

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

**Monday, January 25, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 25, 2021 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:05 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; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Derek O'Dell (via call-in); Mr. Danny Very (via call-in).

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 (via call-in); 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.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –January 11, 2021**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated January 11, 2021, as presented.

Motion 173 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 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***

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- None.

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve January Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the January 25, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$109,032.17, as presented.

Motion 174 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.2 Approve December 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 \$3,488,838.37, as presented.

Motion 175 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 2020 & 2021 real estate, 2020 & 2021 per capita taxes and 2020 & 2021 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 176 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.4 Approve Closing Capital Project Fund with Fidelity Bank**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve closing the Capital Project fund with Fidelity Bank. The 2018 construction project is considered complete.

Motion 177 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.5 Approve Opening Capital Project Fund**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve opening a Capital Project fund with People's Security Bank & Trust.

Motion 178 Carried: 9 Yes

## 2.6 Approve Collaborative Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve a collaborative agreement between Integrative Counseling Services, PC. and the Mountain View School District effective February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, as presented.

Motion 179 Carried: 9 Yes

## 2.7 Approve Tax Collector Compensation

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following tax collector compensation agreement for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025:

- Real Estate - \$2.50 per bill sent out; \$5.00 per bill collected (including first installment #1) \$2.00 per installment payment collected #2 and #3; \$2.00 per uncollected bill.
- Occupation/Per Capita – 5% commission rate on collected bills; \$1.00 per uncollected bill.
- A tax collector will be compensated a minimum of \$2,000.00 per fiscal year.
- Tax collector will mail out initial tax bills.

Motion 180 Carried: 9 Yes

## 2.8 Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated December 31, 2020 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 181 Carried: 9 Yes

## 2.9 Approve Transfer

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer from General Fund (10-5280-933-000-00-001-000-000-0000 / CR:52801) to Athletic Fund in the amount of \$10,500.

Motion 182 Carried: 9 Yes

## 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 serviced more than 30 consecutive days as a Special Education teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective January 15, 2021.

Motion 183 Carried: 9 Yes

### 3.2 Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Laura Sedlak 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 January 21, 2021 (91<sup>st</sup> day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same High School position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 184 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the next meeting will be on February 3 at 6:00 PM.

#### 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 said that a new Kubota with a plow costs \$22,890. He will see if the old Kubota's doors can be repaired by vo-tech. The wood mill is currently shut down. Therefore, our wood boiler is currently shut down too.

#### 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 Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Bluhm, and Dr. Elia for helping coordinate the vaccination for MV employees. Returning students to the hybrid model was seamless. Career week will be changed to career month this year.

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

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked Tori Pellew for her report. Report cards will be distributed on Friday and Monday. Sports is on full swing and players are masking up and working hard. There will be a virtual pep-rally.

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

- Mrs. Loftus said that it's great to finally see students in the buildings. She met some of her students via Google Meet. PASSA training preparation continues.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf noted that the first day of the MV Cyber Academy was a success. The initial enrollment is 11 students. Mrs. Moher has given the program her personalized touch. Graduation requirements might be changing.

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

- Mr. Witiak asked if building-use fees is something that board would like to explore.

### **9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia wants to continue to explore cost savings and revenue generating ideas. He thanked the board for all they do.

### **New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Decker thanked the administration team for all of their hard work on all COVID related issues.

**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 clarifying questions about the agenda.
- Natalie Nice voiced concerns about learning from home.

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

#### **HELD:**

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

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, February 8, 2021 before and after the public meeting

## **10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5-January 11, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-January 2021 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.6-Integrative Services Agreement
- 2.8-Quarterly Report

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Witiak