

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on August 12, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:13 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. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Michael Molenko; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Ms. Louise Cator.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

None.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the minutes dated July 22, 2024, as presented.

Motion 26 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

1.6. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Talabiska, Treasurer

- Mr. Talabiska presented the Treasurer’s 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.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

2.1. Approve August Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the list of bills for August 12, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$557,304.69 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$0.00 totaling \$557,304.69, as presented.

Motion 27 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.2. Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve exonerations for 2024 real estate, 2024 per capita taxes and 2024 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 28 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.3. Approve closing of Student Activities

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve closing of student activity account Class of 2024.

Motion 29 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.4. Approve Agreement with County Commissioners

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the agreement between the Mountain View School District and the County Commissioners for the district's SRO Officer (s) in the amount of \$49,532.15 per SRO Officer, for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Motion 30 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.5. Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund Bank Account to Athletic Fund Bank Account in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion 31 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.6. Approve Quarterly Reports

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following quarterly reports dated June 30, 2024 as presented and file for audit:

1. High School Activities Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. Elementary School Activities Account

Motion 32 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.7. Approve Agreement with District Attorney's Office

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the agreement between the Mountain View School District and the District Attorney's Office for the district's SRO Office, for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Motion 33 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

3.1. Acknowledge Tenure and Issue Professional Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to acknowledge tenure and issue professional contract for the following teachers:

- a. George Paterno
- b. Jessica Mead

Motion 34 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.2. Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following Volunteers:

- A.** Boys Varsity Soccer- Mark Gallagher
- B.** Girls Varsity Soccer- Rebecca Herbert

Motion 35 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.3. Approve Coaches:

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following supplemental salary coaching positions:

- A. Boys Jr High Soccer Coach, Luke Thomas, \$2,690.00
- B. Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach, Jamie Supancik, \$3,648.00
- C. Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Dena Dew, \$3,040.00

Motion 36 Carried: Items A & C - 6 Yes, 3 Absent; Item B – 4 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Molenko, Mr. Talabiska), 1 No (Mr. Flynn), 1 Abstain (Ms. Cator), 3 Absent (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Very, Mr. O'Dell)

3.4. Accept Coach Resignations

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation from the following coaches:

Jamie Supancik, JH Head Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately
Rebecca Herbert, Girls Varsity Soccer Co-Assistant Coach, effective immediately

Motion 37 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.5. Approve Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the letter of resignation from Patty White from her Cafeteria Monitor position effective June 30, 2024, as presented.

Motion 38 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.6. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising for a Cafeteria Monitor position with benefits per the MVESPA Agreement.

Motion 39 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

4.1. Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Molenko, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 622- GASB Statement 34

Motion 40 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

4.2. First Reading of the Following Policies:

Policy 210- Use of Medication

Policy 210.1-Possession/Use of Asthma Inhaler/Epinephrine Auto-Injection

- Mr. Talabiska led the discussion of Policy 210- Use of Medication and Policy 210.1-Possession/Use of Asthma Inhaler/Epinephrine Auto-Injection

5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

5.1. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Sheri Ransom 2-3 students, Tuesdays, beginning September 24, 2024, YMCA, Carbondale (Transportation \$27.51 each trip)
- B. Sheri Ransom 1-2 students, Wednesdays, beginning October 2, 2024, Allied (Transportation \$35.37 each trip)
- C. Sheri Ransom 4 students, Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning October 1, 2024, Weis (Transportation \$22.50 each trip)
- D. Sheri Ransom 1-2 students, Mondays, beginning September 30, 2024, Area Aging Agency (Transportation \$13.40 each trip)
- E. Sheri Ransom 4-5 students, Fridays, beginning October 4, 2024, Lackawanna Rehab Center (Transportation \$30.82 each trip)
- F. Sheri Ransom, Thursday, September 5, 2024, Simplex Homes, Scranton PA (Transportation \$34.84)
- G. Sheri Ransom 2-3 students, Mondays and Fridays, beginning September 16, 2024, Interfaith (Transportation \$17.03 each trip)
- H. Karen Zaums, Reagan White and 4 students, Thursday through Saturday, October 31-November 2, 2024, PASC State Conference/Convention (Lincoln Park Performing Arts, Midland PA (\$1,541.00; \$987.00 paid by Council, \$554.00 cost to district)

Motion 41 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.2. Approve Homebound

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Molenko, to approve Homebound for Student #28117 beginning November 2023 to January 2024, concluding in 90 days.

Motion 42 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.3. Approve Handbook

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Molenko, to adopt the following Elementary handbook for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented:

A. Elementary Substitute Handbook

Motion 43 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report

- Mr. Taylor announced new boilers were installed. There is no hot water at the HS. The valve will be installed soon. A large portion of the sidewalk is being replaced at the HS. Potholes around campus have been filled.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Transportation Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following bus and car/van contractors for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

A. Edwin Russell / Corrina Kinney

B. James McNees Jr.

Motion 44 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members: Derek O'Dell, Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry said that classrooms have been waxed and painted. Teachers are already working on their classrooms. He is excited for the Harford Fair.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked the outgoing senior class. There are 68 incoming 7th grade students. 7th grade orientation went well. He is discouraging cell phone usage.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus congratulated Jessica Mead for attaining tenure. She is finishing schedules.

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

- Absent.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak announced that school bus inspections were completed by PA State Police.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia is excited to get the new school year started. The September 9 meeting will feature the presentation of district goals.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- None.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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- Sondra Stine voiced concerns over recent personnel decisions.
- Miles Decker voiced concerns over recent personnel decisions.

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

HELD:

- Monday, August 12, 2024 - 6:00pm – 7:05pm for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 9, 2024 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Decker, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak