

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

Monday, February 10, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 10, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:22 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; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Years of Service

5 years-Allison Paparelli, Susan Gravine, Katie Beichler, Holly Benedict, David Snyder, Susan Jones

10 years-Linda VanGorden, Colleen Heller, Heather Larkin, Lisa Kozloski, Kristy Bayle

15 Years-Melissa Berish, Sheri Vonada, Melissa Wasko, Kathy McHenry, Charleene Martens, Donna Jacoby

20 Years-Carole Rainey, Katie Holzman

25 Years-Darin Bain, Delores Dalickas

30 Years- Richard Loman, May Burns

- Mrs. Voigt presented pins to recognize employees for their years of service.

Discuss 2020-2021 School Calendar

- Mrs. Voigt led the discussion on the school calendar.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –January 27, 2020

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated January 27, 2020, as presented.

Motion 214 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6 Appoint Intermediate Unit Board Member

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to appoint Dr. Plonski-Sezer to the NEIU19 Board of Directors. The term is July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

Motion 215 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska), 1 No (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

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.*

- Monica Miller inquired if the Assistant Business Manager position will be filled.

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 10, 2020 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$120,590.03.

Motion 216 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Mark's Driving School, LLC

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Mark's Driving School, LLC to provide the Mountain View Students with behind the wheel driving instruction and testing.

Motion 217 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #24015; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of \$13,500.00, independent evaluations, and reimbursement of \$9,000.00 in attorney's fees.

Motion 218 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #28031; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of tuition to the DePaul School from 2019-2024, transportation and reimbursement of \$9,000.00 in attorney's fees.

Motion 219 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve settlement of a matter concerning student #28032; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of tuition to the DePaul School from 2019-2024, transportation and reimbursement of \$9,000.00 in attorney's fees.

Motion 220 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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, second by Mr. Very, to approve Lisa Loomis 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 January 17, 2020 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same High School Special Education position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 221 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve Dawn Chase as a long term substitute for having serviced more than 30 consecutive days as elementary librarian with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective February 13, 2020.

Motion 222 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2019-2020, as presented.

Motion 223 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Appoint 2.5 hour Food Service Position

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Jana Miller, Clifford Township, to a 2.5 food service position at a starting rate \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, effective February 11, 2020.

Motion 224 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to accept the letter of resignation from Rachel Terry from her Assistant Business Manager position effective February 28, 2020, as presented.

Motion 225 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

4.1 First Reading of the Following Policies:

Policy #220- Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials

Policy #913-Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Policy #006- Meetings

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #220- Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials, Policy #913-Nonschool Organizations / Groups / Individuals, and Policy #006- Meetings.
- The next policy meeting is Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 PM

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Jamie White, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Transgender Therapy Training Session, Marywood University, Scranton, PA (No cost to the district).
- B. Stephanie Anuszewski and Sheri Ransom, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 9-11, 2020, PaTTan Conference 2020, Making a difference, Hershey, PA (Travel \$308.16, Lodging \$449.55, Registration \$390.00; Total \$1,147.71)
- C. Stephanie Anuszewski, Sheri Ransom, Dr. Mike Elia, Wednesday, February 5, 2020, TACT 2, Colonel IU #20, Easton PA (Travel \$324.30, Registration \$750.00; Total \$1,074.30)
- D. Kathy McHenry, Tuesday, February, 11, Monday, March 16, Friday, April 3, Tuesday, May 5, 2020, UofT Praxis Prep Course, NEIU STEM Center (Registration \$800.00, Substitute \$380.00; Total \$1,180.00)

- E. Andrea Aten, Tuesday June 2 through Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 2020 AP Reading-AP Literature, Salt Lake City, Utah (Substitute \$570.00 (Title II A), other costs paid for by the College Board)
- F. Kelly Richmond, Diane Supancik, Sheri Ransom, Friday, February 21, 2020, Assistive Technology Networking, NEIU 19 (Transportation \$27.60, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$217.60)
- G. Alisha Hudak, Wednesday, March 18, 2020, NEPA Student Success Summit, Mohegan Sun Conference Center (Substitute \$95.00) (Title II)

Motion 226 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Alisha Hudak, Colleen Heller, Colleen Hammond, Debbie Pompey, Cathy Walker and 8 students, Wednesday, April 1, 2020, Brighter Journeys Special Needs Egg Hunt, Keystone Grand Ballroom, Mohegan Sun Pocono, PA (Transportation \$51.75)
- B. Jamie Bottger, Molly Birosak and 6 students, Friday, March 20, 2020, PMEA District 9 Chorus Fest, Riverside High School (Transportation \$113.11, Registration \$276.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$484.11)
- C. Ashley Coviello, Brandi Miller, Jamie Janesky and 3-4 board approved chaperones, Thursday, May 7, 2020 (Transportation \$520.00)
- D. Whitney Johnson, Jessica Trichilo and 10 students, Wednesday and Thursday, March 18-19, 2020, Marcho's Florist Workshop, Gibson, PA (Transportation \$12.88, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$202.88)

Motion 227 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve School Calendar

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar, as presented.

Motion 228 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.4 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 9 through 12

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the program of studies for grades 9 through 12 for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Motion 229 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska), 2 No (Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

5.4 Approve School Calendar

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the revised 2019 – 2020 school year calendar. Friday, February 14, 2020, was designated 1:00 PM student dismissal with parent conferences from 1:00 to 4:00 to replace the February 7 early dismissal and parent conferences that were cancelled due to snow.

Motion 230 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 there were power outages last week. Generator is working. Door #39 was not repaired correctly. Unboxed scoreboards and they may be unboxed this week. Outstanding building project items include doors and thresholds as part of the building project. Freezer doors should arrive any day now.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Dan Very, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

- Mr. Richmond stated that the next negotiation meeting is February 24 at 5:00 PM.
- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that the district had its compliance meeting with Dan O'Rourke on February 6.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake noted that the ES conducted Career Week – parents and community shared careers with students. A Career Costume Contest was part of the ES blow-out. Students will have Valentine's Day parties on Friday. Girl's Choice Dance will be held February 21. Read Across America will be held on March 2.

High School Principal – Vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski said that Extended School Year Planning for this summer is underway. WNEP will be doing an upcoming story on yoga as a follow-up story in US News and World Report. Tact II trainers were recertified.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia discussed the Program of Studies 7-8.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak asked the board members to review the NEIU Budget. Approval of the NEIU budget will be voted upon during the next meeting.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt suggested that we use Mark Richards for contracted security services. ES & HS students competed at Math Counts at Wyoming Valley West Middle School with Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Misiura. The 2020 Census is coming soon. As of now, MV has the lowest Census poor of all Susquehanna County Schools. To date, MVSD has had five 2-hour delays, one 3-hour delay and two snow days.

New Business from Board Members

- None.

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- Monica Miller asked about policies on the MVSD website and tuition reimbursement for support staff..

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

HELD:

- Monday, February 10, 2020 – 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, February 10, 2020, after the public meeting
- Monday, February 24, 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 8:40 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- January 27, 2020 Minutes
- 2.1- February 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Mark's Driving School
- 3.3-Supplemental Salaries
- 3.5-Terry Resignation
- 4.1-Policy #220- Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy #913-Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
- Policy #006-Meetings
- 5.3-2020-2021 School Calendar
- 5.4- Program of Studies – Grades 9 through 12
- FYI-Conference Reports
- FYI 2- Census Information
- FYI 3- County Security Police Information

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak