

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

**Monday, July 12, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on July 12, 2021 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:11 PM by Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President.

**1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:**

Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. Jason Richmond, President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

**Administration Present:**

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

Absent: Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –June 28, 2021**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated June 28, 2021, as presented.

Motion 1 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.*

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions on the agenda and the budget.
- Kirsten Smith asked about parents being able to review the handbooks prior to their approval.

**2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

**2.1 Approve July Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the July 12, 2021 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$572,737.24.

Motion 2 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**2.2 Approve Drift Net Securities Proposal**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2021 Drift Net Proposal, with no cost to the district, as proposed.

Motion 3 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**2.3 Approve Tax Anticipation Note**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve a Tax Anticipation Note with Peoples Security Bank not to exceed \$4,000,000.00.

Motion 4 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson**

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

**3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, due to retirement, from Elaine Chichura, from her teaching position, effective July 12, 2021, as presented.

Motion 5 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**3.2 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, due to retirement, from Janice Price, from her Athletic Director Position, with an effective date to be determined, as presented.

Motion 6 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**3.3 Appoint Fall and Winter Coaches**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following Fall and Winter Coaches:

Travis MacDonald: Soccer Boys Assistant Coach - \$3146.00

Travis MacDonald: Boys Jr. High Coach - \$2926.66

Roxzana MacDonald: Girls Jr. High Coach - \$2871.44

Motion 7 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

**4.1** Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 000-Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations

Motion 8 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**4.2** Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 007-Distribution

Motion 9 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**4.3** Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 003-Functions

Motion 10 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**4.4** Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 002-Authority and Powers

Motion 11 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**4.5** Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 001-Name and Classification

Motion 12 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

**5.1 Approve Dual Enrollment**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Dual Enrollment between the Mountain View School District and Keystone College for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 13 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 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. Mason Stiver and 20-30 students, Sunday, August 8, 2021, Railriders Baseball National Anthem, Moosic, PA (No cost to the district)
- B. Mason Stiver and 20-30 students, Sunday, September 12, 2021, Nicholson Bridge Day Performance, Nicholson (Transportation \$16.80)
- C. Mason Stiver and 20-30 students, Saturday, September 11, 2021, Clifford Park Fest Performance, Clifford PA (Transportation \$11.20)

Motion 14 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**5.3 Approve Handbooks**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the following handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented:

- A. Parent-Student Handbook
- B. Athletic Handbook

- Motion held. No action taken.

**6 Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor reported that he sump pump in the sewage treatment plant. The tank raised 18" and pipes snapped. We will need to re-dig the tank so it can sit correctly. The estimated repair cost is at least \$30,000.

**7 Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

**7.1 Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to post and advertise to fill open van route contracts.

Motion 15 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**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 said that STEM camp is in session. Reading camp starts next week. Remember that CDC and state recommendation will continue to evolve and change. There are 15 students registered in Pre-K.

**High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli**

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked and congratulated Elaine Chichura and Jan Price on their retirements.

**9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus**

- Mrs. Loftus stated there are 22 ESY students. Some students are returning to in-class instruction for the first time since pre-COVID.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf thanked Sheri Ransom for her help with DriftNet.

**9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak**

- Mr. Witiak discussed the van route openings.

**9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia**

- Absent

**New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Barhite asked if digital assignments could remain unlocked longer for graduating seniors. We have to start discussing our plan with masks for next school year.

**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 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

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, July 12, 2021 – 6:00 PM - 7:10 PM for Personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, July 26, 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 8:09 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- June 28, 2021 Minutes
- 2.1- July 2021 Bill List
- 2.7- Drift Net Proposal
- 3.1- Chichura Resignation
- 3.2-Price Resignation
- 4.1- Policy 000-Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
- 4.2- Policy 007-Distribution
- 4.3- Policy 003-Functions
- 4.4- Policy 002-Authority and Powers
- 4.5- Policy 001-Name and Classification
- 5.3-Handbooks

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak