

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

Monday, August 24, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on August 24, 2020 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:56 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 (via call-in).

Absent: None.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; VACANT, Director of Curriculum; VACANT, Asst. Business Manager.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –August 10, 2020

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated August 10, 2020, as presented.

Motion 41 Carried: 9 Yes

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.*

- 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 August Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the August 24, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$383,630.17.

Motion 42 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve July Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, 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 \$2,169,795.19.

Motion 43 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. 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 44 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency Agreement for 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 45 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve Foster Grandparent Program

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Foster Grandparent Program for 2020-2023 school year, as presented.

Motion 46 Carried: 9 Yes

2.6 Approve SAP Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the SAP Agreement (Student Assistance Program) for 2020-2021, as presented.

Motion 47 Carried: 9 Yes

2.7 Approve Agreement with RWAN Consortium

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve agreement between the Mountain View School District and IU 18 and 19 for internet access services, as presented.

Motion 48 Carried: 9 Yes

2.8 Approve MOU with IU 19 for Title III Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve MOU between the Mountain View School District and IU 19 for Title III Funds, as presented.

Motion 49 Carried: 9 Yes

2.9 Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #26003; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of \$7,500.00, independent evaluations, and reimbursement not to exceed \$9,000.00 in attorney's fees.

Motion 50 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Molly Virbitsky from her teaching position effective August 21, 2020.

Motion 51 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize posting and advertising, if necessary, for a Special Education position with benefits per MVEA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 52 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3 Approve Administrators ACT 93 Plan

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Administrator ACT 93 Plan for Second Line Administrators for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 53 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4 Approve Curriculum Director

The motion is made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve _____, _____, _____, as Curriculum Director at a salary of _____, pending receipt of all documentation, with a start date to be determined.

- Motion held. No action taken.

3.5 Approve Sabbatical Leave

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year for health restoration for Aaron Sinkovich, as presented.

Motion 54 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6 Approve Fall Sports

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

Motion 55 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very), 3 No (Mrs. Stine, Mr. Schulte, Dr. Plonski-Sezer)

3.7 Approve Sports Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following list of coaches. Salaries will be prorated based on number of weeks coached in the event that sports are shut down as a result of COVID-19.

Cross Country-Head Coach	Ray Mitchell	Kingsley	\$3,740.00
Cross Country-Asst Coach	Anthony Gaynor	Factoryville	\$3,080.00
Golf-Head Coach	Brion Stone	Montrose	\$3,060.00
Soccer-Boys Head Coach	Roger Thomas	Kingsley	\$3,740.00
Soccer-Boys Asst Coach	Harold Quezada	Great Bend	\$3,080.00
Soccer-Boys Jr High Coach	Travis MacDonald	Lenoxville	\$2,695.00
Soccer-Girls Head Coach	Todd Calabro	Hallstead	\$3,740.00
Soccer-Girls Asst Coach	Becky Herbert	Kingsley	\$3,080.00
Soccer-Girls Jr High Coach	Roxi MacDonald	Lenoxville	\$2,695.00
Volleyball-Girls Head Coach	Dave Breese	South Gibson	\$3,740.00
Volleyball-Girls Asst Coach	Leanna Allen	New Milford	\$3,080.00

Motion 56 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very), 3 No (Mrs. Stine, Mr. Schulte, Dr. Plonski-Sezer)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

4.1 Approve Presumptive and Confirmed COVID-19 Case Protocols

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Presumptive and Confirmed COVID-19 Case Protocols, as presented.

Motion 57 Carried: 9 Yes

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the next Policy Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Emergency Instructional Time Resolution

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Emergency Instructional Time Resolution, as presented.

Motion 58 Carried: 9 Yes

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor announced that the heating pipe between schools began to leak. The leak is in the burial vault. The pipe is rusted through. It will be replaced soon.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Transportation Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to appoint the following bus and car/van contractors for the 2020 - 2021 school year pursuant to the amended contract.

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| A. Dan Anthony, Bus 5, 12, Activity Runs | P. Tara Burgess, Van |
| B. Linda Anthony, Bus 1, Shuttle Run, Activity Runs | Q. Sue Dayton, Van |
| C. Grace Benson, Bus 19 | R. Jackie DeNike, Van |
| D. Beatrice Burgess, Bus 21 | S. Brenda Evans, Van |
| E. Timothy Burgess, Bus 9 | T. Corinna Kinney, Van |
| F. Larry Castorina, Bus 24, 25 | U. Elizabeth Nonnenmacher, Van |
| G. Chris Catalfamo, Bus 6, Activity Runs | V. Sheila Petrocko, Van |
| H. Denise Cobb, Bus 2 | W. Michelle Robinson, Van |
| I. Laura Fuller, Bus 20, Shuttle Run | X. Janice Robinson, Van |
| J. Bryan Kostick, Bus 10 | Y. Cindy Saxon, Van |
| K. Lewis Bussing, Bus 14 (CTC Run) , Activity Runs, Van | Z. Donald Snedeker, Van |
| L. LM Transportation LLC, Bus 13 | AA. Linda Snedeker, Van |

- M. Pocono Transportation, Bus 3 (Faith Mountain Run), Activity Runs BB. Ruth Zeck, Car
22,
N. Gary Sanauskas, Bus 28, Shuttle Run , Activity Runs
O. Louise Stoddard, Bus 8

Motion 59 Carried: 9 Yes

7.2 Approve Transportation Substitute Drivers

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to appoint the following bus substitute driver for the 2020-2021 school year:

Bonnie Wormuth, New Milford, PA

Motion 60 Carried: 9 Yes

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 stated that orientation went well. His first day with professional staff was great.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – VACANT

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak asked if the board would ever consider approving a bus driver that has a DUI on their record.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said that he reviewed COVID protocols with staff today.

New Business from Board Members

- None.

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- None.

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

HELD:

- Friday, August 21, 2020 - 9:00 AM – 11:18 AM for Negotiations
- Monday, August 24, 2020-6:00 PM - 7:50 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 14, 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 8:31 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-August 10, 2020 minutes
- 1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-August 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.4- Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency
- 2.5-Foster Grandparent Program
- 2.6-SAP Program
- 2.7-RWAN Agreement
- 2.8-Title III MOU
- 3.3-Act 93 contracts
- 3.5-Sinkovich
- 4.1-Presumptive and Confirmed COVID-19 Case Protocols
- 5.1-Emergency Time Resolution

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak