

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

**Monday, December 19, 2022 - 7:00 PM**  
**Agenda**

**\*\*\*Minutes**

**1. Opening Activities**

- 1.1. Call to Order - 7:15pm
- 1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3. Roll Call

Board of Education:

<u>  </u> P Mr. Michael Barhite	<u>  </u> P Mr. David Schulte
<u>  </u> P Mr. Kenneth Decker	<u>  </u> P Mrs. Sondra Stine
<u>  </u> P Mr. Derek O’Dell	<u>  </u> P Mr. Michael Talabiska
<u>  </u> P Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer	<u>  </u> P Mr. Danny Very
<u>  </u> P Mr. Jason Richmond	<u>  </u> P Mrs. Donna Keslo, Sec. Non-Member

Administration:

<u>  </u> P Dr. Michael Elia	<u>  </u> P Mr. Patrick McGarry
<u>  </u> P Mrs. Donna Keslo	<u>  </u> P Dr. Mark Lemoncelli
<u>  </u> A Mr. Andrew Snyder	<u>  </u> P Mr. Joseph Gaughan, Attorney
<u>  </u> P Mrs. Erica Loftus	

**1.4. Pride in Mountain View:**

SGA Representative - GG Larkin **\*See attached report**

**1.5. Approval of the Minutes – December 5, 2022**

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Talabiska, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the minutes dated December 5, 2022 as presented.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

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

**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.

Mr. Ted Brewster asked for a copy of the Treasurer's Report.

## 2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

### 2.1. Approve December Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the list of bills for December 22, 2022 for the General Fund in the amount of **\$181,354.86** and for the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of **\$35,251.64** totaling **\$216,606.50**, as presented.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

### 2.2. Approve Exonerations

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve exonerations for real estate, per capita and occupation taxes submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

### 2.3. Approve Bills Paid in Advance

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve November 2022 General and Cafeteria Fund Bills paid in advance, as presented.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

## 3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

### 3.1. Approve Advertisement for Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to advertise for the following coaches:

JH Baseball Coach  
JH Softball Coach

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

### 3.2 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve Bridget Sherring as a volunteer for the PTO and Kid Writing.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

### 3.3. Approve Supplemental Position

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve Mason Stiver as the Music Play Director Assistant for the 2022-2023 school year.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

### 4.1. First Reading of the Following Policy (Updates only):

Policy 221 - Dress and Grooming

## 5. **Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

### 5.1. Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Sondra Stine, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the following field trip requests A through F, as presented:

- A. Mason Stiver and 5 Band students, Friday and Saturday, January 20-21, 2023, Marywood Senior Wind Band Celebration, Marywood University (Transportation \$75.00, Registration \$400.00, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$580.00)
- B. Mason Stiver and 1-2 students, Wednesday through Friday, February 8-10, 2023, PMEADistrict 9 Band, North Pocono HS (Transportation \$157.50, Registration \$80.00 paid by SGA, Substitute \$315.00; Total \$552.50)
- C. Christine Misiura, Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Diana Lombardi and 65 students on Friday, December 16, 2022, NHS/NJHS Caroling, Gino Merli Vet Center/Allied Rehab Hospital (Transportation \$224.13, Substitute \$315.00; Total \$539.13)
- D. Molly Birozak and 24 students, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, December 12, 13, 15, 2022, Chimettes, Susquehanna, Forest City, South Montrose (Transportation \$537.03, Substitute \$262.50; Total \$799.53)

- E. Glen Mackey and 4 students, January 5, 2023, What's So Cool About Manufactory Filming for Competition, Masters Concrete, Olyphant PA (Transportation \$31.25, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$136.25)
- F. Samantha Hayden and Daniel Lishok, Friday, January 20, 2023, Tour CTC Building, Susquehanna County Career Technology Center (Transportation \$129.76)

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

## 5.2. Approve Conference Request

The motion is made by Mrs. Sondra Stine, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the following conference request:

- A. Patricia Button, Monday through Wednesday, May 1-3, 2023, Tech Talk Live, IU#13, (Travel \$200.00, Lodging \$496.17, Registration \$350.00; Total \$1,046.17)

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report – No report at this time. Mr. Dan Very stated that Mr. Taylor needs to train another person on the wood burner so that there is a backup person.

## 7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

### 7.1. Approve Resignation of Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Kenneth Decker, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the resignation due to retirement of Louise Stoddard for the Bus 8 route effective December 23, 2022.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

Mr. Decker and the board thanked Mrs. Louise Stoddard for all her years of service to the district.

### 7.2. Approve Rescinding of Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Kenneth Decker, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the rescinding of the bus contract with the Pocono Transportation, Inc. for the Bus 22 route due to unanticipated bus consolidations effective January 3, 2023.

Voting:   9   Yes      No      Abstain      Absent

### 7.3. Approve Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Kenneth Decker, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the Bus 8 contract to Linda Anthony for the remainder of the 2022 - 2023 school year per the approved bus contract effective January 3, 2023.

Voting:   9   Yes        No        Abstain        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

Nothing to report at this time.

### 9. Administration

#### 9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

Mr. McGarry spoke about how fast paced the month has been with so many different activities going on. He also mentioned how well the two (2) virtual snow days went in the elementary school. He reminded the board that the elementary concert is scheduled for Tuesday December 20, 2022 at 9am and that they were all invited to attend. He thanked the PTO for their work with the Santa's Secret workshop.

Mr. Decker asked Mr. McGarry how the students in the elementary are doing education wise after the pandemic. Mr. McGarry indicated that third grade was the most impacted but that there are programs in place to help them bridge the gap and get caught up.

Mr. Michael Talabiska spoke of how the public is noticing Mr. McGarry and all the positive that he is bringing to our district hallways.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

Dr. Lemoncelli thanked the CTC Students of the month for their continued hard work. He also mentioned FBLA sent 22 students to the regional conference and that of those 17 qualified for state conference. He thanked both the advisors and students for all their hard work with this. He reminded the board that the high school concert is scheduled for Tuesday December 20, 2022 at 4pm and that they were all invited to attend. He mentioned that for the first time since 2010 our woman's basketball team was listed in the top ten in the Scranton Times. He also talked about a survey that Mr. McGarry and himself sent out to the staff.

Mr. Decker asked Dr. Lemoncelli how the students in the high school are doing education wise after the pandemic. Dr. Lemoncelli indicated that the PVAAS scores are doing great and that he feels they are in a good stop as far as education goes.

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

Mrs. Loftus thanked Sheri Ransom and Ginger Compton for their continued support in finalizing the state reports that are due by the end of the year. She spoke about the fact that educationally the students were staying at or around the state average.

Mr. Decker asked her how the staffing in her department was. He questioned as to whether or not she felt that the staffing was adequate to the student needs. She let him know that currently we are in a good place and that once the new speech pathologist was hired she felt things would be even better. She also let them know that they were going through the interview process for that position.

**9.3. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs - Mr. Andrew Snyder**

None

**9.4. Business Manager - Mrs. Donna Keslo**

Mrs. Keslo thanked the board for their support with all the busing issues over the last couple of months. She also thanked Linda and Dan Anthony for all their continued support they have offered. She thanked them for taking on a new bus to help with the busing. Mrs. Keslo told the board that the AFR (annual financial report) was being worked on and that she was waiting for the auditors to finalize everything so it may be submitted.

**9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia**

Dr. Elia spoke about the Comprehensive Plan. He indicated that it is a road map for the students future. The plan uses many different data and goals to help have action plans in place. He spoke about the four main goals of the plan. He talked about how we are working towards real time updating of our curriculum and being proud of what we do here. This plan is just a way to take what we already do, make it known to the public and put it down on paper. He also wants to make sure that our senior students feel confident about where they are headed after graduation whether it be going to college or headed directly into a career.

Mr. Decker asked about our financials and how he sees that our budget has seemed to level out and be more stable. Dr. Elia explained that cyber costs are down and the gas royalty checks have been more consistent. He feels more confident that they have been able to budget more correctly then the past couple of years. He feels that with the new administrative team the budget season should be more positive. He indicated

that spending is still going on, but that it is being done so in a more effective and efficient manner.

## 10. Closing

### 10.1. New Business from Board Members

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.

### 10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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None

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, December 19, 2022 - 6:00pm – 7:05pm for Personnel, Professional, and Busing

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, January 9, 2023 before and after the public meeting

## 11. Adjourn

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Danny Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5 - December 5, 2022 Minutes
- 1.6 - Treasurer / Cafeteria Reports
- 2.1 - Bill Listing
- 2.2 - Exonerations
- 2.3 - Bills Paid in Advance
- 4.1 - Policy 221- Dress and Grooming