

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 23, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:14 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; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; 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: None

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

Nutrition Update

- Melissa Hatala and Cynthia Fleetwood provided cafeteria updates and distributed delicious samples.

Southland Presentation – Solar Energy Proposal

- John Schmid, Mike Bayassa, and John McElvedie presented their latest solar energy proposal.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve the minutes dated September 9, 2024, as presented.

Motion 62 Carried: 9 Yes

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.

- Ginger Compton asked questions about the solar project.
- Justin Fletcher commented about the solar project.

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. Very, to approve the list of bills for September 9, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$1,648,961.77 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$35,452.30 totaling \$1,684,414.07, as presented.

Motion 63 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2. Approve Substitute Per Diem Rate Sheet

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Substitute Per Diem Rate Sheet for the 2024 - 2025 school year, as presented.

Motion 64 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3. Approve Transfer of Funds

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

Motion 65 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4. Award Bid for Wood Chips

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to award the qualified bid for wood chips for the 2024-2025 school year to Deer Park of Tunkhannock, in the amount of \$57.00 per ton, per bid specifications, as presented.

Motion 66 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5. Award Bid for Fuel Oil

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to award the qualified bid for fuel oil for the 2024-2025 school year to Mirabito Fuel Group, in the amount of \$2.7277 firm per gallon, per bid specifications, as presented.

Motion 67 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Very, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Ms. Cator, Mr. Richmond), 1 No (Mr. Flynn)

2.6. Award Bid for Snow Plow Services

The motion was made by _____, second by _____, to award the qualified bid for snow plow services for the 2024-2025 school year to _____ of _____, in the amount of \$_____, per bid specifications, as presented.

- Motion Held

2.7. Amend Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to amend the agenda to include motion to rebid snow plow services for 2024-2025.

Motion 68 Carried: 9 Yes

2.8. Rebid Snow Plow Services

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to rebid snow plow services for 2024-2025.

Motion 69 Carried: 9 Yes

2.9. Approve Service Agreement with Community Care Behavioral Health Organization (CSBBH)

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Services Agreement Amendment between the Mountain View School District and CSBBH, as presented.

Motion 70 Carried: 9 Yes

3. **Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson** Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

3.1. Accept Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for Barbara Maxon from her HR Coordinator/Secretary to the Superintendent position effective September 16, 2024, as presented.

Motion 71 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Accept Coach Resignations

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

A. Dave Harvey, Varsity Softball Head Coach, effective September 16, 2024.

Motion 72 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting for a District Office Administrative Assistant.

Motion 73 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4. Authorize Posting and Advertising

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

A. Varsity Softball Head Coach

Motion 74 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5. Appoint Maintenance Position

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, appoint Kalieb Scheideler, Great Bend, as Maintenance at a starting rate of \$15.50 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date of September 24, 2024.

Motion 75 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6. Appoint Custodian Position

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Talabiska, appoint James Batzel, Kingsley, as a Custodian at a starting rate of \$12.70 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date of September 24, 2024, pending completion of paperwork.

Motion 76 Carried: 9 Yes

3.7. Approve Supplemental Salaries

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

- A. Brandi Miller, 5th/6th Girls/Boys Basketball Intramurals

Motion 77 Carried: 9 Yes

4. **Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson**

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

4.1. 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

4.2. Approve the Following Policies:

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

Policy 210- Use of Medication

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

Motion 78 Carried: 9 Yes

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. Flynn, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Mason Stiver, 1 student, November 21, 2024, PMEA String Fest, Shamokin Area Middle School (Transportation: \$160.80, Registration: \$70.00, Substitute Teacher: \$115.00; Total: \$345.80).
- B. Mason Stiver, 1 student October 25 – 26, 2024, Marywood String Celebration, Marywood University (Transportation: \$80.40, Registration: \$70.00, \$115.00).

- C. Todd Calabro, 35 students, Whitney Johnson, October 4, 2024, Envirothon Practice, Salt Springs State Park (Transportation: \$104.80, Substitute: \$224; Total: \$328.80).
- D. Anthony Borgia, September 20, 2024 Lackawanna State Park, October 4, 2024 Keystone College, November 8, 2024 Old Forge, January 2025 University of Scranton, March 7, 2025 Lack Scranton, April 2025 LRCA, May 6, 2024 Montage Mountain, May 20, 2024 Susquehanna River (Transportation: \$200.00, Substitute: \$920; Total: \$1,120.00).

Motion 79 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2. Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Jessica Mead & Carole Rainey, September 13, 2024, Recovery in Rural: The Connections that Heal, Montrose, PA (Travel: \$15.41).
- B. Lisa Loomis, September 19, 2024, NEIU Teacher Induction Program, Archbald, PA (Registration: \$150.00).
- C. Rebekah Ihlefeltdt, November 8, 2024, Develop Growth Mindset in Mathematics, Remote (Substitute: \$115).
- D. Leslie Gossage, October 1, 2024, Title III Consortium Meeting, Archbald, PA (No cost).

Motion 80 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 MVSD is looking to start using a trash compactor at the HS. We would need to install piers.

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

- 8.1. The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 6 year Support Staff Contract (2024 – 2030), as presented.

Motion 81 Carried: 9 Yes

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry said that we are half way through the 1st marking period. The Halloween Dance is on October 18.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli announced that Mimi Sedlak won an award for her high SAT score. Kennedy Calabro and Cora Lynn McHenry are earning their associate degree through the Level-Up Lackawanna Program.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus is working hard to smooth out the kinks.

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

- Mr. Snyder announced that the life skills program was awarded a grant for 30 pounds of veal and pork.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia welcomes additional questions, comments, or concerns regarding the solar project.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- None

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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- Justin Fletcher asked about shuttle busses and activity busses.

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

HELD:

- Monday, September 23, 2024 - 6:00pm – 7:10 pm for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 21, 2024 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak