

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

Monday, February 24, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 24, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:14 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. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Liaison-Hannah Geron

- Hannah presented the MVSGA Liaison Report

Skyrocketing Eagles: Paisley Sanders, Colin Miller, Claire Keating, Gracelyn Gravine, Annabel Wodock, Autumn Gigliotti, Lillian Gesford, Ryker Mead, Grace Moher, Molly Parisot, Brody Barhite, Carter Biglin, Rozalyn Jagger, Emma Richmond, Morgan Pliska, Kali Harvatine, Declan McAndrew, Marietta Milunic, Gianna Gravine, Coe Masters, Lindsey Reuss, Megan Bills, Mayson McAndrew

- Dr. Lake presented the Skyrocketing Eagles with certificates

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –February 10, 2020

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated February 10, 2020, as presented.

Motion 231 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6 Approve Revised Minutes

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the revised minutes dated December 16, 2019 and January 13, 2020, as presented.

Motion 232 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report.

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.*

- None

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve February Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the February 24, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$107,273.41.

Motion 233 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve January 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 \$4,094,738.60.

Motion 234 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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 235 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve NEIU General Operating Budget

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve three areas (Administration, Curriculum and Instructional Services, and Management Information Services) of the General Operating Budget of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 (NEIU #19) for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, as presented.

Motion 236 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Agreement with County Security Police

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve Agreement with Mark Richards, Security Services, effective immediately, \$26.50 per hour armed, \$18.50 per hour unarmed, as presented.

No action taken

2.6 Approve Transfer to Cafeteria Fund

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, 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 \$25,000.

Motion 237 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #30017; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include tuition and placement at New Story with transportation and reimbursement of \$9,000.00 in attorney's fees.

Motion 238 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve High School Principal

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Mark Lemoncelli, Roaring Brook Township, PA, as High School Principal at a salary of \$95,000, effective April 27, 2020, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 239 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following substitute.

- a. Ashley McCloskey, New Milford, PA, to the Elementary Substitute list

Motion 240 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Spring Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following coaches.

Varsity Baseball, Head Coach	Anthony Borgia	Clarks Summit	\$3,674
Varsity Baseball, Ass't Coach	Ryan McAndrew	Archbald	\$3,014
JV Baseball Coach	Darin Bain	Kingsley	\$3,014
JH Baseball, Volunteer	Bill Simons	Hop Bottom	
JH Baseball, Volunteer	Matthew Kilmer	South Gibson	
Var, JV & JH Baseball, Volunteer	Dwight Carey	Kingsley	
Varsity Softball, Head Coach	David Harvey	Hop Bottom	\$3,674
Varsity Softball, Ass't Coach	Joyce Harvey	Hop Bottom	\$3,014
JH Softball Coach	Laura Beth Sedlak	Clifford Twp	\$2,629
Track & Field, Head Coach	Melody Haley	Clifford Twp	\$3,674
Track & Field, Ass't Coach	Ray Mitchell	Kingsley	\$3,014
Track & Field, Ass't Coach	Thomas Ord	Kingsley	\$2,009*
Track & Field, Ass't Coach	Alexia Presley	Scranton	\$2,009*
Track & Field, Ass't Coach	Lauren Soden	Susquehanna	\$2,009*
Track & Field, Volunteer	Rebecca Herbert	Kingsley	
Track & Field, Volunteer	Charles Haley	Clifford Twp	
Boys Volleyball, Head Coach	David Breese	South Gibson	\$3,674

Motion 241 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following volunteer:

Courtney Travis MacDonald, Lenoxville, Elementary Volunteer

Motion 242 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve Miranda Price as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as a high school art teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective March 5, 2020.

Motion 243 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 Policies (discussion):

Policy #220- Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
Policy #913-Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
Policy #006- Meetings

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy #220- Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials, Policy #913-Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals, Policy #006- Meetings
- Next meeting is March 4 at 6:00 PM

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson
Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kate Sekely, Molly Virbitsky and the Ski Club, Monday, Late February/Early March, Elk Mountain, Union Dale, PA (Transportation \$190.00; no cost to the district)
- B. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 7 students on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, groceries, library, hospital, lunch, Montrose, PA (Transportation \$17.25)
- C. Charleene Martens, Brion Stone, Gifted and Focus, 8 students, 6 days in March and April, Dennis Farm (Transportation \$34.50)
- D. Glen Mackey, Thursday, April 16, 2020, What's So Cool About Manufacturing Awards, Keystone Theater (Transportation \$57.50)
- E. Jamie Bottger and one student, Thursday through Friday, April 2-3, 2020, PMEA District 9 Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Blue Ridge High School (Transportation \$17.40, Registration TBD, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$207.40)
- F. Jamie Bottger and 16 students, Friday, April 3, 2020, PMEA District 9 Vocal Jazz Fest (Transportation \$105.10, Registration TBD; Total \$105.10)

Motion 244 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Mary Ann Tranovich, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, March 10-12, 2020, 21st Century Community Learning, Harrisburg (Travel \$172.80) (Title II)
- B. Jamie White and Samantha Hayden, Friday, March 27, 2020, (9 AM-Noon) Understanding Trauma and HS Impact, NEIU (No cost to the district)

Motion 245 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 7 and 8

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the program of studies for grades 7 and 8 for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Motion 246 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 the baseball team wants a windscreen attached. The wood boiler is running well. Wood chip usage is down. Wood quality is better this year.

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

- Mr. Richmond stated that the MVSD and MVESPA met from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM this evening.
- Next meeting is on March 23 at 5:00 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Absent

High School Principal – vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said that 3rd Quarter Progress Reports come out this week. Work continues on the anonymous bullying reporting system. Parents will be able to log-in to Navience soon. The boy's basketball team has advanced in the playoffs. Next game is at Mohegan Sun. Job shadowing is progressing. New signage will be hung inside the HS.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak noted that Rachel Terry will be missed. She was a great worker and contributed to the success of the business office over the past 4 years.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt wished the boy's basketball team continued success. Comprehensive planning goals and mission statement are ready. At the latest budget meetings it was determined that the HS is in need of new clocks and the ES is in need of new interior paint. Ceiling tiles will eventually need to be replaced. She thanked Grace Benson for donating framed posters on suicide awareness.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Talabiska asked if a thank you was ever sent to Diaz.

- Mr. Schulte stated that the Weinberg Food Bank will be at the Harford Church on every fourth Friday.
- Mr. Very noted that Florida schools are using virtual schools K – 5.
- Mr. Decker mentioned that Ofalt and Schwartz both placed 4th in district playoffs.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer mentioned that the Citizen’s Advisory Committee is meeting on March 4 at 7:00 PM.

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

HELD:

- Monday, February 10, 2020-8:55 PM-9:15 PM- for Personnel
- Monday, February 24, 2020-6:00 PM-7:10 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, March 9, 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 8:28 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-February 10, 2020 minutes
- 1.6-Revised Minutes
- 1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-February 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.5-Security Police Agreement
- 4.1-Policy #220-Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy #913-Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
- Policy #006- Meetings
- 5.3-7-8 Program of Studies
- FYI-Conference Reports
- FYI-2- Census Information
- FYI-3-Article-Philadelphia Inquirer “A “bust” for PA School District Finances”

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak