

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

**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on March 11, 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; Mr. Danny Very, Treasurer; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: Mr. Edward Napierkowski, Second Vice President; Mr. Michael Barhite.

**Administration Present:**

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

Absent: Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal (absent at roll-call, arrived at 7:08); Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**Presentations:**

Budget Presentation Maintenance - Bob Taylor

- Mr. Taylor presented the 2019-2020 Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$772,000.
  
- Mr. Presley arrived at the meeting at 7:08.

Program of Studies

- Mr. Presley presented the 2019-2020 HS (9-12) Program of Studies

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –February 25, 2019**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated February 25, 2019, as presented.

Motion 227 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 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 about the new expiration date of the Superintendent contract. Mrs. Voigt explained the contract was extended until June 16, 2020.

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve March Bill List**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the March 11, 2019 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$111,344.60.

Motion 228 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

#### **2.2 Authorize Transfer of Funds**

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 229 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

## **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 Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following substitute.

- a. Christina Curtis, Hop Bottom, PA, to the clerical, cafeteria, hall/cafeteria monitor, paraprofessional Substitute lists

Motion 230 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

#### **3.2 Approve Volunteer**

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

Charles Haley, Clifford Township, PA: High School-Track and Field, Class Trip,  
Elementary-Reading

Darin Bain, JH/JV/Varsity Baseball

Jason Richmond-JV/Varsity Baseball

Motion 231 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **3.3 Approve Contract Extension**

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to extend the current term of the Superintendent's Contract by one (1) year (June 16, 2019 to June 16, 2020) for a total of five (5) years.

Motion 232 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Very), 2 Absent (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Napierkowski)

### **3.4 Approve Sabbatical Leave**

The motion was made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve a sabbatical leave for the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year and the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year for an educational sabbatical for Diana Lombardi, as presented.

Motion 233 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

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

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

- Mr. Richmond suggested audio recording all policy committee meetings moving forward.

#### **a. First Reading of the following policy:**

Policy #806- Child Abuse

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #806 – Child Abuse.

## **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. Mason Stiver on Thursday through Saturday, April 4-6, 2019, PA music Educators Association All State in-Service Conference, Pittsburgh (Travel

\$377.00, Lodging \$572.00, Registration \$185.00, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$1,324.00)

- B. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Sondra Stine on March 30-April 1, 2019, National School Boards Association, Philadelphia, PA (Travel \$310.00, Turnpike Tolls/Parking \$36.20, Lodging \$897.00, Registration \$1,970.00; Total \$3,213.20)
- C. Janice Price on Tuesday through Friday, March 19-22, 2019, PA State Athletic Directors Association Meeting, Hershey, PA (Corrected amount \$545.88)
- D. Mona Hoadley, Monday, April 15, 2019, Spring Meeting A/CAPA Child Accounting, Hershey, PA (Transportation \$16.88, Substitute \$87.00; Total \$252.88)

Motion 234 Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Miller), 2 Abstain (Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 2 Absent (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Napierkowski)

## 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. Melissa Wasko, Joshua Carpenter, Jenny Keating, Kristy Moher, 1 paraprofessional, 16 chaperones and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, Friday, May 3, 2019, 3D movie, Under the Sea, Uno Pizzeria, Dickson City (Transportation \$418.60)
- B. Mason Stiver, Molly Birosak, Jamie Bottger and 30 band/chorus students A Capella Chorus, Tuesday, May 28, 2019, Scranton RailRider National Anthem performance, Scranton (Transportation \$232.65)
- C. Adrienne Brown, Charleene Martens, Robert Presley, Melody and Charles Haley, Laurie Grant and 32 students, Wednesday through Saturday, March 13-March 16, 2019, Senior Florida Trip, Orlando, Florida (Substitute \$285.00)
- D. Sheri Ransom and 5 students on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Friends of the Poor, Mifflin Avenue, Scranton PA (Transportation \$30.52)
- E. Diana Lombardi, George Barbolish, Nancy Hickok, Stephanie Anuszewski and 30 students, Saturday, June 8, 2019, NYC Art Trip, Manhattan NY (No cost to the district)
- F. Aaron Sinkovich, Brenda Sinkovich and 7 students on Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, 2019, Creative Writing New England Trip, Concord and Salem, MA (Transportation \$406.00, Substitute \$180.00; Total \$596.00) (Community Foundation Grant covers lodging)
- G. Diana Lombardi, Erin Rupp, George Barbolish, Whitney Twining and 37 students on Friday, April 5, 2019, Corning Museum of Glass and Science Trip, Corning NY (Transportation \$606.80 (Grant), Substitute \$285.00, Glass Activity \$444.00; Total \$774.00)

Motion 235 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

## 5.3 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 9 through 12

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the program of studies for grades 9 through 12 for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

Motion 236 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

#### **5.4 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 7 and 8**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the program of studies for grades 7 and 8 for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

- Motion placed on hold. No action taken.

#### **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 # 24066.

Motion 237 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

#### **5.6 Approve Waiver of Expulsion**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student # 23094.

Motion 238 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

#### **5.7 Approve VLN**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve VLN Cyber Services for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion 239 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor stated that MVSD saved \$100,000 this year by using wood fuel instead of oil to heat the buildings. Door barricades for classroom doors were ordered. New exterior doors will be installed soon.

### **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**

- Dr. Lake mentioned that Tri-Cities Opera was here last week. He thanked the Community Foundation for supporting it. They performed Goldie Locks for ES students. Over 50 community readers participated in Dr. Seuss Day. The Science Fair is Thursday. Agriculture Literacy Week on March 21 will have Dairy Princess reading to classes.

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

- Mr. Presley noted that spring sports are underway. Progress reports were mailed out. Tri-Cities Opera's performance was more Broadway-centric this year. 30 students have signed up to be on the trap-shooting team. The Drama Club presented a good play. The Cheer Competition on Sunday was a first. The MV squad won grand champion. The HS now has a Facebook page. The Senior Class trip leaves this week. Music In Our Schools concert is next week. PJAS had 5 MV students present projects with 2 first place finishers going to states.

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

- Absent.

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

- Dr. Elia said that MVSD hosted the SATs on Saturday. Art curriculum is being revised. De-escalation training on Tact-II is 3 days this week.

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

- Mr. Witiak stated that we will make a decision on which bank MVSD will use at the next meeting.

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

- Mrs. Voigt reported that Odyssey of the Mind competition was on Saturday. 3 teams competed. Everything in the competition must be constructed and not purchased. Mrs. Voigt presented the Wellness Report.

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

- Mr. Decker thanked Mr. Presley and Mr. Taylor for help in the cafeteria.

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- Ted Brewster suggested not reading the policies. Mrs. Voigt said reading the policy is a MVSD practice.
- Dan Bonham asked how the New York trip is paid. Mr. Presley said it is paid for by the attendees.

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, March 11, 2019- 6:00 PM-6:45 PM for Personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, March 25, 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 9:16 PM.

**Enclosures:**

- 1.5-March 11, 2019 minutes
- 2.1-March 2019 Bill List
- 3.4-Sabbatical Leave
- 4.1-Policy #806-Child Abuse
- 5.3-Program of Studies 9-12
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- FYI 1-Conference Reports
- FYI 2-WVIA TV Schedule
- FYI 3- Act 158 of 2018 Information

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak