

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 26, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:05 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. Danny Very (via call-in); Mr. David Schulte.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Administration Present:

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

Absent: Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; VACANT, Asst. Business Manager.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –May 11, 2020

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated May 11, 2020, as presented.

Motion 309 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

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

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer 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 questions about the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve May Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the May 26, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$343,937.38.

Motion 310 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.2 Approve April 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 \$2,490,063.14.

Motion 311 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 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 312 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.4 Appoint Bank of Record

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Peoples Security Bank & Trust as bank of record for 2020-2021.

Motion 313 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.5 Appoint Auditor

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Brian T. Kelly, CPA as district auditor for 2020-2021.

Motion 314 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.6 Appoint Collector of Delinquent Taxes

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint G. H. Harris Associates, Inc., Dallas, PA as delinquent per capita and delinquent occupational tax collector for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 315 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.7 Approve Tax Bill Printer

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Government Software Services (GSS) for 2020 real estate tax, per capita tax, and occupation tax bill printing, as presented.

Motion 316 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.8 Approve IDEA Notice

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the IDEA Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds between the NEIU #19 and the Mountain View School District for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 317 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.9 Motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve a 63 month multi-purpose copier lease agreement with Topp Copy.

Motion 318 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.10 Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #22060; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of \$13,000.00, for compensatory ed., and reimbursement of \$6,000.00 in attorney's fees.

Motion 319 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Miranda Price as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$45,132.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2019-2020 schedule, Effective June 4, 2020 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same High School position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 320 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.2 Vacate all Coaching Appointments at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to vacate all coaching appointments at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion 321 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.3 Vacate all Supplemental Appointments at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to vacate all Supplemental appointments at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion 322 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.4 Authorize Advertising for Coaches for Fall/Winter Sports for 2020-2021 school year

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize advertising for Fall and Winter sports coaches for the 2020-2021 school year:

Fall:

Boys Soccer-Head Coach

Boys Soccer-Ass't Coach

Girls Soccer-Head Coach

Girls Soccer-Ass't Coach

JH High Soccer Coaches-2 coaches

Boys and Girls Cross Country-Head Coach

Boys and Girls Cross Country-Ass't Coach

Golf-Head Coach

Girls Volleyball-Head Coach

Girls Volleyball-Ass't Coach

Winter:

Boys Basketball-Head Coach

Boys Basketball-Ass't Coach

Girls Basketball-Head Coach

Girls Basketball-Ass't Coach

Boys JH Basketball Coach

Girls JH Basketball Coach

Cheerleading Advisor

Wrestling-Head Coach

Wrestling-Ass't Coach

JH Wrestling Coach

Motion 323 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.5 Authorize Posting for All Supplemental Salary Positions for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the MVEA contract

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize posting for all supplemental salary positions for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the MVEA contract.

Motion 324 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.6 Approve Hire for Summer IT Help

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following summer IT personnel, at a rate of \$10.00 an hour effective June 8, 2020 with an expiration date of August 21, 2020:

a. Nate Jones, Hop Bottom, PA

Motion 325 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.7 Approve Michael S. Elia Acting Superintendent

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Michael S. Elia appointed as acting superintendent effective June 17, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2020, at a per diem rate of \$438.46

Motion 326 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

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. Decker, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy # 918-Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Motion 327 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve the Affiliation Agreement:

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an affiliation agreement between Keystone College and the Mountain View School District for the purpose of internships and student teaching, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and ending in 2025, as presented.

Motion 328 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor said that his team is gearing up for graduation ceremonies. An arborist is coming to look at trees. Some ES classrooms are being painted. Wood chips and fuel oil will be bid on July 1.

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 applauded Connor Mancuso and Emma Long for their performance in the Stock Market Challenge. Connor placed first in the local HS division and third overall in the state. Emma placed third in the local MS division. He thanked Charlene Martens for facilitating the Stock Market Challenge.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski noted the PIMS review yielded a Gold Star review. ESY will be completely virtual this year.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said he is focusing on transitioning to the superintendent role and helping Dr. Lemoncelli transition to the HS principal role.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak asked about what, if any, amount the board would be comfortable raising taxes by this year given the impact of COVID-19. The board seemed comfortable raising taxes to the index and extending the face and discount period to 3 months each.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt said that 4 students from the Class of 2020 are considering the free tuition offer from Lackawanna College. Administration is still pursuing budget cuts. Comprehensive Plan includes action plans on school climate with PBIS, SEL and trauma-informed schools; technology; and career / college readiness

New Business from Board Members

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced she was appointed to the board of directors of Marywood University.
- Mr. Schulte asked how the Student Government Conference planning is going. Dr. Elia stated the conference may be virtual this year.

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- Jen Johnson would prefer if the graduation ceremony was held in the stadium.
- Ted Brewster asked about Topp Copy.
- Melody Haley thanked the board for wearing masks and social distancing.

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

HELD

- Tuesday, May 26, 2020-6:00 PM - 7:00 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, June 8, 2020 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-May 11, 2020 minutes
- 1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-May 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.7-Tax Bill Printer
- 2.8 IDEA Notice
- 4.1-Policy #918-Title I Parent and Family Engagement
- 5.1-Keystone College Affiliation Agreement
- FYI-Lackawanna College Honors Program Scholarship
- FYI-2-Letter-Solicitorship

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak