

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

Monday, March 23, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on March 23, 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; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer (via call-in); Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Derek O’Dell (via call-in).

Absent:

Administration Present:

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum (via call-in); 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; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- None

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –March 9, 2020

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated March 9, 2020, as presented.

Motion 261 Carried: 9 Yes

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

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the Treasurer Report.
- Mr. Schulte presented the 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.

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve March Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the March 23, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$161,109.92.

Motion 262 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve February 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 \$2,085,919.53.

Motion 263 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 264 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Future Payrolls

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve payrolls for permanent employees on April 9 and April 23 pending union agreement for all employees willing and able to work.

Motion 265 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve Future Payrolls

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve April payrolls for three long term subs according to their assignments.

Motion 266 Carried: 9 Yes

2.6 Approve Future Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an April payment to transportation contractors.

Motion 267 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Sabbatical Leave

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Very, to approve a sabbatical leave for the second semester of the 2020-2021 for an educational sabbatical for Rebekah Ihlefeldt, as presented.

Motion 268 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Very, to approve Tosha Shay, Gibson Township as a substitute custodian.

Motion 269 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policies (discussion):

Policy #210-Use of Medication

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy #210 – Use of Medication.
- Policy Committee meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Andrea Aten, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 2020 Committee Chairs, Monday, April 16, 2020, 2020 Committee Planning Meeting, Kalahari Convention Center (Transportation \$63.25, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$158.25)
- B. Kathy McHenry, MaryAnn Tranovich, Matthew Donnelly, Glen Mackey and 12 students, 5th Annual NEPA Girls STEM Competition, Valley View High School (Transportation \$152.09)

C. MaryAnn Tranovich, one chaperone and 20 students (Student Council), Friday, May 15, 2020, PASC Region H Conference 2020, North Pocono Middle School (Going with High School, Substitute \$95.00)

- Motion held. No action taken.

5.2 Approve Instruction in the Home

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Instruction in the Home for Student #22165 beginning January 31, 2020 and ending April 1, 2020.

Motion 270 Carried: 9 Yes

5.3 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve the following conference requests:

A. Carole Rainey and Lisa Kozloski, Friday, March 27, 2020, Understanding Trauma and its Impact, NEIU#19 (No cost to the district)

- Motion held. No action taken.

5.4 Approve Instruction in the Home

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Instruction in the Home for Student #22130 beginning March 5, 2020 and ending April 5, 2020.

Motion 271 Carried: 9 Yes

5.5 Approve Chaperones

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve the following chaperones for the music field trip to Cleveland, OH on April 16-18.

- A. Cynthia Catalfamo
- B. Will Harvatine
- C. Paul Zipprich
- D. Charles Welch

- Motion held. No action taken.

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor announced that both buildings were cleaned and disinfected. Bio-Globe was used. It will work for 30 days if not disturbed. Any room that was disturbed will be cleaned again with Bio-Globe. It's possible that we will not receive any more wood chips for the remainder of the year. The custodian and maintenance staff worked hard and cleaned well.

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

- The MVEA negotiation meeting originally scheduled for tonight was postponed.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake thanked IT and custodians for their hard work and cleaning. The PTO is posting activities on their website. Elementary teachers have also posted activities on their website. Teachers are reading to students via the internet. Washington DC trip is in limbo. The Jungle Book play is postponed. Kindergarten registration was postponed. Thanked everyone for their patience.

High School Principal – vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski stated special services are still communicating with parents. She is trying to address all concerns. The special services budget was distributed for board review.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia mentioned that in order to receive a full refund for the Florida trip, they will need to return vouchers and tickets. The status of the Prom is to be determined.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak explained how the business office is equipped to work-from-home. He thanked Mr. Georgetti and Ms. Button for their help with installing SplashTop.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt announced that schools are closed until April 6. April 7 & 8 will be teacher planning days. Students would return on April 9. We are discussing how to distribute ChromeBooks to grades 7 & 8. WVIA is adding additional programming aimed at students. All students will have access to lunch. Lunch deliveries will start next week. SRO is still present. The Children's Produce Market is tomorrow. She thanked Mr. Georgetti and Ms. Button for their help with setting-up a Zoom meeting.

New Business from Board Members

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting is cancelled until further notice.
- Mr. Schulte announced they are holding a produce market at the Harford Congregational Church on Friday.
- Mr. Richmond thanked administration for their hard work during this difficult time.

Second Hearing of Visitors *You may address any topic. 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.*

- Matt Dougherty asked if graduation date was changed. Mrs. Voigt stated it could be pushed back.

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

HELD:

- Monday, March 23, 2020-6:00 PM - 7:10PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, March 23, 2020, after the public meeting
- Monday, April 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 8:27 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-March 3, 2020 minutes
- 1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-March 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 3.1- Rebekah Ihlefeldt Sabbatical
- 4.1- Policy #210-Use of Medication

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak