

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

**Monday, January 24, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 24, 2022 was held virtually and was called to order at 7:22 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 (via call-in); Mr. David Schulte (via call-in); Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer (via call-in); Mr. Danny Very (via call-in); Mr. Michael Talabiska(via call-in); Mr. Derek O’Dell (via call-in).

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer.

**Administration Present:**

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

Absent: None.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**SGA Representative-Briana Boswell**

Brianna presented the MVSGA Liaison report.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –January 10, 2022**

The motion is made by Mr. O’Dell, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated January 10, 2022, as presented.

Motion 230 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Sondra Stine, Treasurer, reported as listed.**

Mr. Very 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 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.
- Melody Haley presented information about COVID.
- Marybeth Krivak relayed thoughts about COVID.
- Tracy Flynn asked questions COVID testing.

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

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

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

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the list of bills for the January 24, 2022 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$164,981.39, as presented.

Motion 231 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.2 Approve December Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Talabiska, 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 \$4,157,739.88, as presented.

Motion 232 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.3 Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve exonerations for 2022 real estate, 2022 per capita taxes and 2022 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 233 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.4 Approve Athletic Transfer**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Talabiska, 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 234 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.3 Adopt Opt-Out Resolution**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Talabiska, to not raise 2022 – 2023 real estate taxes by more than the 2022 – 2023 Act 1 Index of 3.4%.

Motion 235 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

## **3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson**

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

### 3.1 Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Matthew Ord as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$47,707.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2021-2022 schedule, Effective January 19, 2022 (91<sup>st</sup> day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same Elementary School position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 236 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### 3.2 Approve Spring Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint the following Spring Coaches:

Varsity Baseball-Anthony Borgia  
Varsity Baseball Assistant-Ryan McAndrew  
JV Baseball-Darin Bain  
Varsity Softball-Dave Harvey  
Varsity Assistant Softball-Joyce Harvey  
Varsity Track-Melody Haley  
Track Assistant Coach-Ray Mitchell  
Track Assistant Coach-Tom Ord  
Varsity Boys Volleyball Assistant-Dave Breese

Motion 237 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### 3.3 Approve Advertising for Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve advertising for the following coaches:

JH Baseball, JH Softball, Track Assistant, Varsity Boys Volleyball

Motion 238 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

#### 4.1 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 324- Personnel Files

Motion 239 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

#### 4.2 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 330- Overtime

Motion 240 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**4.3** First reading of the Following Policies:

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

**4.4** Approve deletion of the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the deletion of the following policy, as presented.

Policy 310- Abolishing a Position

Motion 241 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**4.5** Approve deletion of the Following Policies:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the deletion of the following policies, as presented.

Policy 348/448/548-Unlawful Harassment

Motion 242 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

**5.1** Approve Homebound Instruction Extension

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve a homebound instruction extension for Student #31029 originally expiring December 02, 2021 to expiring January 3, 2022.

Motion 243 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**5.2** Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kathy McHenry, Matt Donnelly and 12 HS FBLA members, Sunday through Wednesday, April 10-13, 2022, FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey, PA (Substitute \$600.00, Transportation \$768.96 (Paid by FBLA), Registration \$1,190.00, Lodging \$5,882.00 (paid by FBLA); Total \$8440.96)

Motion 244 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **5.3 Approve Homebound Instruction Extension**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve a homebound instruction extension for Student #30044 expiring March 27, 2022.

Motion 245 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **5.4 Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan**

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

Motion held. No action taken.

### **5.5 Approve Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year**

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

Motion held. No action taken.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor mentioned that the pump failed on the wood boiler.

## **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 parents, teachers and students for moving to a virtual model so quickly.

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

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated that report cards go out on Friday.

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

- Mrs. Loftus was pleased to announce that there were few virtual issues to report.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf continues to assess student needs.

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

- No comment.

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

- Dr. Elia is excited about in-person instruction resuming tomorrow.

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

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- Tracy Flynn clarified his comments about COVID testing.

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, January 10, 2022 - 6:00 PM- 7:05PM for Personnel

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, January 24, 2022, after the public meeting
- Monday, February 14, 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 8:14 PM.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5- January 10, 2022 Minutes
- 1.6- Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1- January 2022 Bill List
- 2.2- Disbursements
- 2.3- Exonerations
- 4.1- Policy 324- Personnel Files
- 4.2- Policy 330- Overtime
- 4.3- Policy 331-Job Related Expenses
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Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak