

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

Monday, November 23, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 23, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Jason Richmond, President (via call-in); 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; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- Tori Pellew presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Report.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –November 9, 2020

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated November 9, 2020, as presented.

Motion 132 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 November Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the November 23, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$565,491.21, as presented.

Motion 133 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve October Disbursements

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, 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 \$2,183,956.87, as presented.

Motion 134 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, 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 135 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Transfer to Cafeteria Fund

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 \$35,000.

Motion 136 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve TOTS (Tier Occupational Therapy Services) Agreement

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the TOTS Agreement for OT Services for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 137 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2020-2021, as presented.

Motion 138 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Talabiska), 1 No (Mr. Schulte) 1 Absent (Mr. Very)

3.2 Approve Winter Sports

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Winter Sports after careful consideration and recent PIAA ruling, relating to COVID-19.

Motion 139 Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Talabiska), 3 No (Mr. Schulte, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine) 1 Absent (Mr. Very)

3.3 Approve Winter Sports Coaches

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following Winter Sport Coaches upon the condition that in the event the athletic season is shortened due to COVID-19 reasons, the coaching stipend shall be paid on a pro-rated weekly basis:

Boys Basketball Head Coach	Joe Gibbons	Clarks Green	\$ 4,420.00
Boys Basketball Ass't Coach	Jamie Wescott	Waverly	\$ 3,640.00
Boys Basketball JH Coach	Rick Loman	Dalton	\$ 3,185.00
Girls Basketball Head Coach	Bill Simons	Hop Bottom	\$ 4,420.00
Girls Basketball Ass't Coach	Lauren Soden	Thompson	\$ 3,640.00
Girls Basketball JH Coach	Ashley Kilmer	South Gibson	\$ 3,185.00
Cheerleading Co-Advisor	Teri Edwards	Lenoxville	\$1,820.00
Cheerleading Co-Advisor	Alexia Presley	Susquehanna	\$1,820.00
Wrestling Head Coach	Kenny Decker	Clarks Summit	\$ 4,420.00
Wrestling Ass't Coach	Steve Farrell	Dimock	\$ 3,640.00

Motion 140 Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Talabiska), 3 No (Mr. Schulte, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine) 1 Absent (Mr. Very)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

4.1 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #805- Emergency Evacuation of Schools

Motion 141 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the December Policy Committee meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be January 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approving Revised Resocialization of Sports Recommendations

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Revised Resocialization of Sports Recommendations, as presented.

Motion 142 Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Talabiska), 3 No (Mr. Schulte, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine) 1 Absent (Mr. Very)

5.1 Approving Virtual Instruction

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve continuing with the Hybrid Model except for virtual instruction from January 4 – 15, 2021.

Motion 143 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 working hard. There is salt on hand ready for inclement weather.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Substitute Bus Driver:

The motion was made by Mr. Decker, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve Maria Price, Uniondale, PA, as a substitute bus driver.

Motion 144 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

- Mr. Richmond announced that MVSD met with MVESPA earlier tonight.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Absent

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said that there are parent conferences tonight. 3 MV students were named to the Scranton Times all-regional team. *Newsies* will be the spring musical.

9.2 Director of Special Services – VACANT

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf mentioned that HS guidance is reviewing courses and course offerings. Is hard at work on a 5-year curriculum plan.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No comment.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia stressed that virtual learning after the holiday break is the safest decision. This allows families that a travelling over the holidays to stay isolated for an extended period and will allow MVSD to continue safely with the hybrid model

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Decker thanked the administration team on their handling of COVID-19.

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.*

- Ashley Kilmer wants the decisions about sports to be left to the parents and the athletes.
- Ted Brewster asked several clarifying questions about the agenda.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 23, 2020 - 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM for Personnel.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, December 7, 2020 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-November 9, 2020 Minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report

- 2.1-November 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.5-TOTS Agreement
- 3.1-Supplemental Salaries
- 4.1-Policy #805- Emergency Evacuation of Schools
- 5.1- Revised Resocialization of Sports Recommendations

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak