

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

**Monday, June 22, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on June 22, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:16 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; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Danny Very.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President;

**Administration Present:**

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal (via call-in); Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor (via call-in).

Absent: Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal (via call-in); VACANT, Director of Curriculum; VACANT, Asst. Business Manager.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**Presentation-Health and Safety Plan- Dr. Elia**

- Dr. Elia presented the Health and Safety Plan.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –June 8, 2020**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated June 8, 2020, as presented.

Motion 341 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer, reported as listed.**

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read 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.*

- Corey Gesford asked questions about the Athletic Director motion.
- Ted Brewster asked questions about the health and safety plan.

## **2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve June Bill List**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the June 22, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$430,394.65.

Motion 342 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.2 Approve May Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, 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 \$2,151,986.11.

Motion 343 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, 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 344 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.4 Approve Student Settlement**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #23146; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of \$10,000.00, for compensatory ed., and reimbursement of \$9,000.00 in attorney's fees.

Motion 345 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.5 Approve White Sheet**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2020-2021 school year White Sheet, as presented.

Motion 346 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.6 Approve 2020-2021 Final Budget**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2020–2021 Final Budget in the amount of \$22,024,061.00, as presented.

Motion 347 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.7 Approve 2020-2021 Annual Tax Levy**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Tax Levy as follows: 43.7054 mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, Occupational Assessment Tax at 100 mills, 0.5% Earned Income Tax under Act 511 and 1 % Real Estate Transfer Tax. The discount amount is 2% and ends on September 30, 2020. Face period begins on October 1, 2020 and ends on December 31, 2020. There will be no penalty period for the 2020-2021 taxes. The last day to pay tax collector is December 31, 2020. Installment payments are due by September 30, 2020, October 31, 2020 and November 30, 2020, respectively.

Motion 348 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.8 Approve 2020 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2020 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion in the amount of \$524,483.33. There are 2,353 eligible Homesteads and Farmsteads.

Motion 349 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.9 Approve Resolution for Critical Support and Mandate Relief Benefitting Public Schools and Students.**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to Approve Resolution for Critical Support of Mandate Relief Benefitting Public Schools and Students, as presented.

Motion 350 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.10 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 \$30,000.

Motion 351 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson**

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

### **3.1 Vacate Athletic Director Position**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer to vacate and advertise for the Athletic Director Position for the Mountain View School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 352 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

**4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policy:**

Policy # 246-Wellness Policy

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy #246 – Wellness Policy.
- The next Policy Committee Meeting will be on July 8 at 6:00 PM

**5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

**5.1 Approve Contract with Head Start**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Very, to approve The Head Start contract with the Mountain View School District for 2020-2021, as presented.

Motion 353 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**5.2 Approve Health and Safety Plan**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Health and Safety Plan for the Mountain View School District, as presented.

Motion 354 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 declared that the second floor of the HS is almost completely cleaned. The ES only has 4 rooms left to pull. We might need to rent more storage trailers to store unused furniture. A new sidewalk will be installed on the side of the HS.

**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 recognized that 4 FBLA students placed in the top 4 of their respective category, Lacey Ball, Payton Lord, Drayden Holman, and Kylie Barhite.

**9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski**

- Mrs. Anuszewski announced that virtual ESY begins on July 6. She said she attended an online symposium on the future of special education.

**9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Vacant**

**9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak**

- Mr. Witiak reviewed the potential of a future negative General Fund fund-balance.

**9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia said he welcomes feedback on the Health and Safety Plan. MV needs to craft an Athletic Plan before athletics can resume.

**New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Schulte said we should send certificates home to recognize students for their achievement.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 8 at 7:00 PM.
- Mr. Richmond announced that the July 13 meeting will be held in the HS Auditorium.

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- Ted Brewster asked additional questions about the Health and Safety Plan.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, June 22, 2020-6:00 PM - 7:10 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, July 13, 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 8:23 PM.

Enclosures:

1.5-June 8, 2020 minutes

1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report  
2.1-June 2020 Bill List  
2.2-Disbursements  
2.3-Exonerations  
2.5-White Sheet  
2.6-Final Budget  
2.9-Resolution School Relief  
4.1-Policy #246-Wellness Policy  
5.1-Head Start  
5.2-Health and Safety Plan

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak