

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

**Monday, April 27, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on April 27, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:02 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; Mr. Derek O’Dell (via call-in).

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President, Mr. Michael Talabiska (absent at roll call, arrived at 7:23 via call-in);

**Administration Present:**

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor (via call-in).

Absent: Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum (absent at roll call, arrived at 7:14 via call-in); Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director (absent at roll call, arrived at 7:14 via call-in); VACANT, Asst. Business Manager.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**2020-2021 Budget Presentation**

Federal Programs-Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt presented the Federal Programs budget.
- Dr. Elia and Mrs. Anuszewski arrived at 7:14 via call-in.
- Mr. Talabiska arrived at 7:23 via call-in.

Athletics-Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli presented the Athletic budget in the amount of \$113,600.

Nutrition Inc.-Melissa Hatala, Patty Baresse, Erin Kiryluk

- Mrs. Baresse and Mrs. Kiryluk presented the Nutrition Inc. Food Service budget in the amount of a -\$220,517 guarantee.

**Continuity of Education Plan Update**

- Mrs. Voigt presented the updated Continuity of Education Plan to include planned instruction.

### 1.5 Approval of the Minutes –April 13, 2020

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated April 13, 2020, as presented.

Motion 284 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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 Motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to suspend, until the first board meeting subsequent to the termination of the Covid-19 pandemic state of emergency, the provision of Policy 006.1 requiring a majority of board members to be physically present at a board meeting when a board member attends the meeting through electronic communications.

Motion 285 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**1.8 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 and Staci Wilson asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

## 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 Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the April 27, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$605,635.65.

Motion 286 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### 2.2 Approve March 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 \$2,839,526.93.

Motion 287 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 288 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.4 Update MOU with District Attorney's Office**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to update the MOU between the Mountain View School District and the District Attorney's Office, regarding district's SRO Officer, as presented.

Motion 289 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.5 Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated March 31, 2020 as presented and file for audit:

1. High School Activities Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. Elementary School Activities Account
4. Athletic Account

Motion 290 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.6 Acknowledge Receipt of Grant**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to acknowledge receipt of the CEEG (Continuing Education Equity Grant) in the amount of \$6,000.

Motion 291 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.7 Approve Future Payrolls**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve payrolls through June 5 for two long term subs according to their assignments.

Motion 292 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

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

### **3.1 Approve Volunteers**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following volunteers:

Christine Jones, New Milford, Elementary Volunteer  
Michele Vinci, Kingsley, Elementary Volunteer

Motion 293 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 3.2 Approve Superintendent Contract

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

Motion placed on hold. No action taken.

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

### 4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policies (discussion):

Policy # 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products

Policy #006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy # 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products and Policy #006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.

### 4.2 First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy # 918-Title I Parent and Family Engagement

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement.

## 5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

### 5.1 Approve Religious Instruction 2020-2021

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the Religious Instruction Program between the Mountain View School District and the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Susquehanna County, as presented.

Motion 294 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Schulte), 1 No (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite)

### 5.2 Approve Volunteers for Washington Trip Chaperones for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following Washington Trip volunteers, pending receipt of documentation:

Jackie Bain, Joyce Belcher, Michael Briechle, Jill Burgess, Sandra Davis, Justin Fletcher  
Christine Jones, Darrin Larkin, Melissa Locker, Robert Lopatofsky, Travis MacDonald,  
Rick Masters, Paul McAndrew, Doreen Mitchell, Maria Price, Casey Shea, Cathy  
Symuleski, Luke Thomas, Abigail Toolan, Alternates- Danielle Urda

Robert Wallace

Motion 295 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 mentioned that mowing started last week. All custodial and maintenance staff worked today. Will start on summer tasks soon.

**7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

**7.1 Amend Bus Contractor Pay (Motion 282)**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve final payment (in May) that would result in a 1% deduction in annual compensation. Contractors must comply with Act 13 of 2020.

Motion 296 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**7.2 Amend Van Contractor Pay (Motion 283)**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve May payments in the amount of 90% of their average pay of the past 3 months worked. Contractors must comply with Act 13 of 2020.

Motion 297 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**7.3 Van Contractor Pay**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve prorated June payments (14 days potentially worked between May 18 and June 5 / 20 days in the payment period = 70%) based on their average pay of the past 3 months worked. Contractors must comply with Act 13 of 2020.

Motion 298 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**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 congratulated Emma Zipprich for being named a Scholastic Superstar. Mrs. Misura and Mrs. Supancik are making banners for Seniors.

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

- Mrs. Anuszewski is working through the AAchieve Grant. She hoped to install a secondary kitchen to be used by Life Skills students. Plans for ESY are underway.

#### **9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia said he is transition back to the curriculum role. He will be focusing on the needs of students.

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

- No update.

#### **9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

- Mrs. Voigt stated the MV parade had 62 vehicles participating in it. It took a long time, but it was great. Our SGA has been recognized as a National Gold Council of Excellence. Tewachers will be completing mandatory suicide training online.

#### **New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Talabiska said he thought the link for the meeting was hard to find. Mr. Witiak pointed out that the link was on front page of the district website and it is the very first item on the news section.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer asked how HS graduation is coming. Dr. Lemoncelli said MV may wait until July. The Senior class is not keen on a virtual graduation. There is a split opinion on a car graduation.
- Mr. Schulte informed the board that the vaping article he provided is designed for HS students.

#### **Citizen’s Advisory Committee**

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer stated the Citizen’s Advisory Committee is not currently meeting and is be unsure when they will meet next.

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- Staci Wilson reminded the board of Sunshine Law that applies to every open board meetings. The board apologized for any technical difficulties that anyone may have experienced. The audio will be made available on the website.

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

##### **HELD:**

- Monday, April 27, 2020-6:00 PM - 6:55 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

##### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, May 11, 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 9:07 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-April 13, 2020 minutes
- 1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-April 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.4-MOU for SRO
- 2.5-Quarterly Reports
- 2.6-Continuity of Education Grant
- 4.1- Policy #222 Tobacco and Vaping Products
  - Policy #006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications
- 4.2-Policy#918-Title I Parent and Family Engagement
- 5.1-Religious Release Agreement
- FYI-Vaping Article-ChemMatters
- FYI-2-Times Tribune-Scholastic Superstar Selection
- FYI-3-Stock Market Challenge Update
- FYI-4-Mountain View SGA Recognition - 2020 National Gold Council of Excellence
- FYI-5 – Thank You Notes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak