

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

Monday, February 14, 2022
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 14, 2022 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:24 PM by Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Jason Richmond, President (via call-in); Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Presentation-Program of Studies-Dr. Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli presented the HS Program of Studies.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –January 24, 2022

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the minutes dated January 24, 2022, as presented.

Motion 246 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 February Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for the February 14, 2022 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$506,977.02.

Motion 247 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Agreement between The Red Cross and The Mountain View School District

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Facility Use Agreement between The Red Cross and The Mountain View School District, effective December 13, 2021, as presented.

Motion 248 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve NEIU Budget

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2022-2023 NEIU General Operating Budget, as presented.

Motion 249 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following quarterly reports dated December 31, 2021 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 250 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Agreement between Wilkes University and The Mountain View School District

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve an MOU Agreement between Wilkes University and The Mountain View School District, as presented.

Motion 251 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve the Petition of the Mountain View School Board of Directors for Approval of the Sale of Real Estate

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to Approve the Petition of the Mountain View School Board of Directors for Approval of the Sale of Real Estate Pursuant to Title 24 of PA. C.S.A. section 7-707(3), as amended, and to authorize the President of the School Board of Directors to sign and verify the subject petition and to submit the finalized petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna County.

Motion 252 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte), 1 No (Mrs. Stine), 1 Absent (Dr. Plonski-Sezer)

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Spring Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following Spring Coaches:

Track Assistant Coach-Thomas Ord
Track Assistant Coach-Jamie Supancik
JH Softball Coach-Laura Sedlak
Boys Volleyball Head Coach-Jesse Gerfin
JH Baseball Coach-David Jagger

Motion 253 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising, for a maintenance position at a rate of \$14.70 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 254 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following substitute:

a. Reagan White, Union Dale, PA, to the Paraprofessional Substitute List

Motion 255 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, from Anthony Smith, from his custodian position, effective February 18, 2022, as presented.

Motion 256 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising, for a Custodial position at a rate of \$12.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 257 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following Volunteer:

Noelle Horton, Clifford Twp., Kid Writing

Motion 258 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):

331-Job Related Expenses
332-Working Periods
334-Sick Leave
335-Family and Medical Leaves
336-Personal Necessity Leave
337-Vacation

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 #23094 beginning January 10, 2022 and ending January 14, 2022.

Motion 259 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Jamie White and Allison Martino on Friday, March 18, 2022, Counselor Academy, University of Scranton (No cost to the district)
- B. Lisa Kozloski, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 16-18, 2022, Boston Express Virtual Package for NASP, Virtual (Registration \$199.00)
- C. Douglas Womelsdorf, Sunday through Wednesday, April 3rd through April 6th, Pennsylvania Association of Federal Program Coordinators Annual Conference,

- Seven Springs, PA (Travel \$348.66, Lodging \$795.00, Registration \$380.00; Total \$1,523.66)
- D. Mary Lynne Twining on Sunday through Wednesday, March 20th through March 23, 2022, 2022 PDE Data Summit Conference, Hershey PA (Travel \$174.33, Lodging \$486.18, Registration \$325.00; Total \$985.51)
 - E. Melody Haley and Allison Bluhm, Thursday through Sunday, March 24 through March 27, 2022, PASNAP 2022; Moving On and Moving Up, Virtual (Registration \$230.00) (Title II)

Motion 260 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 1 student, Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, 2022, PMEA Regional Band, Wyoming Valley West HS, Plymouth, PA (Substitute \$200.00, Transportation \$140.40, Registration \$70.00; Total \$410.40)
- B. Sheri Ransom and 6-7 students on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Starting March 15, 2022 and ending end of 2021-2022 school year, Community Work Instruction with OVR Transition, Weis in Waverly (Transportation \$20.16 each trip)

Motion 261 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.4 Approve Program of Studies – Grades 9 through 12

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the program of studies for grades 9 through 12 for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Motion 262 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.5 Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve updated Health and Safety Plan for the Mountain View School District, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 263 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.6 Approve Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Mountain View School District's Updated Mitigation Protocols regarding COVID protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 264 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6 Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

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

MVESPAC Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake thanked Mr. Schulte for teaching microscope based lessons. This is career week at the ES.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked the board for approving the program of studies. The spring musical is a few weeks away.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus noted that testing will be starting soon. Cyclical monitoring will be starting soon too.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf is excited about sharing iReady data.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No comment.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said the virtual learning survey results were highly informative.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte mentioned that he taught 6th grade students scientific method and microscope.

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- Ted Brewster asked about the changes to the Health and Safety Plan.

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

HELD:

- Wednesday, February 9, 2022 – 6:00 PM – 7:38 PM for Contracts
- Monday, February 14, 2022 – 6:00 PM - 7:20PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, February 28, 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 7:55 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- January 24, 2022 Minutes
- 2.1- February 2022 Bill List
- 2.2- Red Cross Agreement
- 2.3-NEIU Budget
- 2.5-MOU Wilkes University
- 2.8-Quarterly Reports
- 3.4 Smith Letter of Resignation
- 4.1-331-Job Related Expenses
 - 332-Working Periods
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 - 337-Vacation
- 5.4-Program of Studies – Grades 9 through 12
- 5.5-Updated Health and Safety Plan
- 5.6- Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak