

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

Monday, October 12, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on October 12, 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; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: None.

Administration Present:

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

Absent: Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Liaison-Tori Pellew

- Tori presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.

1.4.1 Appoint Secretary Pro-Tempore

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve Mr. Barhite as the Secretary Pro Tempore for the October 12, 2020 meeting.

Motion 97 Carried: 9 Yes

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –September 28, 2020

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated September 28, 2020, as presented.

Motion 98 Carried: 9 Yes

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 October Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the October 12, 2020 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$164,025.81.

Motion 99 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 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 100 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3 Award Bid for Wood Chips

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the qualified bid for wood chips for the 2020-2021 school year to Deer Park of Tunkhannock, in the amount of \$46 per ton, per bid specifications as presented.

Motion 101 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve AT&T Master Agreement

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the AT&T Master Agreement.

Motion 102 Carried: 9 Yes

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 Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Lisa Loomis 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 6, 2020.

Motion 103 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Laura Sedlak as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as Family Consumer Science Teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective October 14, 2020.

Motion 104 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation from Lora Wright from her cafeteria position effective October 16, 2020, as presented.

Motion 105 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve posting and advertising for a cafeteria position.

Motion 106 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5 Appoint Custodian Position

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Alayna Robinson, Kingsley, to a full-time custodian position at a starting rate \$11.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, effective October 13, 2020.

Motion 107 Carried: 9 Yes

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 #006.1-Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

Motion 108 Carried: 9 Yes

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. Katie Naegele, Pamela Ealo, Catherine Sekely, Friday, October 16, 2020, Dyslexia and Literacy, Executive Functions-Oral Language Connections to Reading and Writing, Virtual (Registration 150.00, Substitute \$285.00; Total \$435.00) (Title II)
- B. Douglas Womelsdorf, Wednesday and Thursday, October 14-15, 2020, PAFPC Virtual Symposium (Registration \$125.00)

Motion 109 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Cancellation of Fall Sports

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve cancelling fall sports.

Motion 110 Failed: 3 Yes (Mr. Schulte, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine), 6 No (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very, Mr. Richmond)

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

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

- Absent

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli mentioned that the state student council will be held virtually on October 29 & 30.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Vacant

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Absent

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said he has spoken to parents and coaches about the information he has about the soccer team.

New Business from Board Members

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

HELD:

- Monday, October 12, 2020 – 6:00 PM - 7:10 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- 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 7:46 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-September 28, 2020 Minutes
- 2.1-October 2020 Bill List
- 2.3-Wood Bid
- 3.3-Wright Resignation
- 4.1-Policy #006.1-Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak