

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

**Monday, May 24, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 24, 2021 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:11 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 Talabiska, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President.

**Administration Present:**

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

Absent: None

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**SGA Liaison-Tori Pellew**

- Tori presented the MVSGA Liaison Report. Dr. Elia presented Tori with a gift for her hard work as MVSGA Liaison. Tori introduced Brianna Boswell as the new liaison.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –May 10, 2021**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the minutes dated May 10, 2021, as presented.

Motion 271 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Michael Talabiska, Treasurer, reported as listed.**

- Mr. Talabiska 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.*

- Mr. Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve May Bill List**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the May 24, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$477,852.40, as presented.

Motion 272 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.2 Approve April Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, 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 \$3,281,668.64, as presented.

Motion 273 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.3 Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve exonerations for 2021 real estate, 2021 per capita taxes and 2021 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 274 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.4 Approve Continuation of Student Activities**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve continuation of the following student activities – Activities, Art Club, Band, Chorus, Class of 2022, Class of 2023, Class of 2026, Family and Consumer Sciences, FBLA, FOCUS Class, Mountain View Student Government Association, Music Theatre, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Olweus / PBIS, Students Against Drunk Driving, Scholastic Team, Science Club, Ski / Snowriders Club, Strategies for Life, Students In Need, and Yearbook for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion 275 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.5 Approve Agreement with ProCare**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an agreement between ProCare and the Mountain View School District for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 276 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

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

**3.1 Appoint Food Service Position**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to appoint Lora Wright, Factoryville, to a 6.5-hour Food Service position at a starting rate \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, effective May 25, 2021.

Motion held. No action taken.

**3.2 Authorize Posting**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve posting for a high school clerical position with applications due by 2:00 P.M. on June 1, 2021.

Motion 277 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.3 Approve Memorandum of Agreement**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Mountain View School District and the MVEA regarding past practice, as presented.

Motion 278 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.4 Approve Special Unpaid Leave**

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

Motion 279 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.5 Authorize Advertising for Coaches for Fall and Winter Sports for 2021-2022 school year**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize advertising for the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach, Boys Soccer Head Coach, Boys Soccer Assistant Coach, Junior High Soccer Coaches (2), Junior High Wrestling Coach

Motion 280 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **3.6 Approve Summer STEM Camp**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Summer STEM Camp for students in grades 4-6, Mondays through Thursdays, June 21-July 29, 2021.

Motion 281 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **3.7 Approve Reading Camp**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Reading Camp for students in grades K-3, Mondays through Thursdays, July 19 through August 12, 2021.

Motion 282 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **3.8 Approve Summer Program Teachers**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following teachers for Summer Programs:

Mary Ann Tranovich (STEM)

Allison Paparelli (STEM)

Brandi Miller (Reading)

Matthew Ord (Reading)

Motion 283 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **3.9 Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize posting and advertising for an art position with benefits per MVEA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 284 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **3.10 Authorize Advertising for Additional Positions**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize posting and advertising for the following positions, with benefits per MVEA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Elementary teacher with K-6 Certification

Elementary School Counselor

Secondary Math 7-12

Licensed Social Worker Services

Motion 285 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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 Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #247-Hazing

Motion 286 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**4.2 Approve the Following Policy:**

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

Policy #317.1-Educator Misconduct

Motion 287 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**4.3 First Reading of the Following Policies**

Policy 333-Professional Development  
Policy 249-Bullying/Cyberbullying/Sexting

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy 333 – Professional Development and Policy 249 – Bullying / Cyberbullying / Sexting

**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. Talabiska, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Jamie Bottger and six students, Monday, May 31, 2021, Lenox VFW, Lenox, PA (No cost to the district)
- B. Todd Calabro and five students, Tuesday, June 8, 2021, Envirothon, Sugar Run, PA (Transportation \$47.60)

Motion 288 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**5.2 Approve Conference Requests**

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

- A. George Barbolish, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, Restorative Practices Training, NEIU 19 (Travel \$21.28, Registration \$50.00; \$71.28)

Motion 289 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 5.3 Approve Flexible Instructional Day Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Flexible Instructional Day Program, as presented.

Motion 290 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 the hot water booster failed in the ES cafeteria and the server warmer failed in the HS cafeteria.

## 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

### 8.1 Approve Early Retirement Incentive MOU with MVEA for Beginning of 2021-2022 School Year

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Early Retirement Incentive MOU with the MVEA for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 291 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 9. **Administration**

### 9.1 Principals' Comments

#### **Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake**

- Dr. Lake announced there will be at least 53 incoming kindergarten students. Each grade is competing in their own field days. PreK, K, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotions are this week. Wished Robin Phillips a happy retirement.

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

- Dr. Lemoncelli congratulated Mrs. Bottger and Mr. Stiver for successful concerts.

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

- Mrs. Loftus continues on end-of-year activities.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf stated that the PSSAs are complete. The last day of Keystone exams are tomorrow. Graduation requirements were disseminated by PDE.

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

- Mr. Witiak said that work continues on crafting a balanced budget.

#### **9.4 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia thanked the administration team. He continues to work on staffing, planning and budgeting.

#### **New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Schulte is working on the ACS grant.

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

##### **HELD:**

- Monday, May 24, 2021 - 6:00 PM- 7:05 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

##### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, June 14, 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 8:08 PM.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5- May 10, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6- Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1- May 2021 Bill List
- 2.2- Disbursements
- 2.3- Exonerations
- 2.5- ProCare Agreement
- 3.3- MOA
- 3.4- Jones Medical Leave
- 4.1- Policy #247-Hazing
- 4.2- Policy #317.1-Educator Misconduct
- 4.3- Policy 333-Professional Development
- Policy 249-Bullying/Cyberbullying/Sexting
- 8.1- Retirement Incentive

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak