

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

Monday, November 8, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 8, 2021 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; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. Danny Very.

Absent: Mr. Michael Talabiska, Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Liaison

- Brianna Boswell presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.

Presentation: Doug Womelsdorf: District Data

- Mr. Womelsdorf presented District Data.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –October 25, 2021

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated October 25, 2021, as presented.

Motion 155 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 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.

- Melissa McDonald asked why MV uses IXL and iReady?

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

2.1 Approve November Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the November 8, 2021 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$136,283.53.

Motion 156 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Affiliation Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve an affiliation agreement between the Mountain View School District and Misericordia University for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion 157 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.2 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Robert Weber, Scranton, as a volunteer for Boys Basketball.

Motion 158 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.3 Approve Special Unpaid Leave

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, made to approve a special unpaid leave for Susan Jones, Nicholson, PA for days in October and November, for medical reasons, as presented.

Motion 159 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.4 Authorize Posting and Advertising for Temporary Cafeteria/Study Hall Monitor

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize posting and advertising, for a for Temporary Cafeteria/Study Hall Monitor, 5.25 hour per day at a rate of \$10.50 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 160 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policy (discussion):

Policy 808- Food Services

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy 808-Food Services.

4.2 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 311- Reduction of Staff

Motion 161 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.3 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 312- Performance Assessment of Superintendent

Motion 162 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.4 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 313- Evaluation of Employees

Motion 163 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.5 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 314- Physical Examination

Motion 164 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.6 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 314.1- HIV Infection

Motion 165 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.7 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 317- Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures

Motion 166 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.8 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 318- Attendance and Tardiness

Motion 167 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.9 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 319- Outside Activities

Motion 168 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

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 Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Christine Misiura on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, October 26, 27, 28, 2021, K-12 Student Assistance Program Training, NEIU (Registration \$350.00, Substitute \$300.00; Total \$650.00) Title IV

Motion 168 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Sheri Ransom, Tuesdays, beginning November 9, 2021 until the end of the school year, Carbondale YMCA, Carbondale, PA (Transportation \$20.16 each trip)

Motion 169 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

6 Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor reporting that the treatment tank was installed, filled and operational.

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

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake mentioned that the ES hosted a Veteran's Day assembly on Veterans Day. There were 34 PBIS Flying Eagles. The PTO Craft Fair is Saturday.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said Our Town will be presented this week. The HS Veterans Day assembly will be streamed to all classrooms.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said that all aspects of Special Services are working hard.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs –Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf

- Mr. Womelsdorf reviewed safety plans with Drift Net.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak said MV completed its Food Service Administrative Review. It went very well. Mr. Witiak thanked Mrs. Kiryluk and her team.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked staff for all of their difficult work. He thanked PSBT for their Dual Enrollment Grant.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte is happy with the Safety Plan by DriftNet.
- Mr. Decker said the Alumni Dinner was great. He was tickled-pink that Dr. Lemoncelli and Dr. Elia were in attendance.

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*

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- Ted Brewster asked when is the reorganization meeting?
- Liz Weida wondered if 5th and 6th grade students should be asked their vaccination status.
- Britney Latwinski asked who you should speak to when there is an issue.
- Jim Schwep asked if CDC Guidelines are available.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 8, 2021 – 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, November 22, 2021 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 8:23 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- October 25, 2021 Minutes
- 2.1- November 2021 Bill List
- 3.3-Jones Note
- 4.1- Policy 808- Food Services
- 4.2- Policy 311- Reduction of Staff
- 4.3- Policy 312- Performance Assessment of Superintendent
- 4.4- Policy 313- Evaluation of Employees
- 4.5- Policy 314- Physical Examination
- 4.6- Policy 314.1- HIV Infection
- 4.7- Policy 317- Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- 4.8- Policy 318- Attendance and Tardiness
- 4.9- Policy 319- Outside Activities

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak