

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

Monday, May 11, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 11, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:03 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; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Michael Talabiska (via call-in).

Absent: None.

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; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal (via call-in); Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director (via call-in); Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor (via call-in).

Absent: VACANT, Asst. Business Manager.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

2020-2021 Budget Presentations:

2020-2021 Proposed Final Budget - Tom Witiak

- Mr. Witiak presented the Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$22,381,817.

Comprehensive Plan Presentation

- Mrs. Voigt presented the Comprehensive Plan.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –April 27, 2020

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated April 27, 2020, as presented.

Motion 299 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 April Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the May 11, 2020 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$113,451.61.

Motion 300 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve Agreement with IXL

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve a three year agreement between the Mountain View School District and IXL for online educational services, as presented.

Motion 301 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3 Approve 2020-2021 Proposed Final Budget

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2020 – 2021 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$22,381,817.00.

Motion 302 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Appoint School Solicitor

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Joseph F. Gaughan, P.C. as school solicitor for the 2020-2021 school year at an annual retainer amount of \$10,500.00 and a rate of \$140.00 per hour for other services according to proposal, as presented.

Motion 303 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Superintendent Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve Superintendent Contract between Mike S. Elia and the Mountain View School District with effective date of July 1, 2020, as presented.

Motion 304 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Appoint Full-Time Custodian

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Anthony Smith, New Milford, as a full-time custodian at a starting rate \$11.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, effective May 12, 2020.

Motion 305 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 Mrs. Stine, to approve the following policies, as presented.

Policy # 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products

Motion 306 Carried: 9 Yes

4.2 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the following policies, as presented.

Policy #006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

Motion 307 Carried: 9 Yes

4.3 Second Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy # 918-Title I Parent and Family Engagement

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy # 918-Title I Parent and Family Engagement.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Comprehensive Planning on 30 Day Display

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve motion to approve Comprehensive Planning being on 30 day display.

Motion 308 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Kathy McHenry and Andrea Aten, Monday through Friday, June 22- June 26, 2020, Advanced Placement Summer Institute, NEIU #3 (Registration \$1,600.00).

Voting: ____ Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____ Absent

6 **Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Absent

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 noted the third set of packets has gone out. School supplies were distributed to families in need. He thanked Alicia Chidester and Carol Rainey for their help with assembling and distributing the supplies. End-of-year awards are being prepared for students.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked the community for their cooperation during these trying times. A virtual graduation will be taking place on May 28 and May 29. Students will be walking across the stage with their families in attendance. The video will be edited together to give the appearance of a standard graduation and distributed to all students on DVD. On June 6, a "car graduation" will take place.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski said special services is setting up a virtual ESY program.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked the school board for their vote of confidence in him becoming the next superintendent. He also thanked Mrs. Voigt for her mentorship.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak said we received over \$30,000 in reimbursement for grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches. That is more than we receive for typical meal reimbursement.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt stated that the Cares Grant of \$188,000 should be received soon to help cover COVID-19 related expenses. We would like to purchase more ChromeBooks, ChromeBook replacement parts, PPE, cleaning equipment and supplies. Lackawanna College is offering tuition free education to students ranked in the top 10 of the graduating class. She congratulated Dr. Elia on his promotion. WVIA has been presenting lessons to students. Mr. Stiver and Mr. Donnelly are participating. MVSD has declined to offer to use our buildings as polling places.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte mentioned that the Harford Church food bank has more families each time.
- Mr. Richmond thanked Mr. Gaughan for his continued service to MV. He congratulated Dr. Elia.

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- Ted Brewster asked if the meeting recording and budget would be placed online.
- Melody Haley thanked the board for their work during this trying time.

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

HELD:

- Monday, May 11, 2020 – 6:00 PM-7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Tuesday, May 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 7:58 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-April 27, 2020 Minutes
- 2.1-May 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Agreement with IXL
- 2.4-Solicitor agreement
- 3.1-Elia's Superintendent Contract

4.1-Policy # 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products
4.2-Policy #006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications
4.3- Policy # 918-Title I Parent and Family Engagement
FYI-Harrisburg Report
FYI-2-Pre-K Counts Program Grant-Renewal Notice
FYI-3-Use of Facilities as Polling Places During Covid-19
FYI-4-Future Ready PA Index

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak