

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

Monday, February 8, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 8, 2021 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:36 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; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte (via call-in); Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Danny Very (via call-in).

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

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 (via call-in); Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –January 25, 2021

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the minutes dated January 25, 2021, as presented.

Motion 185 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 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 agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O’Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve February Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the list of bills for the February 8, 2021 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$231,739.83.

Motion 186 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.2 Approve NEIU Budget for 2021-2022

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the 2021-2022 NEIU operating budget.

Motion 187 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.3 Approve Negotiated Property Price

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Decker, to accept any price negotiated by the Tax Claim Bureau on each property in our district at the next repository sale, as presented.

Motion 188 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the following volunteer:

Robert Sedlak, JH Girls Basketball
Darin Bain- JH Boys Basketball
Bridget Evans-JH Girls Basketball

Motion 189 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.2 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Decker, to accept the letter of resignation from Crystal Very from her Support Staff position effective February 1, 2021, as presented.

Motion 190 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O'Dell, Mrs. Stine, Mr. Talabiska), 1 Abstain (Mr. Very), 2 Absent (Mr. Barhite, Dr. Plonski-Sezer)

3.3 Approve Job Description of Human Resource Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the job description for Human Resource Coordinator/Administrative Assistant, as presented.

Motion 191 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor announced that we can use the ESSER II Grant for HVAC and doors to improve air circulation. We could replace 31 univents at the HS. The new plow is very nice. Wood chips are being delivered 5 days a week.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Substitute Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint June Cole as a substitute driver for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 192 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

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 gave his condolences to the Michaels family over the loss of John Michaels.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated that MV received a math and science grant. Several students will be featured on WVIA.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said her first month has been wonderful.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf has been busy working on the ESSER II Grant. The MV Virtual Academy has been a great success.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said that he has been trying to keep the kids in school throughout all of the recent weather. Safety is the main focus with managing weather delays and virtual days. MV is monitoring the A/B group on-site day count.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Talabiska thanked Dr. Elia for getting the vaccines to MV employees.
- Mr. Schulte gave his condolences to the John Michaels family.

Second Hearing of Visitors *You may address any topic. 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 when budget presentations will begin.

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

HELD:

- Monday, February 8, 2021 – 6:00 PM - 7:30PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, February 22, 2021 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Decker, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- January 25, 2021 Minutes
- 2.1-February 2021 Bill List
- 2.3-Repository Sale List
- 3.2-Very Resignation Letter
- 3.3-Human Resource Coordinator/Administrative Assistant Job Description

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak