

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 2, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:18 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. Derek O’Dell (via phone); Mr. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Michael Molenko; Ms. Louise Cator, Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Danny Very.

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum.

1.4. Elect Temporary President

A. Nominations for Temporary President (Elected by & from the holdover members)

Mr. Decker Nominated Mr. Talabiska.

B. The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to close the nominations for Temporary President (2/3 majority).

Motion 127 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

Mr. Talabiska was elected as Temporary President.

C. Secretary of the Board serves as the Secretary

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the minutes dated November 11, 2024, as presented.

Motion 128 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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.

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

2. New Business

2.1. Election of President

A. Nominations for President

Mr. Decker Nominated Mr. Richmond

Mr. Flynn Nominated Mr. Barhite

- B. The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Richmond, to close the nominations for President (2/3 majority).

Motion 129 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- C. Final Vote Taken: (By show of hands or roll call vote, majority of full Board)
6 Mr. Richmond (Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Ms. Cator, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Richmond), 2 Mr. Barhite (Mr. Flynn, Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite)

- D. Newly Elected President Mr. Richmond takes seat and presides over the meeting.

2.2. Election of First Vice President

A. Nominations for First Vice President

Mr. Talabiska Nominated Mr. Decker

Mr. Very Nominated Mr. Flynn

- B. The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Decker, to close the nominations for First Vice President (2/3 majority).

Motion 130 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- C. Final Vote Taken: (By show of hands or roll call vote, majority of full Board)
7 Mr. Decker (Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Ms. Cator, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Richmond), 1 Mr. Flynn (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite)

- D. Mr. Decker was elected First Vice President.

2.3. Election of Second Vice President

A. Nominations for Second Vice President

Mr. Decker Nominated Mr. Barhite

Ms. Cator Nominated Mr. Flynn

- B. The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Decker, to close the nominations for Second Vice President (2/3 majority).

Motion 131 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- C. Final Vote Take: (By show of hands or roll call vote, majority of full Board)
7 Mr. Barhite (Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Very), 1 Mr. Flynn (Ms. Cator), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite)

- D. Mr. Barhite was elected Second Vice President.

2.4. Approve the Dates and Place of the Board Meetings for 2025

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve that all regular scheduled Board meetings shall be scheduled for 7:00 pm in the James W. Zick Board Room, 11748 State Route 106, Kingsley, PA 18826, on the dates presented:

January 13, 2025	
February 3, 2025	

March 3, 2025	
April 7, 2025	April 22, 2025 (Tuesday)
May 5, 2025	
June 9, 2025	
July 14, 2025	
August 18, 2025	
September 8, 2025	
October 6, 2025	
November 3, 2025	
December 1, 2025	

Motion 132 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5. Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund to Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$174,205.00 for the January 1, 2025 bond payment of \$174,205.00 for the Bond Series of 2018.

Motion 133 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

3.1. Approve December Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for December 2, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$414,248.37 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$58,220.34 totaling \$472,468.71, as presented.

Motion 134 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2. Approve GSS Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to approve the agreement with Government Software Services for homestead / farmstead printing, as presented.

Motion 135 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3. Approve Service Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement with New Story Schools for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Motion 136 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4. Approve Advertising Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Very, to approve the advertising agreement with Power Ad, as presented.

Motion 137 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. **Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

4.1 Approve Coaching Positions

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

- A. JH Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Samantha Owens, \$1,650.00
- B. 5/6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, James Olecki, \$1,072.00, pending paperwork

Motion 138 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.2 Approve Volunteer

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

- A. Kristi Hamaty, Kingsley, field trips and classroom help

Motion 139 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

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

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

6.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Andrea Aten and Anna Van Wert, 10 Students, March 28, 2025, 2025 PASC Regional H Conference, Elverson, PA (Travel: \$155.00, Registration: \$500.00, Substitute: \$230.00; Cost to District: \$230.00, MVSGA cost: \$655.52, Total: \$885.52).

- B. Andrea Aten, 10 Students, March 10, 2025, 2025 PASC Regional I & J Conference, Scott, PA (Travel: \$201.00, Registration: \$100.00, Substitute: \$115.00; Cost to District: \$115.00, MVSGA cost: \$100.00, PASC cost: \$201.00, Total: \$416.00).
- C. Jacqueline Ferenczi & Rebekah Ihlefeldt, 20 Students, March 19, 2025, NEIU 19 Middle School Reading Tournament, Archbald, PA (Travel: \$262.42, Registration: \$100.00, Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$592.00).
- D. Stephanie Kile & Corrine Bell, 20 Students, March 19, 2025, NEIU 19 High School Reading Tournament, Archbald, PA (Travel: \$262.42, Registration: \$100.00, Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$592.00).
- E. Kathy McHenry, 2 Students, November 19, 2024, Montrose FBLA Connection, Vestal, NY (Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$115.00).
- F. Kathy McHenry, Matt Donnelly, Rebekah Ihlefeldt, 36 Students, December 17, 2024, FBLA Region 27 Leadership Conference, Keystone College (Travel: \$157.85, Registration: \$780.00, Substitute: \$345.00; Cost to District: \$502.85, MVFBLA Cost: 780.00, Total: \$1,282.85).
- G. Kelly Richmond & Kerra Spindler, 13 Students, December 6, 2024, Movie Trip, Regal Cinema, Dickson City (Travel: \$141.96; Total: 141.96).
- H. Mason Stiver, 7 Students, December 6 -7, 2024, Marywood Jr. Wind Band Celebration, Scranton, PA (Transportation: \$80.40, Registration: \$560.00, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$755.40)

Motion 140 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Carla Hendricks & Lisa Kozloski, February 24 & March 14, 2025 Assistive Technology, NEIU 19 (no cost).
- B. Rebecca Herbert, November 26, 2024, Health/Physical Education Workshop, NEIU 19 (Travel: \$33.50, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$148.50).
- C. Sheri Ransom, December 3, 2024, APR Learning Institute for Transition Coordinators, Harrisburg, PA (Travel: \$182.24; Total: \$182.24).

Motion 141 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

7. **Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report

- Absent

8. **Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

8.1. Approve Parent Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Denise Preziosi, Clifford, as a parent driver at the IRS rate of \$0.67 per mile for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion 142 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

9. 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

10. Administration

10.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Absent

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Absent

10.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Absent

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

- Absent

10.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update

10.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- No update

11. Closing

11.1. New Business from Board Members

11.2. 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.

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 2, 2024 - 6:00pm – 7:10pm for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 13, 2025 before the public meeting

12. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak