

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

**Monday, January 14, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 14, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:26 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; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mr. Michael Barhite; Mr. David Schulte.

Absent: None

**Administration Present:**

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

WVIA Artists of the Week:

**Miranda Button-Art**

- Absent

**Emma Zipprich-Music**

- Mr. Stiver introduced Emma. Emma played Chocolate Eater’s Blues which will air on WVIA.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –December 17, 2018**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated December 17, 2018, as presented.

Motion 169 Carried: 9 Yes

**1.6 Approval of the Amended Minutes – November 12, 2018**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the amended minutes dated November 12, 2018, as presented.

Motion 170 Carried: 9 Yes

**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.*

- Veronica Thomas wanted to comment on Policy #824. Mr. Richmond advised that policy discussion will be open to everyone when we reach that portion of the agenda.

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve January Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the January 14, 2019 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$157,009.51.

Motion 171 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.2 Approve NTIEC Agreement**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium (NTIEC) Agreement for 2018-2020, as presented.

Motion 172 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.3 Approve Change Orders 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

5. CREDIT ACCOUNT – Permit Fees \$38,000.00
6. Remediation Services for Environmental Issues (25% ESG, 75% MVSD)  
\$29,263.09

Motion 173 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.4 Approve Transfer of Funds**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund (10-5240-930-000-00-001-000-000-0000 / CR: 52401) to Debt Service Fund (40-9311-000-000-00-005-000-000-0000 / CR: DSR002) in the amount of

\$721,070.51 for the February 1, 2019 bond payment of \$777,652.43 for the Bond Series of 2017.

Motion 174 Carried: 9 Yes

## **2.5 Approve Transfer of Funds**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mrs. Miller, 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 175 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

### **3.1 Approve Long Term Substitute**

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Carly Propst as a long term substitute for having services more than 30 consecutive days as an Elementary teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective January 2, 2019.

Motion 176 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.2 Approve Volunteer**

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

Mark Hemmerly, Nicholson, PA: Boys Volleyball  
Michael Apostolico, Archbald, PA, Boys Basketball

Motion 177 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.3 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests**

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

Motion 178 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.4 Approve Substitute**

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

a. Kathy Tuttle, New Milford, PA, to the Elementary list

Motion 179 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.5 Post and Advertise Food Service Position**

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to post and advertise for a Food Service position with a salary of \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 180 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.6 Appoint Part-time Custodian**

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Larry Guarnotta, Susquehanna, PA, to part-time custodian position, at a salary of \$11.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement.

Motion 181 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

- Veronica Thomas, David Breese, and Kathy Walker voiced some concerns with Policy #824 - Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries. Administration and the Board of Education discussed and weighed the issues. Mr. Richmond announced that alterations will occur and they will be discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting that will be held on February 6 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

### **4.1 Approve the Following Policy**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the following policy, as presented.

#824 - Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

- No action taken.

### **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.

#904.1- Activities Police

Motion 182 Carried: 9 Yes

## **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. Rachel Terry on Tuesday through Friday, March 5-8, 2019, PASBO, Hershey Lodge (Travel \$167.04, Lodging \$496.17, Registration \$349.00; Total \$1,012.24)
- B. Jamie White Monday, January 28, 2019, Creating Ethical Practice in Social Work, Marywood University (Registration \$65.00)
- C. Tracy Bazil, Jen Pliska, Laurie Barlow, Monday and Tuesday, February 4 and 5, 2019, PA Conference for Kindergarten Teachers, Harrisburg, PA (Travel \$166.77, Lodging \$278.00, Registration \$1,257.00, Substitutes \$570.00; Total \$2,271.77)

Motion 183 Carried: 9 Yes

## **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. Mason Stiver and 3 students, Friday and Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Marywood Senior Wind Band Celebration, Marywood College (Transportation \$65.40, Registration \$250.00; Total \$275.40)
- B. Sheri Ransom, Wednesday, January 16, 2019, FACS Club Working Montrose Soup Kitchen, Montrose PA (Transportation \$27.25)
- C. Jamie Bottger and 22 students, Friday, January 18, 2019, County Chorus Festival, Elk Lake High School (Transportation \$7.48 Registration \$770.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$932.48)
- D. Molly Birozak, parents and 30 students, Saturday, January 26, 2019, National Anthem for Devils Game, Floyd Maines Veterans Memorial Arena (No expense to the district)
- E. Sheri Ransom and 6 students, Wednesdays, April 10 and May 1, 2019, Stocking Trout, Tunkhannock Creek (Transportation \$19.08)
- F. Sheri Ransom and 6 students, Friday, April 19, 2019, Pleasant Mount Fish Hatchery, Pleasant Mount, PA (Transportation \$21.46)

Motion 184 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor stated that heat in the pole barn is working. RHL is having wood chipping issues. We will have wood supplied by Endless Mountains in the interim. All employees have been re-fingerprinted at the ES.

## **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 noted the ES had a wonderful Christmas Program. Next week is Spirit Week. CSBBH meeting was a success. January 24 is the end of the marking period.

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

- Mr. Presley stated that Keystone retakes are tomorrow. ASVAB testing is Thursday. Several students are very close to reaching proficient. Our HS cheerleading squad won most spirited at Forest City Rotary Tournament. Five FBLA students qualified for states. The door decorating contest was a hit. March 10 is a cheerleading competition at MVHS.

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

- Mrs. Anuszewski attended Tact-2 training in Easton. She is wondering what MVSD needs to do to retain autistic students? Our staff is talented enough to make it happen.

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

- Dr. Elia also attended Tact-2 training and appreciated the verbally de-escalating techniques the most. The Safe2Say Hotline will be available soon. The art and science curriculum is being amended. The work will be posted online for parents to see.

### 9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak discussed the Act 1 Index for 2019-2020 – 2.7%.

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

- Mrs. Voigt announced that January is School Board Appreciation Month. ES Student Council presented, "In Case of Emergency" gift. Met with Kilmer's and Jeffers Tree Farm regarding a rally point in case of an emergency. The Gianna Foundation awarded \$4,200 to improve elementary sound system and purchased of ukulele. State reimbursed \$5,000 for PBIS and awarded \$11,700 for additional cameras.

### New Business from Board Members

- None.

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- None.

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

#### HELD:

- Monday, January 14, 2019- 6:00 PM-7:15 PM for Personnel, Labor Relations, and Contracts.

#### SCHEDULED:

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

#### **10. Adjourn**

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

#### **Enclosures:**

1.5-December 17, 2018 minutes  
1.6-Amended Minutes  
2.1-January 2019 Bill List  
2.2-NTIEC Agreement  
2.3-ESG Change Orders  
3.3-Supplemental Salaries  
4.1- Policy #824  
4.2-Policy #904.1  
FYI-1- Giana Foundation Grant  
FYI-2- 7 Biggest Federal School Policy Stories of 2018  
FYI-3- SCCTC-Trade Program Endorsement  
FYI-4- Transition Activity Report-Nov./Dec.  
FYI-5- FBLA Regional Results

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak