

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

Monday, May 10, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 10, 2021 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:14 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 (via call-in); 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:

ESG

- Mike Bayasa presented ideas regarding additional energy savings program.

Planning Priorities-Administrative Team

- Dr. Elia, Dr. Lake, Dr. Lemoncelli, Mr. Womelsdorf, and Mrs. Loftus presented the planning priorities for the district.

Proposed Final Budget-Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak presented the Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$22,605,719.00.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –April 26, 2021

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated April 26, 2021, as presented.

Motion 255 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.*

- Ted Brewster asked a clarifying question about the budget.

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 Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the list of bills for the May 10, 2021 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$78,180.27.

Motion 256 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Appoint Bank of Record

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Peoples Security Bank & Trust as bank of record for 2021-2022.

Motion 257 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Appoint Auditor

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Brian T. Kelly, CPA as district auditor for 2021-2022.

Motion 258 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Appoint Collector of Delinquent Taxes

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint G. H. Harris Associates, Inc., Dallas, PA as delinquent per capita and delinquent occupational tax collector for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion 259 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve 2021-2022 Proposed Final Budget

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the 2021 – 2022 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$22,605,719.00.

Motion 260 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Appoint School Solicitor

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Joseph F. Gaughan, P.C. as school solicitor for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual retainer amount of \$11,000.00 and a rate of \$140.00 per hour for other services according to proposal, as presented.

Motion 261 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Approve Property Insurance Company

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint DGK Insurance as property, auto, worker's compensation, etc. insurer for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion 262 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.8 Approve IDEA Notice

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the IDEA Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds between the NEIU #19 and the Mountain View School District for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 263 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Summer IT Help

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following summer IT help at a rate of \$10.00 an hour (effective as follows) and ending August 20, 2021, pending receipt of all documentation:

Nate Jones, Hop Bottom, PA (May 17, 2021)

Mason Stiver, Dunmore, PA (June 2, 2021)

Seth Fluck, Brooklyn, PA (June 2, 2021)

Motion 264 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute (corrected from April 26, 2021 agenda)

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Seth Fluck as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$45,939.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2020-2021 schedule, Effective April 19, 2021 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same High School position for more than 90 consecutive days (corrected from April 26, 2021 agenda).

Motion 265 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Mona Hoadley, from her clerical position, effective June 30, 2021.

Motion 266 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policies (discussion):

Policy #247-Hazing
Policy #317.1-Educator Misconduct

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #247-Hazing and Policy #317.1-Educator Misconduct.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Waiver of Expulsion

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student #23149 beginning April 30, 2021 and expiring June 1, 2021 (depending on school calendar).

Motion 267 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. Leslie Gossage, Monday through Friday, June 28th through July 2, 2021, Nueva Structured Word Inquiry Institute, Zoom meeting (Registration \$900.00)
- B. Leslie Gossage, Saturdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021, Setting up a Sound Wall, online, (Registration \$120.00)

Motion 268 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Theater Workshop for Students

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve a free two week theater workshop (held by Jason and Kathy McHenry) for students in grades 6-11 for the 2020-2021 school year from June 14-June 24, 2021 (Monday through Thursday, 8 A.M until 12:00 P.M. with public showcase Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7 P.M., as presented.

Motion 269 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

6.1 Approve Energy Savings Project Addendum

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the addendum to the guaranteed energy savings project with ESG, as presented.

Motion 270 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor said there was a large beaver on the ES playground. The grass is growing very fast right now.

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 said next week is spirit week. Staff is preparing for promotions. 2020-2021 will go down in the history books.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said that many students won Jr. Academy of Science awards. MV finished second in the Scholastic Scrimmage.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said there is a push to get in all of the meetings and testing.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf said that testing is still underway for the PSSAs and Keystones. Once data is received, it will be shared.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No comment.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked the school board for allowing the administration team to present their planning priorities. There will be a letter going home about the summer programs.

New Business from Board Members

- None.

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- Glenn Love asked a bevy of questions about the fitness center.
- Joe Plonski asked questions about the PS school code.
- Kelly Richmond applauded the school board for considering improving our community by moving forward with the fitness center.

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

HELD:

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

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, May 24, 2021 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-April 26, 2021 Minutes
- 2.1-May 2021 Bill List
- 2.6-School Solicitor
- 2.8-IDEA Notice
- 3.3-Hoadley Retirement
- 4.1-Policy #247-Hazing
Policy #317.1-Educator Misconduct
- 5.3-Theater Workshop

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak