

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

Monday, December 21, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 21, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:01 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. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Treasurer; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: Mr. Danny Very.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- Torri Pellew presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Report.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –December 7, 2020

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated December 7, 2020, as presented.

Motion 155 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Michael Talabiska, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mr. Talabiska 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.*

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve December Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the December 21, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$429,968.68, as presented.

Motion 156 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve November 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 \$2,287,564.19, as presented.

Motion 157 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 2020 real estate, 2020 per capita taxes and 2020 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 158 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Act 1 Resolution

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to not raise 2021 – 2022 real estate taxes by more than the 2021 – 2022 Act 1 Index of 3.0%.

Motion 159 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve IDEA Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the IDEA-B Use of Funds Agreement with the NEIU for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 160 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve District Distance Learning Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the District Distance Learning Agreement to attempt providing internet access for remote or virtual learning during the Corona Virus Pandemic National Emergency, as presented.

Motion 161 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund (10-5250-570-710-00-001-000-000-0000 / CR: 52501) to Cafeteria Fund (50-9310-000-000-00-005-000-000-0000 / CR: CR013) in the amount of \$35,000.

Motion 162 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Derek O'Dell

3.1 Motion to Approve Additional Sick Days

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve transfer of 5 additional sick days for Erica Loftus from Abington Heights School District which additional sick days can only be used by Erica Loftus in the event of serious personal illness or immediate family member serious illness as approved by the Superintendent but in no event shall Erica Loftus be paid for said 5 sick days at the time of retirement or upon a change in employment.

Motion 163 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Hybrid Educational Platform for 2020-2021 School Year

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the plan for the 2020-2021 school year, in which Mountain View students will attend classes hybrid for the third marking period.

Motion 164 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Charleene Martens and unknown Students, January 2021, Scholastic Scrimmage, WVIA Studio (Transportation \$44.50)

Motion 165 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Update and Re-Approve Health and Safety Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mr. Talabiska, to update and re-approve Health and Safety Plan for the Mountain View School District, as presented.

Motion 166 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 the wood boiler is running well. There are no plans to shut it down during the Christmas break. He would like to buy a plow for the truck. The district needs something bigger than the Kobota.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Dan Very, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

- The next MVESPA meeting is January 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake said that the ES had a gift card drive instead of the usual Angel Tree. 92 children benefited by district and local group generosity. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated that the HS raised \$1,925 worth of gift cards for 55 students. Students raised \$750 for feed-a-friend. \$200 was raised for Penny Wars for Ronald McDonald House.

9.2 Director of Special Services – VACANT

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mr. Douglas

Womelsdorf

- Mr. Womelsdorf received testing materials for spring tests. He is meeting with grade-level leaders and department chairs following the break.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak said that 2021 is a year where we can adjust tax collector compensation. He suggested inviting the tax collectors to the next meeting on January 11.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia mentioned that Mrs. Loftus toured MV last Friday. She is starting on January 4. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Richmond wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Second Hearing of Visitors *You may address any topic. 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.*

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 21, 2020 - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, December 21, 2020, after the public meeting
- Monday, January 11, 2020 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-December 7, 2020 Minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-December 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.5-IDEA Agreement
- 2.6-District Distance Learning Agreement
- 5.3-Updated Health and Safety Plan