

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

Monday, March 22, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on March 22, 2021 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:12 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 (via call-in); 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:

SGA Liaison-Tori Pellew

- **Tori presented the SGA Liaison report**

SGA Awards Presentation-Andrea Aten

- Dr. Lemoncelli presented an award to Hannah Geron and Reagan White.
- Dr. Lemoncelli presented an award to Dr. Elia and Mr. Richmond.
- Mrs. Aten is the recipient of the Edrene Wright advisor of the year award

Douglas Womelsdorf-District Educational Data Presentation

- Mr. Womelsdorf presented District Educational Data.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –March 8, 2021

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated March 8, 2021, as presented.

Motion 218 Carried: 9 Yes

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

- Mr. Talabiska presented the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report

1.7 Administrator Comments

- Dr. Lake presented proposals and challenges for both the hybrid and full send learning models for the ES.
- Dr. Lemoncelli presented proposals and challenges for both the hybrid and full send learning models for the HS.
- Mrs. Loftus discussed challenges of full send for special education.
- Dr. Elia thanked the administrator team for working on the hybrid and full send learning models.

1.8 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.*

- Chase Poploski discussed his preference for full-send as it may help mental health.
- Greg Barlow wants to return full send since majority of teachers are vaccinated.
- Holly Galvin thanked the school board for their time and effort. She wants to see classmates for the last 2 weeks if MV remains hybrid.
- Kim Poploski asked if we are a small or medium school district. Dr. Elia advised we are considered medium school district. She discussed closure situations.
- Kirsten Smith said there is not enough social interactions for students. Education has become very independent.
- Jamie Sussman believes teachers should be vaccinated. Staggering lunch could help with distancing.
- Sydney Barhite wants to be full-in. She wants more social interaction.
- Joy Payne wants full send. She would like additional clarification about mask wearing and cafeteria.
- Lisa Kozloski stated the PA Department of Health recommends a fully remote learning model.
- Lisa Carpenter wants to know rules about snack time.
- Kendel Meyer wants facts not opinions.
- Ashley Ransom said that other local schools have tried a fully open model.
- Courtney Hummel wants to try a full open model.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve March Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the March 22, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$446,132.36, as presented.

Motion 219 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve February 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 \$2,263,103.65, as presented.

Motion 220 Carried: 9 Yes

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 221 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Updated Agreement with Northeast Behavioral Health Care Consortium

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an updated agreement between the Mountain View School District, NBHCC and Community Care Behavioral Health, as presented.

Motion 222 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve Agreement with McKinney-Vento

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an agreement between the Mountain View School District and McKinney-Vento, as presented.

Motion 223 Carried: 9 Yes

2.6 Approve Transfer to Cafeteria Fund

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund (10-5250-930-000-00-000-000-0000 / CR: 52302) to Cafeteria Fund (50-9310-000-000-00-005-000-000-0000 / CR: CR013) in the amount of \$35,000.

Motion 224 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Spring Coach

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

JV Volleyball Coach- Seth Fluck, Brooklyn Twp. \$ 3,080.00

Motion 225 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policy (discussion):

Policy #309.1- Telework

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy #309.1 – Telework.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar, as presented.

Motion 226 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Katie Naegele, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 11th,12th,13th, 2021, Wilson Reading System Advanced Strategies for MSL Group Instruction, Virtual (Registration \$649.00, Substitute \$285.00; Total \$934.00)
- B. Allison Bluhm, Friday through Sunday, April 9th through the 11th, 2021, PASNAP Annual Conference, Virtual (Registration \$115.00) (Title II)
- C. Maureen Beamish, Thursday and Friday, May 6-7th 2021, Virtual SAP K-12 Training (Registration \$350.00)

Motion 227 Carried: 9 Yes

5.3 Approve Educational Platform for 2020-2021 School Year

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the plan for the 2020-2021 school year, in which Mountain View students will attend classes full-send, effective March 29, 2021.

Motion 228 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. O'Dell, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very, Mr. Richmond) , 2 No (Mr. Decker, Mrs. Stine)

5.4 Revise 2020-2021 School Calendar

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, seconded by Mr. Very, to approve the revision to the 2020-2021 school calendar. The April 28, 2021 extended day is moved to March 30 and keep the last 1:00 PM dismissal for March 31, 2021.

Motion 229 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Absent

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 the school board for all of their hard work. Report cards are going home on March 31.

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli announced that spring sports have started. He wants the board to consider masking differences for outdoor sports. He congratulated Sydney Barhite.

9.2 Director of Special Services –Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus will be hard at work on the full-send schedule.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf is preparing for the PDE Civics test.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak announced there are 5 budget presentations scheduled for the next board meeting.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said the focus is on safely closing out the school year. We will continue to prepare students for what comes next.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte thanked the administration for all of their hard work.

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- Chase Poploski thanked the administration and school board.
- Beth Sedlak is glad that students are back in school for their real full-time job.
- Jamie White asked if we will be back full-send for the remainder of the year. Dr. Elia said yes, we will remain full-send for the remainder of the year.

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

HELD:

- Thursday, March 11, 2021- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM for Negotiations
- Monday, March 22, 2021 - 6:00 PM - 7:08 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 12, 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 9:44 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-March 8, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-March 2021 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.4-NBHCC Agreement
- 2.5- McKinney-Vento Agreement
- 4.1-Policy 309.1-Telework
- 5.1-2021-2022 School Calendar

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak