

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

Monday, January 27, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 27, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:18 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. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: None

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 School Board Liaison Report.
- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that SGA may need help with transportation to Kalahari for state conference.

Presentations: Retirees

Susan Penedos- 20 years
James Soya-10 years
Linda Sivers-5 years
Dennis Getz-18 years
Darlene Sweeney-32 years
Erin Rupp-15 years
Charlene Anastasio-6 years

- Mrs. Voigt recognized the retirees and presented them with clocks.

- Erin Rupp, Sue Penedos, Luke Anastasio, Deb Pompey and Wayne Williams attended.

PASR-Presentation of Grants-Ellen Holdredge and John Manchester
Jen Davis
Whitney Johnson

- Mrs. Holdredge and Mr. Manchester presented a science education grant to Ms. Davis and Mrs. Johnson.

Nutrition Inc. - Melissa Hatala and Erin Kiryluk - Year in Review

- Mrs. Hatala and Mrs. Kiryluk presented the Nutrition Group year in review.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –January 13, 2020

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated January 13, 2020, as presented.

Motion 200 Carried: 9 Yes

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 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 asked a question about the Preliminary Budget.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve January Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the January 27, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$425,948.00.

Motion 201 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve December 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 \$3,070,305.05.

Motion 202 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 203 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated December 31, 2019 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 204 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2020–2021 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$21,257,973 as presented.

Motion 205 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 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 206 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Approve Volunteer

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

Joyce Belcher, Clifford Township, Elementary Volunteer

Motion 207 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 Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #222-Tobacco Use

Motion 208 Carried: 9 Yes

4.2 Approve the Following Policy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #304-Employment of Staff

Motion 209 Carried: 9 Yes

- The next Policy Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 PM in the board room.

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 Mr. Schulte, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Jenny Keating, Melissa Wasko, Joshua Carpenter, Kristy Moher, 16 chaperones, school nurse, 3 paraprofessionals and the 3rd grade class, 1 SBBH Team Member, Friday, May 1, 2020, Steamtown National Historical Site, Scranton, PA (Transportation \$454.38, Registration \$72.00; Total \$130.00) (Paid by PTO)
- B. Glen Mackey and 9 students, Friday, April 24, 2020, Lockheed Martin 8th Graders Engineering Day, Owego, NY (Transportation \$67.85, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$162.85)
- C. Molly Birozak and 4 students on Friday, March 20, 2020, Chorus Fest, Riverside High School (Transportation \$88.11, Registration \$200.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$383.11)
- D. Alicia Hudak, Colleen Heller, Colleen Hammond, Debbie Pompey, Kathy Walker and 8 students, Wednesday, January 29, 2020, Pet Smart, Sam's Club, Walmart and Perkins, Dickson City, PA (Transportation \$25.52; paid by Life Skills Account)
- E. Rebekah Ihlefeldt, George Barbolish, Jessica Trichilo, 7 students, 3 adults, Saturday, February 29, 2020, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Regional Competition, Wilkes University (Transportation \$55.20)

Motion 210 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Leslie Gossage, Monday and Tuesday, April 6-7, 2020, Building Morphology and Word Consciousness in Primary/Elementary Students, PaTTAN Harrisburg (Travel \$142.60, Lodging \$223.91; Total \$366.51) (Title II or III)
- B. Melody Haley, Friday through Sunday, March 27-29, 2020, PASNAP, Penn State (Travel \$140.22, Lodging \$256.00, Registration \$150.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$641.22) (Title II)
- C. Allison Bluhm, Friday through Sunday, March 27-29, 2020 PASNAP, Penn State (Travel \$102.70, Lodging \$256.00, Registration \$370.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$823.70) (Title II)
- D. Kathy McHenry, Sunday through Friday, July 26 through August 7, 2020, PLTW Computer Science Principles Core Training, University of Massachusetts (Travel \$368.00, Lodging \$2,400.00, Registration \$2,400.00; Total \$5,168.00)

Motion 211 Carried: 9 Yes

5.3 Approve Instruction in the Home

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Instruction in the Home for Student #32062 beginning December 13, 2019 ending date TBD.

Motion 212 Carried: 9 Yes

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

7.1 Approve Substitute Car Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following Substitute Car Contractor:

Sheri Gaughan, Carbondale, PA

Motion 213 Carried: 9 Yes

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 – vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia presented the Program of Studies.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt noted there will be a Wellness Policy review in mid-February. Mark Ezdebski won a grant for Hess Truck. MVSD is considering using Mark Richards Company for security at events. She reviewed Catch My Breath vaping curriculum. US New and World Reports has an article featuring our yoga program. She reviewed the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

New Business from Board Members

- Mrs. Stine was pleased to receive a CTC Invitation.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer hopes that interested people apply for the Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- Mr. Schulte stated that this month's Chemistry Monthly has an article on vaping.

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

HELD:

- Monday, January 27, 2020-6:00 PM-7:10 PM for Personnel and Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, February 10, 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 8:44 PM.

Enclosures:

1.5-January 13, 2020 minutes
1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
2.1-January 2020 Bill List
2.2-Disbursements
2.3-Exonerations
2.4-Quarterly Reports
2.5-2020-2021 Preliminary Budget
3.1-Supplemental Salaries
4.1-Policy #222-Tobacco Use
4.2-Policy #304-Employment of District Staff
FYI-Conference Report
FYI-2-2020-2021 Calendar
FYI-3-CTC December Students of the Month
FYI-4-CTC Skills USA District Medalists
FYI-5-Molly the Cow

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak