

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 11, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:26 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. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Michael Molenko; Ms. Louise Cator, Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Danny Very.

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:

MVSGA Representative – Brooklyn Anderson

- Brooklyn presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.

Award Presentation – Mrs. Andrea Aten

- Mrs. Aten presented Dr. Lemoncelli with the Administrator of the Year plaque.

Susquehanna Chapter of the PASR Grant Award Presentation – Mrs. Kelly Richmond

- Ellen Holdridge and John Nanchester presented the PASR Grant to Kelly Richmond.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve the minutes dated October 21, 2024, as presented.

Motion 109 Carried: 9 Yes

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 November Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for November 11, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$370,915.69 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$4,027.24 totaling \$374,924.93, as presented.

Motion 110 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. Very, 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 111 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3. Approve Quarterly Reports

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

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

Motion 112 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4. 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 \$9,500.00.

Motion 113 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5. Approve Agreement with FSL Public Finance

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the agreement with FSL Public Finance, as presented.

Motion 114 Carried: 9 Yes

2.6. Bond Issuance Authorization

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to authorize the issuance of a series of general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing funds for: (1) currently refunding the School District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2018; and (2) paying the costs and expenses of issuance of the Bonds, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution.

Motion 115 Carried: 9 Yes

2.7. Approve Agreement with RBC Capital Markets

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the agreement with RBC Capital Markets, as presented.

Motion 116 Carried: 9 Yes

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

3.1. Approve Update to District/Business Office Staff Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve updates to the District/Business Office Staff Agreement, as presented.

Motion 117 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2. Appoint District Office Administrative Assistant

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to appoint Lena Clark, Montrose, as District Office Administrative Assistant at a starting rate of \$15.00 per hour, with a start date of November 13, 2024, pending paperwork.

Motion 118 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3. Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to appoint the following volunteer(s):

- A. Samantha Owens, Clifford Twp, JH Boys Basketball
- B. Rebecca Herbert, Kingsley, 5th/6th Grade Girls Basketball

Motion 119 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4. Approve Coaching Positions

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

- A. JH Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, Erika Freely, \$1,650.00
- B. JH Boys Basketball Head Coach, James Belcher, \$3,228.00
- C. JH Wrestling Coach, Austin Swoyer, \$3,228.00

Motion 120 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5. Accept Coach Resignation

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

- A. Jesse Gerfin, JH Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective October 21, 2024

Motion 121 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6. Approve Substitute Teacher

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

- A. Howard Gow, New Milford, to the Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork

Motion 122 Carried: 9 Yes

3.7. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to post and advertise for a K-12 Special Education position.

Motion 123 Carried: 9 Yes

3.8. Authorize Posting and Advertising

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

- A. JH Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- B. JH Baseball Assistant Coach

Motion 124 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

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 Ms. Cator, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Glen Mackey, 5 Students, November 11, 2024, What's so Cool about Manufacturing, Montrose, PA (Travel: \$20.10, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$135.10).
- B. Sarah Evans, 5 students, December 17, 2024, Discovery Center, Binghamton, NY (Travel: \$53.60; Total: \$53.60)

Motion 125 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2. Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Anthony Borgia, March 25, 2025, Teaching American History: Slavery in the Constitution, NEIU 19 (Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$115.00).
- B. Andrew Snyder, January 26-29, 2025, PAFCP Improving Schools, Pittsburgh, PA (Travel: \$381.90, Registration: \$525.00; Total: \$906.90).

- C. Pam Ealo, Kate Sekely, Katie Naegele, November 8, 2024, Dyslexia In Schools: From Neuroscience to Practice, Virtual, (Registration: \$525.00, Substitute: \$345.00; Total: \$870.00).
- D. Leslie Gossage, November 14, 2024, AI Workshop for ESL Specialists, NEIU 19 (no cost).

Motion 126 Carried: 9 Yes

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson
Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report

- Mr. Taylor is anxiously waiting for the weather to change. He has an outside company checking the acid reduction tank. They will drain it completely. The new lawnmower is working well.

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 congratulated Dr. Lemoncelli on being named Administrator of the Year. The Veteran's Day program was today. The craft fair was this past weekend. Parent / Teacher conferences are this week. Karen Zaums was named advisor of the year.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked staff for attending the board meeting. Veteran's Day assembly was great. He congratulated the girls volleyball team on a great season. The play, *This Murder Was Staged*, took place over the weekend.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus congratulated Dr. Lemoncelli on being named Administrator of the Year. She believes a lot of life skills are learned by cooking. Bocce season will be starting soon.

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

- Mr. Snyder congratulated Dr. Lemoncelli on being named Administrator of the Year. He applied for a Smart Grant for STEM. The Culture & Connection survey is starting soon. PVAS data was released – ES math scores are very high.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak congratulated Dr. Lemoncelli on being named Administrator of the Year.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked the board for approving Lena Clark. The Veterans Day programs were great. He applauded Mr. McGarry for administering the Heimlich maneuver on a student that was choking on a meatball.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

You may address any topic. 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.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 11, 2024 - 5:00pm – 7:20pm for Personnel & Contracts

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, December 2, 2024 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak