

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

Monday, November 9, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 9, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:17 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 (via call-in); Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Treasurer; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte (via call-in); Mr. Danny Very.

Absent: Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

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

Absent: None.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Liaison-Tori Pellew

- Absent.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –October 12, 15 and 26, 2020

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated October 12, 15 and 26, 2020, as presented.

Motion 121 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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.*

- 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 Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for the November 9, 2020 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$129,227.24.

Motion 122 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Agreement with NTIEC

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve an agreement between the Mountain View School District and the Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium (NTIEC) for the 2020/2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 123 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve Budget Timeline and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to authorize the 2021-2022 budget timeline and associated mandatory advertising, as presented.

Motion 124 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Title I Agreement with Sharon Kinney

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Title I Services Agreement between The Mountain View School District and Sharon Kinney for services at Faith Mountain Christian Academy for the 2020-2021, as presented.

Motion 125 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Dane Barhite as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as an Elementary Teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective October 28, 2020.

Motion 126 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska), 1 Abstain (Mr. Barhite), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

3.2 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Amy Marcho as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as a Science Teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective October 28, 2020.

Motion 127 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Motion to Appoint Special Education Teacher

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint Dane Barhite, Clifford Township, PA as a Special Education Teacher, effective November 10, 2020, Bachelor's Column, Step 1 with a salary of \$45,939 and benefits according to the MVEA Agreement.

Motion 128 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska), 1 Abstain (Mr. Barhite), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

3.4 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

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

Motion 129 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Approve Winter Sports

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

Motion held. No action taken.

3.6 Approve Sports Coaches

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve the list of winter coaches, as presented.

Motion held. No action taken.

3.7 Approve Unpaid Leave

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve special unpaid leave for Crystal Very until January 31, 2021 in accordance with Section 8 of the MVESPA agreement.

Motion 130 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska), 1 Abstain (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policies (discussion):

Policy #805- Emergency Evacuation of Schools

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #805- Emergency Evacuation of Schools.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Marybeth Krivak, Wednesday, October 28, 2020, Power Library Fall Webinars, Virtual (No cost to the district)

Motion 131 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 reported that the issue with the ES parking lot lights was caused by a broken conduit underground. MV has plenty of cleaning and disinfecting supplies on hand.

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

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake welcomed Dane Barhite to MV. Halloween Parades were cancelled because of weather. The ES held a mock election.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated the student council conference concluded last week. MV has received a lot positive feedback on the conference. MV had 2 students perform well at the state cross country meet. 250 spectators will be allowed at the soccer playoff game.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Vacant

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf announced that VLN and NOLA student feedback is being processed and adjustments are being made.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak proclaimed that MV was selected for a USDA Department of Food and Nutrition Procurement Audit.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia mentioned that great things are happening at MV. Peoples Security Bank and Trust donated \$20,000 for dual enrollment. There will be virtual parent-teacher conferences this quarter.

New Business from Board Members

- None.

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- Ted Brewster asked questions about long term substitute rates.
- Bill Simmons wants the winter sports season to happen.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 9, 2020 – 6:00 PM - 7:10 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, November 23, 2020 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 7:51 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-October 12, 15 and 26, 2020, Minutes
- 2.1-November 2020 Bill List
- 2.2- Agreement with NTIEC
- 2.3-Budget Timeline and Advertising
- 2.4-Title I Agreement
- 3.4-Supplemental Salaries
- 4.1- Policy #805- Emergency Evacuation of Schools

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak