

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

**Monday, April 26, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on April 26, 2021 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:28 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; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: Mr. Derek O’Dell.

**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 minutes

**Presentations:**

**Budget Presentation**

**Technology-Patty Button and Matt Georgetti**

- Ms. Button and Mr. Georgetti presented the Technology budget in the amount of \$445,465.30.

**Athletics-Mark Lemoncelli**

- Dr. Lemoncelli presented the Athletics budget in the amount of \$113,600.00.

**Nutrition-Erin Kiryluk and Melissa Hatala**

- Mrs. Hatala and Mrs. Kiryluk presented the cafeteria budget in the amount of \$197,963.22

### **Susquehanna Recreation Center- Ashley Kilmer**

- Mrs. Kilmer and associates made a presentation in support of the Susquehanna County Recreation Center.

### **Insurance Bid Presentation**

- Mr. Davis of DGK Insurance presented their proposal in the amount of \$108,869.
- Mrs. Maruzzelli and Mrs. Kromko of Tri County Insurance presented their proposal in the amount of \$108,967.

### **ESG Presentation**

- ESG presented proposals for improving air quality as part of the ESSER grant.

## **1.5 Approval of the Minutes –April 12, 2021**

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated April 12, 2021, as presented.

Motion 238 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 the 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.*

- Tom Stoddard asked about the agreement and consideration clause with the Susquehanna County Recreation Center.
- Ted Brewster asked about the natural gas line cost.
- Carol Zick asked what will be the cost to participate in programs at the Susquehanna County Recreation Center.
- Dane Barhite believes the Susquehanna County Recreation Center will help other programs in the community.
- Lisa Kozloski is excited about the Susquehanna County Recreation Center.
- Glenn Love asked about the impact to MVSD's OGM revenue.

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

### **2.1 Approve April Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the April 26, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$469,824.64, as presented.

Motion 239 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.2 Approve March Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, 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 \$3,249,047.30, as presented.

Motion 240 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, 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 241 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.4 Approve Opening of Student Activities**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve opening of the Class of 2026 student activity for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 242 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.5 Approve Letter of Agreement with Northeast Behavior Health Care Consortium**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an updated Letter of Agreement between Northeast Behavior Health Care Consortium and the Mountain View School District, as presented.

Motion 243 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.6 Approve Contract with PSBA**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve a contract between PSBA and the Mountain View School District for professional services, as presented.

Motion 244 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.7 Approve Tax Bill Printer**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Government Software Services (GSS) for 2021 real estate tax, per capita tax, and occupation tax bill printing, as presented.

Motion 245 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **2.8 Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated March 31, 2021 as presented and file for audit:

1. High School Activities Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. Elementary School Activities Account
4. Athletic Account

Motion 246 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

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

#### **3.1 Approve Long Term Substitute**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Seth Fluck as a long term substitute for having served more than 30 consecutive days as a Special Education teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective April 19, 2021.

Motion 247 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **3.2 Approve Unpaid Leave**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve special unpaid leave for Kristy Bayle from August 30, 2021 until December 23, 2021 in accordance with Section 8 of the MVESPA agreement.

Motion 248 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation from Cheryl Carpenter from her custodian position effective April 29, 2021, as presented.

Motion 249 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **3.4 Authorize Posting and Advertising**

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

Motion 250 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

#### **4.1 First Reading of the Following Policies:**

Policy #247-Hazing

Policy #317.1-Educator Misconduct

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

**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 Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Jamie Bottger, Wednesday through Saturday, April 14-17, 2021, PMEA Annual Conference, Virtual (Registration \$100.00)

Motion 251 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**5.2 Approve Religious Instruction 2021-2022**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Religious Instruction Program between the Mountain View School District and the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Susquehanna County, as presented.

Motion 252 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Decker, Mr. Schulte), 1 No (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

**5.3 Approve Field Trip Requests**

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

- A. Todd Calabro and Whitney Johnson, Friday, April 30, 2021, Susquehanna County Envirothon Competition, Elk Mountain, PA (Transportation \$66.75, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$256.75)

Motion 253 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**5.4 Approve Agreement with University of Scranton**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the proposed Agreement between the University of Scranton and the Mountain View School District regarding Field Experience for education students, for the 2021-2024 school years, as presented.

Motion 254 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 fixed the boiler in the pole barn.

**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 PSSA testing will be getting underway soon.

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

- Dr. Lemoncelli said that Graduation is on June 5.

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

- Mrs. Loftus said she continues to meet with parents and teachers.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf said he will be in PSSA Testing mode.

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

- No update.

**9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia**

- No update.

**New Business from Board Members**

- None.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, April 26, 2021 - 6:00 PM - 7:25 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, May 10, 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 10:28 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-April 12, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-April 2021 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.5- Northeast Behavior Health Care Consortium
- 4.1- Policy #247-Hazing
  - Policy #317.1-Educator Misconduct
- 5.2-Religious Release Agreement
- 5.4-Agreement with University of Scranton

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak