

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

Thursday, October 15, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The emergency meeting of the Board of Education on October 15, 2020 was held virtually and was called to order at 7:07 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; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: Mrs. Sondra Stine.

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; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None.

1.4 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.*

- Jeff Pollock asked why the elementary school was closed if there are 0 cases. Dr. Elia explained that we are applying the same rules across the district as a whole since there are so many instances of intermingling of students, families and staff.
- Kevin Radford asked why we are still going hybrid. Dr. Elia said the goal is going back full time, however, case in Susquehanna County are still going up.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O’Dell

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

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 School Building Closure

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve closing school buildings from Friday, October 16, 2020 to Friday, October 23, 2020 based on the Pennsylvania Department of Health recommendation in consultation with the Superintendent.

Motion 111 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very, Mr. Richmond), 1 Absent (Mrs. Stine)

5.2 Approve Sports Postponement

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Schulte, approve temporarily postponing sports from Monday, October 16, 2020 through Sunday, October 25, 2020.

Motion 112 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very, Mr. Richmond), 1 Absent (Mrs. Stine)

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

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 asked everyone to stay safe and thanked the community for their support.

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said he will give additional information on recorded lessons soon.

9.2 Director of Special Services – VACANT

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Douglas Wommelsdorf

- Mr. Wommelsdorf stated that together we will support students and teachers.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak asked everyone to stay safe and act smart.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said the goal is to fully open and to stay open. Careful thought and consideration was taken with insight from the Department of Health, Board of Education and MVSD administration.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte urged everyone to get a flu shot. It helps boost your immune system.
- Mr. Richmond thanked the members of the board for getting together for a quick meeting.

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.*

- Jen Johnson asked if students will continue to attend vo-tech? Dr. Lemoncelli announced that instruction will be delivered virtually.
- Christine Cosklo asked which schedule will be followed tomorrow. Dr. Lemoncelli said that tomorrow is a "B" schedule.

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

HELD:

- Thursday, October 15, 2020-6:30 PM - 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Thursday, October 15, 2020, after the public meeting
- Monday, October 26, 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 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak