; Total \$2,800.13) (PASmart Grant)
- C. Glen Mackey, Monday through Friday, August 5-9, 2019, PLTW DM Training, Rochester Institute Technology (Travel \$223.88, Lodging \$543.00, Registration \$1200.00, Stipend \$575.00, Meals TBD; Total \$2,541.88) (PASmart Grant)
- D. Leslie Gossage, Friday, May 10, 2019, Title III Consortium Meeting (No cost to the district)
- E. Mary Ann Tranovich, Katie Holzman, Jackie Ferenczi, Christine Misiura on Monday through Friday, July 15-19, 2019, Keystone Stem Ed Alliance, Greenbelt Maryland (Transportation \$696.00, Lodging \$700.00, Registration \$1,500.00, Stipend \$4,800.00; Total \$7,696.00) (PASmart Grant)

Motion 284 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. Kelly Richmond, Diane Supancik, Chantel Kraft, Missy Berish, Charissa Ofalt and 9 Students, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, Special Olympics Track and Field, Tunkhannock Area School District (Transportation \$285.75)
- B. Kelly Richmond, Diane Supancik, Chantel Kraft, Missy Berish, Charissa Ofalt and 8-9 students, Wednesday, April 24, 2019, Airport Tour/Groceries/Lunch (Transportation \$453.00, Tolls/Parking \$32.00; Total \$485.00)
- C. Molly Birozak, Jaimie Bottger and 10 students on Friday, May 10, 2019, Chorus Fest, Wallenpaupack North Intermediate School (Transportation \$163.55, Registration \$450.00, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$743.55)
- D. Mary Ann Tranovich and 9 students, Saturday, April 27, 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls Stem Regional Competition, Valley View School District, (No cost to the district)
- E. Todd Calabro, Whitney Johnson, Mike Talabiska, Friday, May 3, 2019, Envirothon, Elk Mountain (Transportation \$141.38, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$331.38)

- F. Sheri Ransom and 2-3 students, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Pulman Interiors, Scranton, PA (Transportation \$35.96)

Motion 285 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 5.3 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve homebound instruction for Student #19106 beginning March 28, 2019 ending June 3, 2019.

Motion 286 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 5.4 Approve Special Education Plan Report

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve Mountain Views School District's Special Education Plan Report for 7/1/2019-6/30/2022.

Motion 287 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 5.5 Approve Waiver of Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student #21028 beginning April 15, 2019 expiring June 14, 2019.

Motion 288 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 announced that as result of the April 14 storm about 20 trees were knocked down, shingles torn off, flashing torn off, home-run fence poles snapped, track mats flown about, and the batting cage destroyed. The security bars for classrooms have arrived. He will make plans to repair sidewalk on corner of elementary by the business office.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

## 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

## 9. **Administration**

### 9.1 Principals' Comments

**Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake**

- Absent

**High School Principal – Mr. Robert Presley**

- Mr. Presley stated the Spring Fling didn't have a DJ, but they made it work well. The SGA was recognized for national excellence. Arts Alive is May 1. Dodgeball Tournament was a hit. The band recital is May 9. Dr. Chichura and Peoples Security Bank & Trust hosted a breakfast and Jeopardy match on financial literacy. PSSAs will start this week.

#### **9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski**

- Absent

#### **9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia said that 3 all-girl teams will be competing at Valley View.

#### **9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak**

- No comment.

#### **9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

- Mrs. Voigt stated that Matt Schwartztrauber is both a Scholastic Superstar and Scholar of the Year. There was a Safety Summit on March 28 which included info on vaping, introduction of SRO, ALICE training, and SAFE 2 SAY. She thanked the emergency service from Montrose and Claverack for their help with the April 15<sup>th</sup> storm. She thanked Gary Sanauskas, Grace Benson, and Laura Fuller for transportation help with April 15 storm. The Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet on April 24.

#### **New Business from Board Members**

- None.

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- None.

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

##### **HELD:**

- Monday, April 22, 2019- 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM for Personnel

##### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, April 22, 2019, after the public meeting
- Monday, May 6, 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 8:49 PM.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5-April 8, 2019 minutes
- 2.1-April 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements

2.3-Exonerations  
2.4-Quarterly Reports  
2.5-Tax Printer  
2.7-PSBA Agreement  
3.1-Penedos Retirement  
3.2-Bottger Special Events Resignation  
3.3-Supplemental Salary  
3.4-Miller Resignation  
4.1-Policy #012- Nepotism  
4.2-Policy #003-Functions  
FYI-Conference Reports

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak