

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

Monday, January 13, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 13, 2020 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:34 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.

Absent: Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Administration Present:

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

Absent: Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Board Committee Assignments for 2020

- Mr. Richmond announced the board committee assignments for 2020.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –December 16, 2019

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated December 16, 2019, as presented.

Motion 184 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6 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 January Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for the January 13, 2020 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$204,159.00.

Motion 185 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Agreement with CareGivers America

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the agreement between CareGivers America and the Mountain View School District for the 2019-2020 School year, as presented.

Motion 186 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Settlement Agreement for temporary educational programming for student #24029, from December 16, 2019 for 18 weeks, not to exceed April 15, 2020.

Motion 187 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Change Order for ESG project as follows:

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve change orders for ESG project as follows

10. decrease change order in the amount of \$89,092.00

Motion 188 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to authorize transfer of funds from the General Fund (10-5240-930-000-00-001-000-000-0000 / CR: 52401) to the Debt Service Fund (40-9311-000-000-00-005-000-000-0000 / CR: DSR002) in the amount of \$725,094.06 for the February 1, 2020 bond payment of \$788,145.72 for the Bond Series of 2017.

Motion 189 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve Negotiated Property Price

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to accept any price negotiated by the Tax Claim Bureau on each property in our district at the next repository sale, as presented.

Motion 190 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Derek O'Dell, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Stipend

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve a \$50.00 monthly stipend for cell phone usage for after-hours calling for Alicia Chidester, Business Office Secretary, effective January 1, 2020.

Motion 191 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Authorize Advertising for Coaches for Spring Sports for 2019-2020 school year

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to authorize advertising for Varsity, JV and JH Baseball, Varsity, JV and JH Softball, Varsity Track Head Coach, Track Assistant Coach, Boys Varsity and JV Volleyball coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion 192 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Karen K. Voigt from her Superintendent position, effective June 17, 2020.

Motion 193 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Approve Contract and Appoint Superintendent

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve a five year superintendent contract for Michael S. Elia, Roaring Brook, PA, effective July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025 at an annual starting salary of \$114,000.

Motion 194 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O'Dell, Mrs. Stine, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Very), 1 No (Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 1 Absent (Mr. Talabiska)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

4.1 Approve the Following Policy

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

Policy #907-School Visitors

Motion 195 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.2 Second Reading (discussion) of the Following Policies:

Policy #222-Tobacco Use

Policy #304-Employment of Staff

- The next policy meeting is February 5 at 6:00.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Leslie Gossage, Friday, January 3, 2020, Title III Consortium Meeting NEIU (No cost to the district)
- B. Jenifer Davis, Tuesday, February 28, 2020, STEMtastic! Flying Robots that run on code: Drones, NEIU (Registration \$250.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$345.00)
- C. Jenifer Davis, Thursday, January 9, 2020, STEMtastic! Building Your World with Tech, NEIU (Registration \$250.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$345.00)
- D. Jenifer Davis, Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Makey Makey Invention, Literacy, Making and Design Thinking, NEIU (Registration \$55.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$150.00)
- E. Jenifer Davis, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, STEMtastic! Electronic Circuitry and Computer Science, NEIU (Registration \$50.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$145.00)
- F. Molly Love-Birosak, Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25, 2020, PMEA 2020 Annual In-Service Conference, Kalahari Convention Center (Transportation \$30.28, Lodging \$298.00, Registration \$165.00, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$683.28) (Title II)

Motion 196 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Mason Stiver and 6 Sr. Band Students, Friday and Saturday, January 24-25, 2020, Marywood Sr. Wind Band Celebration, Marywood University, PA (Transportation \$58.00, Registration \$420.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$573.00)
- B. Kathy McHenry and 2 FBLA Students, Sunday, April 5, 2020 through Wednesday, April 8, 2020, FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey, PA

(Transportation \$354.24, Lodging \$1,640.00, Registration \$255.00, Substitute \$285; Total \$2,534.24)

- C. Christine Misiura, Andrea Sanders and 18 student, Saturday, February 8, 2020, Math Counts Competition (Transportation \$327.00, Registration \$450.00; Total \$777.00)
- D. Jamie Bottger and 1 student, Wednesday through Friday, January 15-17, 2020, PMEA District 9 Chorus, Marywood University and Pittston Area High School (Transportation \$49.88, Registration \$226.00, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$465.88)
- E. Mason Stiver and 1 student, Wednesday through Friday, February 12 through February 14, 2020, Montrose HS (Transportation \$20.88, Registration \$400.00, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$610.88)
- F. Karen Voigt and five students, Saturday, February 1, 2020, Scholarship Challenge, Sayre, PA (Transportation \$87.00, Registration \$375.00; Total \$462.09)

Motion 197 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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 #31069 beginning December 12, 2019 ending date TBD.

Motion 198 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.4 Approve Waiver of Expulsion

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student #20153 beginning January 8, 2020 and expiring June 3, 2020 (depending on school calendar).

Motion 199 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 said contractors have begun fine-tuning doors. It was too warm to run the wood boiler this past weekend. The walk-in freezer was "in alarm" this weekend. The electric company still needs to replace the pole. The baseball field still needs a backstop. A water pipe in the elementary was broke was promptly fixed.

7 Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Derek O'Dell, 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

- Mrs. Anuszewski announced that MVSD received a transition grant, AAchieve, worth \$5,000. She hopes to present at the PDE conference. Tact2 training continues on.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked the board for the opportunity to be superintendent. The Career Team is working on job shadowing with 9th grade students. Riley Jagger was crowned Geography Bee champion. The winter wave of Keystone Exams has begun. Art and math curriculum are being worked on.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak implored to the board to return their Financial Interest Forms as soon as possible.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that the “Catch My Breath” vaping program is coming to MVSD soon. She recently met with James Baker from CTC regarding student progress on Perkins. There are 2 HS students interested in custodial openings. She read her retirement letter.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte wants to talk to nurses about students that develop allergies as they age.
- Mr. Decker announced that he received his certificate for board member training.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer discussed the new Citizen’s Advisory Committee.
- Mr. Very thanked Mrs. Voigt for her service to the district.
- Mr. Richmond thanked Mrs. Voigt and welcomed Dr. Elia.
- Mr. Barhite exclaimed that it was great working with Mrs. Voigt.

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

HELD:

- Monday, January 13, 2020 – 6:00 PM-7:30PM

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 27, 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 8:29 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- December 16, 2019 Minutes
- 2.1- January 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-CareGivers America Agreement
- 2.4-ESG Change Order
- 2.6-Repository Sale
- 4.1- Policy #907-School Visitors
- 4.2- Policy #222-Tobacco Use
 - Policy #304-Employment of Staff
- FYI-Eagles Softball Booster
- FYI-2-Conference Report
- FYI-3-CTC November Students of the Month

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak