

**Mountain View School District**  
***“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”***  
**Board of Education Public Meeting**  
**Monday, September 9, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 9, 2024 was held in the Janice Price Gymnasium and was called to order at 7:16 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. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Michael Molenko; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Ms. Louise Cator.

Absent: None

**Administration Present:**

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager.

**1.4. Elect Secretary Pro Tempore:**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O’Dell, to elect Andrew Snyder as secretary pro tempore for the duration of this meeting per section 405 of the PA School Code.

Motion 45 Carried: 9 Yes

**1.5. Pride in Mountain View:**

MVSGA Representative – Brooklyn Anderson  
Administrative Goals Presentation

**1.6. Approve the Board Minutes**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O’Dell, to to approve the minutes dated August 12, 2024, as presented.

Motion 46 Carried: 9 Yes

1.7. Treasurer's Report – Michael Talabiska, Treasurer

- Mr. Talabiska presented the Treasurer's Report

1.8. 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.

- None

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

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

2.1. Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the list of bills for September 9, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$857,048.71 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$14,366.53 totaling \$873,415.24, as presented.

Motion 47 Carried: 9 Yes

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

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, 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 48 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3. Approve Service Agreement with Integrative Counseling Services, PC

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve a Services Agreement Amendment between the Mountain View School District and Integrative Counseling Services, PC, effective for the 2024 -2025 school year, as presented

Motion 49 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4. Approve Service Agreement with Commonwealth University of PA

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve a Service Agreement between the Mountain View School District and the Commonwealth University of PA, as presented.

Motion 50 Carried: 9 Yes

## 2.5. Approve Agreement with Marywood University

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve an Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Marywood University, as presented.

Motion 51 Carried: 9 Yes

## 3. **Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

### 3.1 Accept Coach Resignations

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

- A. Holly O'Brien, Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach, effective August 15, 2024
- B. Hannah Geron, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, effective August 24, 2024
- C. Jeffery Miller, Jr. High Boys Baseball Assistant Coach, effective August 28, 2024

Motion 52 Carried: 9 Yes

### 3.2. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to authorize posting and advertising for the following positions:

- A. Jr. High Girls Basketball Head Coach
- B. Assistant Cheerleading Coach
- C. 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Motion 53 Carried: 9 Yes

### 3.3. Approve District Wide Substitute Teacher

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following district wide substitute:

Lisa Loomis, Forest City, District Wide Substitute

Motion 54 Carried: 9 Yes

### 3.4. Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following substitute:

Mikayla Dougher, Nicholson, Secretary and Para Substitute

Motion 55 Carried: 9 Yes

### 3.5. Approve Supplemental Salaries

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following supplemental salaries:

- A. Todd Calabro, Envirothon
- B. Diana Lombardi, Art Club
- C. Darin Bain, Social Studies Department Chair

Motion 56 Carried: 9 Yes

### 3.6. Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to appoint the following volunteers:

- A. Julie Beach, Hop Bottom, Boys Varsity Soccer

Motion 57 Carried: 9 Yes

## **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. Very, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 210- Use of Medication  
Policy 210.1-Possession/Use of Asthma Inhaler/Epinephrine Auto-Injection

Motion 58 Carried: 9 Yes

### 4.2. Second Reading of the Following Policies:

Policy 216 – Student Records

Policy 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records

- Mr. Talabiska led the discussion on Policy 216 – Student Records and Policy 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records

**5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

**5.1. Approve Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Cator, to approve the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to lead after school on campus gatherings for students, as presented.

Motion 59 Carried: 9 Yes

**5.2. Approve Field Trip Requests**

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

- A. Sheri Ransom 4-6 students, Wednesdays, beginning September 25, 2024, Adulthood 101, Interfaith Montrose, PA (Transportation: \$17.42 each trip).
- B. Sheri Ransom 3+ students, Wednesday September 11, 2024, Lackawanna College, Scranton, PA (Transportation: \$36.18).
- C. Sheri Ransom 2 students, Thursdays, beginning September 17, 2024, Laura's Hope Rescue, Hop Bottom, PA (Transportation: \$4.69 each trip).
- D. Kathy McHenry, 2 Students, Thursday September 5, 2024, Keystone College, La Plume, PA (Transportation: \$24.93, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$139.93).
- E. Kathy McHenry 9 students, Saturday, November 2 – 4, 2024, PA FBLA State Leadership Workshop (Pocono Manor, PA) (Transportation: \$74.10, Lodging: \$2,144.00, Registration: \$500.00, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$2833.10; Cost to District: \$189.10, MV FBLA/Students: \$2,644).
- F. Andrea Aten and Anna VanWert 6 students, Thursday January 30 – February 2, 2025, 2025 National Student Council Conference, Chicago, IL (Transportation: \$134.00, Lodging: \$1,521, Registration: \$2,392, Substitute: \$460, Flights: 1557.50; Total: \$6064.50; Cost to District: \$2151.50, MVSGA: \$3,913.00).
- G. Andrea Aten and Anna VanWert 8 students, Thursday October 31 – November 2, 2024, 2024 PASC State Convention, Midland, PA (Transportation: \$493.12, Lodging: \$780.00, Registration: \$950.00, Substitute: \$460.00; Total: \$2,683.12).
- H. Mason Stiver and Nurse, 40 students, Tuesday February 11, 2025, KHS Academic Alliance Event and Performance, Liberty, NY (Transportation: \$470.40, Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$700.40).

Motion 60 Carried: 9 Yes

### 5.3. Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Lisa Kozloski, September 27, October 25, November 15, December 6, January 24, February 28, March 21, April 25, May 9, 2024, School Psychologist Meetings, NEIU 19 (Travel: \$180.00).
- B. Sharon Kress, Wednesday November 6 – 8, 2024, A/CAPA Fall Annual Conference, Hershey, PA (Travel: \$188.94, Lodging: \$864.02, Registration: \$370.00, Substitute: \$282.75; Total: \$1705.71).
- C. Anthony Borgia, Tuesday October 22, 2024, Teaching History – Supreme Court Cases that Changed America, NEIU 19 (Substitute: \$115.00)

Motion 61 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report

- Mr. Taylor stated that 2 boilers were installed at the ES and 2 boilers were converted to natural gas at the HS. Repairs were made to the concession stand.

### 7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

### 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 announced that there are 59 Kindergarten students.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli noted that fall sports teams are off to a strong start.

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

- Mrs. Loftus said everything is going well.

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

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Absent

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

## **10. Closing**

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- None.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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- Danielle Scott thanked the school board.

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

### **HELD:**

- Monday, September 9, 2024 - 6:15pm – 7:10 pm for Personnel

### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, September 23, 2024 before the public meeting

## **11. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak