

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2025
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on July 14, 2025 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:10 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. Michael Molenko; Ms. Louise Cator, Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: Mr. Tracy Flynn.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal.

Absent: Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Vacant, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve the minutes dated June 9, 2025, as presented.

Motion 1 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6. Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Louise Cator, Treasurer

- Ms. Cator 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.

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

2.1. Approve July Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the list of bills for July 14, 2025 for the General Fund in the amount of \$1,863,842.70 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$60,262.33, totaling \$1,924,105.03, as presented.

Motion 2 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2. Appoint Attorney

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint Attorney Geff Blake of the Law Firm of Blake & Walsh LLC to represent the District as special counsel, along with the District Solicitor, in the matter involving the Mountain View Elementary PTO.

Motion 3 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3. Approve Service Agreement with NEIU 19 (Title III)

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19 for Title III Services, as presented.

Motion 4 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4. Approve Service Agreement with Children's Service Center

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Children's Service Center a rate of \$150.00 for PHP, \$196.00 for Therapeutic Educational Program, as presented.

Motion 5 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

3.1. 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. Jaime Supancik, Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach, effective June 4, 2025.

Motion 6 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the posting and advertising of the following positions:

- A. Girls Varsity Volleyball Assistant
- B. 5th/6th Girls Basketball Coach

Motion 7 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3. Approve Coaching Position

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

- A. Girls Basketball JH Basketball Head Coach, Jamie White, \$3,300.00
- B. Golf Co-Head Coach, Jeff Smith, \$1,850.00.
- C. Golf Co-Head Coach, Rick Masters, \$1,850.00.
- D. Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach, Travis MacDonald, \$3,700.00.
- E. Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Chris Kelly, \$3,100.00.
- F. Boys JH Soccer Coach, Justin Rowe, \$2,750.00.
- G. Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach, Reagan White, \$3,700.00.
- H. Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Tyler Phillips, \$3,100.00.
- I. Girls JH Soccer Coach, Dena Dew, \$2,750.00.
- J. Girls Varsity Volleyball Head Coach, Bridget Evans, \$3,700.00.

Motion 8 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4. Approve Volunteer

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

- A. Mark Hammerly, Nicholson, Boys and Girls Volleyball

Motion 9 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5. Accept Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to accept the letter of resignation for Bob Taylor from his Supervisor of Maintenance, Buildings, and Grounds position effective July 25, 2025, as presented.

Motion 10 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Ms. Cator, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko), 1 Abstain (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Flynn)

3.6. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to authorize posting and advertising for a Supervisor of Maintenance, Buildings, and Grounds with benefits per the Act 93 Agreement.

Motion 11 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Ms. Cator, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko), 1 Abstain (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Flynn)

3.7. Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve supplemental salary requests for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Motion 12 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.8. Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from Molly Love-Birosak from her teaching position, effective October 9, 2025, as presented.

Motion 13 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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 Handbooks

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following handbooks, as presented:

- A. HS Student Handbook
- B. HS Faculty Handbook
- C. HS Substitute Handbook

Motion 14 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1. Approve Transportation Contractors

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following transportation contractors.

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| A. Dan Anthony, Inc. Bus 5, 12 | L. Corinna Kinney, Van |
| B. Linda Anthony, LLC Bus 1, 8 | M. Elizabeth Nonnenmacher, Van |
| C. Beatrice Burgess, Bus 21 | N. Sheila Petrocko, Van |
| D. Chris Catalfamo, Bus 6 | O. Robert Powers, Van |
| D. Midnight Sun Ventures, LLC, Bus 2 | P. Janice Robinson, Van |
| F. Laura Fuller, Bus 20 | Q. Cindy Saxon, Van |
| G. Bryan Kostick, Bus 10 | R. Donald Snedeker, Van |
| H. Lewis Bussing, Bus 14 (CTC Run), Van | S. Linda Snedeker, Van |
| I. LM Transportation LLC, Bus 13 | T. Edwin Russell, Van |
| J. Gary Sanauskas, Bus 28 | U. James McNees, Van |
| K. Vladimir & David Schlasta Bus 24 | |

Motion 15 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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

- Absent

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli is anxiously awaiting the release of the Keystone test scores. PSSA math scores have improved. AP scores were impressive.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Absent

9.3. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs – VACANT

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak discussed the recent premium increases in property and liability insurance.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia mentioned that the administrator goals presentation will be in August. The new Curriculum Director starts on Monday.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- Mr. O'Dell said that the students think Dr. Lemoncelli is great.
- Mr. Barhite feels that Dr. Lemoncelli is all heart.
- Mr. Richmond pointed-out that solar energy funding was cut. So MV made a wise decision with not pursuing the project.
- Mr. Very stated that he plans on resigning from the school board.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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- None.

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

HELD:

- Monday, July 14, 2025 - 6:30 pm – 7:05 pm for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, August 18, 2025 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak