

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

Monday, October 26, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on October 26, 2020 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:15 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 (via call-in); Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: None.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum (via call-in).

Absent: Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- Hannah Gerron presented the MVSGA Liaison report.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –September 28, 2020 and October 15, 2020

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve the minutes dated September 28 and October 15, 2020, as presented.

- Motion held. No action taken.

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.*

- Ashley Kilmer asked if health professionals are consulted on any related hybrid model decisions. Dr. Elia advised that Mrs. Haley consults with nurses throughout the area, state, and country.
- Melissa Flynn thanked the board for their support of fall sports.
- Christine Bolcavage would prefer if the school model remains consistent, changing between models is difficult for her child.
- Sarah Rafflensberger said she hates the hybrid model. Her children can't sit still at home. Mr. Richmond stated that different models work better for different families.
- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve October Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for the October 26, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$511,903.03.

Motion 113 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve September Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, 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 \$2,349,173.92.

Motion 114 Carried: 9 Yes

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

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, 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 115 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Snow Plow Bid

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve Mike Daniels Construction at a rate of \$63.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 116 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following quarterly reports dated September 30, 2020 as presented and file for audit:

1. High School Activities Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. Elementary School Activities Account
4. Athletic Account

Motion 117 Carried: 9 Yes

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 Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Very, to approve transfer of 25 additional sick days for Douglas Womelsdorf from Riverside School District which additional sick days can only be used by Douglas Womelsdorf in the event of serious personal illness or immediate family member serious illness as approved by the Superintendent but in no event shall Douglas Womelsdorf be paid for said 25 sick days at the time of retirement or upon a change in employment.

Motion 118 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Approve New Professional Staff Induction Plan

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the New Professional Staff Induction Plan for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 as presented.

Motion 119 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

4.1 First 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 Hybrid Educational Platform for Quarter 2 of the 2020-2021 School Year

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the educational platform of Hybrid for second quarter for all Mountain View students in grades Pre-K through grade 12.

Motion 120 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine, Mr. Richmond), 2 No (Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very)

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor said there is a possibility for snow on Friday. All of our snow equipment was tested and ready. We have plenty of salt 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 thanked local fire companies for their participation in Fire Prevention Month. There is a Halloween parade for grades Pre-K – 3. 4th Grade will be telling scary stories on the walking path. Elementary students will be holding a mock election.

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said there will be no costume contest this year. Mrs. Aten will be advising all east coast student councils.

9.2 Director of Special Services – VACANT

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf said he is working hard on Federal Programs.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak said that the business office staff are adjusting well to their added responsibilities.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said that years of hard work are coming to head this week with MV student government hosting the state conference. He thanked Mr. Barbolish for his excellent work on the giraffe.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Richmond congratulated student government on hosting the first ever virtual conference.

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- Justin Fletcher would prefer if Wednesday was a full day on instruction.

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

HELD:

- Monday, October 26, 2020 - 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, November 9, 2020 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-September 14 and October 15, 2020 minutes
- 1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-October 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 3.2-Induction Book
- 4.1-Policy #805- Emergency Evacuation of Schools

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak