

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

Monday, April 12, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on April 12, 2021 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:55 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; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: None

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:

Budget Presentations:

Mr. Bob Taylor-Buildings and Grounds

- Mr. Taylor presented the Building and Grounds budget in the amount of \$748,000.

Dr. Mark Lemoncelli- High School Principal

- Dr. Lemoncelli presented the High School budget in the amount of \$1,422,560.

Dr. Christopher Lake-Elementary Principal

- Dr. Lake presented the Elementary budget in the amount of \$160,000.

Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf- Director of Curriculum

- Mr. Womelsdorf presented the Curriculum budget in the amount of \$73,341.

Mrs. Erica Loftus-Director of Special Services

- Mrs. Loftus presented the Special Services budget in the amount of \$541,650.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –March 22, 2021

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated March 22, 2021, as presented.

Motion 230 Carried: 9 Yes

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.*

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

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 12, 2021 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$69,246.74.

Motion 230 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve Agreement with PSBA

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement between PSBA and the Mountain View School District in the amount of \$8,485.55 for the 2021-2022 year.

Motion 231 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from Joseph DiBuono from his custodian position effective April 12, 2021.

Motion 232 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following volunteer:

Bill Simons, JH Baseball

David Jagger, JV/V Baseball
Matthew Kilmer-JV/V Baseball
Isabel Keating-Boys Volleyball

Motion 233 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3 Approve Suspension of Employee

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the unpaid suspension of employee #429 for the dates April 13th and April 14th, 2021.

Motion 234 Carried: 9 Yes

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 Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #309.1- Telework

Motion 235 Carried: 9 Yes

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. Pamela Ealo and Kate Sekely, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 11th, 12th, 13th, 2021, Wilson Reading System Advanced Strategies for MSL Group Instruction, Virtual (Registration \$1,298.00, Substitute \$570.00; Total \$1,868.00)
- B. Mona Hoadley, Wednesday and Thursday, April 14-15, 2021, A\CAPA Spring Virtual Conference 2021, Virtual (Registration \$100.00)
- C. Melody Haley, Thursday Through Sunday, April 8-11, 2021, Mission Unstoppable, the 2021 PASNAP Annual Conference, Virtual (Registration \$115.00)

Motion 236 Carried: 9 Yes

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

6.1 Approve Proposed Agreement of Sale

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the proposed agreement of sale for real estate, as revised, between the MVSD and the Susquehanna

County Recreation Center for between 10 and 12 acres of unused and unnecessary land currently owned by the MVSD.

Motion 237 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very, Mr. Richmond), 3 No (Mr. Decker, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer)

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor said the "Home of the Eagles" signage was installed at the HS. The new scoreboards are working well. He wished Joe DiBuono well wishes.

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 thanked ES custodians, especially Rose Williams for their hard work. The ES teachers did a great job with the change to full-send. The PSSAs start next Tuesday.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked the community for making full-send a success.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus stated that full-send has led to a bevy of adjustments. The HS Life Skills made "blessing bags."

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf thanked Mrs. Strickland for all of her help with PSSA organization. He is still learning what our needs are as a district.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak said the remaining budget presentations will be at the next meeting.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said he looking closely at educational gaps – how to learn at home and how to learn at school.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Richmond stated that members of the Susquehanna County Recreation Center will present at the next meeting.

- Mr. Barhite thanked everyone for putting in extra effort for the full-send.

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

HELD:

- Monday, March 22, 2021 – 6:00 PM - 7:50PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 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 8:39 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-March 22, 2021 Minutes
- 2.1-April 2021 Bill List
- 2.2-PSBA Agreement
- 3.1-DiBuono Retirement
- 4.1-Policy #309.1- Telework

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak