

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

Monday, May 9, 2022
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 9, 2022 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:11 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; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: ; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –April 25, 2022

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated April 25, 2022, as presented.

Motion 343 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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 clarifying questions about the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O’Dell

2.1 Approve May Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the May 9, 2022 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$149,457.43.

Motion 344 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Appoint School Solicitor

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Joseph F. Gaughan, P.C. as school solicitor for the 2022-2023 school year at an annual retainer amount of \$11,000.00 and a rate of \$140.00 per hour for other services according to proposal, as presented.

Motion 345 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Appoint Bank of Record

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Peoples Security Bank & Trust as bank of record for 2022-2023.

Motion 346 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Appoint Auditor

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint Brian T. Kelly, CPA as district auditor for 2022-2023.

Motion 347 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Appoint Collector of Delinquent Taxes

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint G. H. Harris Associates, Inc., Dallas, PA as delinquent per capita and delinquent occupational tax collector for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion 348 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve 2022-2023 Proposed Final Budget

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2022 – 2023 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$22,667,633.

Motion 349 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Appoint Property Insurance Company

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint DGK Insurance as property, auto, worker's compensation, etc. insurer for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion 350 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following Volunteer:

Janice Price, Clifford PA- all sports

Motion 351 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept a letter of resignation, from Kristy Bayle from her Paraprofessional position, effective May 18, 2022, as presented.

Motion 352 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Second reading of the following policy (discussion):

220-Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on 220-Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials.

4.2 First reading of the following policy

227-Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on 227-Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve homebound instruction for Student #28117 starting March 18, 2022 and expiring June 6, 2022.

Motion 353 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Homebound Instruction Extension

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve a homebound instruction extension for Student #30044 set to now expire June 6, 2022.

Motion 354 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Mason Stiver and 7 students, Friday, May 6, 2022, PMEA District 9 Bandfest, Hazleton High School (Transportation \$93.60, Registration 280.00, Substitute \$100.00; Total \$473.60)
- B. Matt Donnelly, Rebekah Ihlfeldt, Charleene Martens and Class of 2022, Friday, May 13, 2022, Hershey Park (Transportation \$848.28, Substitute \$300.00; Total \$1,148.28)
- C. Kathy McHenry, Melissa Davis and 1 student, Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2, 2022, FBLA National Leadership Conference, Chicago Illinois (Lodging \$850.00- paid by student, Registration \$295.00; total \$1,145.00)

Motion 355 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

7.1 Approve Fuel Stipend

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve a fuel stipend for transportation contractors for 50% of the difference in average pump cost from September to the average pump cost in April for the estimated fuel used during the month of April.

Motion 356 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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

- Absent.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Absent.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus thanked Mrs. Bayle for her years of service. The excitement of the PSSAs is over. Keystone exams begin soon. ESY staffing will be finalized soon.

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

- Absent

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak discussed tax periods.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia noted that Headstart is leaving MVES because of budget cuts.

New Business from Board Members

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

HELD:

- None.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, May 23, 2022 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 7:40 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-April 25, 2022 Minutes
- 2.1-May Bill List
- 3.2-Bayle resignation
- 4.1-220-Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
- 4.2-227-Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Witiak