

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

Monday, December 7, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 7, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Administration Present:

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

Absent: Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal.

1.4 Elect Temporary President

A. Nominations for Temporary President (Elected by & from the holdover members)
Mrs. Stine Nominated Mr. Schulte.

B. The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to close the nominations for Temporary President (2/3 majority).

Motion 145 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

Mr. Schulte was elected Temporary President.

C. Secretary of the Board serves as the Secretary.

1.5 Oath of Office

- A. Secretary reads list of legally elected and 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.

1.6 Roll Call of List of Newly Constituted School Board

Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Jason Richmond, President; Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President.

1.7 Approve November 23, 2020 Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Stine, to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020 meeting as presented.

Motion 146 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.8 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. New Business

2.1 Election of President

1. Nominations for President:
Mr. Talabiska nominated Mr. Richmond.
2. The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to close the nominations for President (2/3 majority).

Motion 147 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Final Vote Taken: (By show of Hands or Roll Call Vote) (Majority of full Board)
 - a. All in favor of Mr. Richmond: Mr. Richmond, Mr. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Decker, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte
4. Newly Elected President, Mr. Richmond, takes seat and presides over meeting.

2.2 Election of First Vice President

1. Nominations for First Vice President:
Mrs. Stine nominated Mr. Decker.
2. The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Schulte, to close the nominations for First Vice President (2/3 majority).

Motion 148 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Final Vote Taken: (By show of Hands or Roll Call Vote) (Majority of full Board)
 - a. All in favor of Mr. Decker: Mr. Richmond, Mr. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Decker, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte
4. Mr. Decker was elected First Vice President.

2.3 Election of Second Vice President

1. Nominations for Second Vice President:
Mrs. Stine nominated Mr. Barhite.
2. The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Schulte, to close the nominations for Second Vice President (2/3 majority).

Motion 149 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Final Vote Taken: (By show of Hands or Roll Call Vote) (Majority of full Board)
 - a. All in favor of Mr. Barhite: Mr. Richmond, Mr. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Decker, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte
4. Mr. Barhite was elected Second Vice President.

2.4 Authorize Bank Signatures

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize Jason Richmond, President, to sign checks on the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Capital Reserve, and Debt Service Accounts, effective immediately.

Motion 150 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Dates and Place of Board Meetings for 2021

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, that all regular scheduled Board Meetings shall be scheduled for 7:00 PM in the James W. Zick Board Room, 11748 State Route 106, Kingsley, PA, on the dates listed below for 2021:

January 11, 2021	January 25, 2021
February 8, 2021	February 22, 2021
March 8, 2021	March 22, 2021
April 12, 2021	April 26, 2021
May 10, 2021	May 24, 2021
June 14, 2021	June 28, 2021
July 12, 2021	July 26, 2021
August 9, 2021	August 23, 2021
September 13, 2021	September 27, 2021
October 11, 2021	October 25, 2021
November 8, 2021	November 22, 2021
December 6, 2021	December 20, 2021

Motion 151 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, 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 \$175,262.96 for the January 1, 2021 bond payment of \$185,511.88 for the Bond Series of 2018

Motion 152 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Approve December Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the December 7, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$114,448.85, as presented.

Motion 153 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.8 Approve Director of Special Education

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve Erica Loftus, Carbondale, PA, as Director of Special Services at a salary of \$90,000.00, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 154 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 1 Abstain (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite)

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte mentioned that there will be COVID-19 testing at the Clifford fire hall on Saturday.
- Mr. Richmond applauded the board for its ability to work well together.

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- Erica Loftus thanked the school board and the administration.

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 7, 2020, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for personnel.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, December 21, 2020, before and after the public meeting for personnel.

4. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Enclosures:

1.7 - November 23, 2020 Minutes

2.10- December Bill List

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak