

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2025
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on April 22, 2025 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room 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; Ms. Louise Cator, Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Danny Very..

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Michael Molenko; Mr. Tracy Flynn.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Vacant, Director of Curriculum.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

- **Budget Presentations**
 - High School & Athletics – Dr. Lemoncelli
Dr. Lemoncelli presented the HS & Athletic budget.
 - Elementary School – Mr. McGarry
Mr. McGarry presented the ES budget.
 - Special Education – Mrs. Erica Loftus
Mrs. Loftus presented the Special Education budget.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve the minutes dated April 7, 2025, as presented.

Motion 205 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 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. **Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

2.1. Approve April Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the list of bills for April 22, 2025 for the General Fund in the amount of \$569,143.38 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$54,085.05 totaling \$623,228.43, as presented.

Motion 206 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.2. Approve Note

A motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, authorizing the issuance of a general obligation note for the purpose of providing funds for capital expenditure reimbursement and paying the costs and expenses of issuance of the note, all as more fully described in the complete text of the resolution, as presented.

Motion 207 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

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

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

3.1. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising for the following coaching positions:

- A. Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach
- B. Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach
- C. Boys JH Soccer Coach

Motion 208 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.2. Approve Substitute Teacher

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

- A. Marissa Derrick, Susquehanna, to the Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork

Motion 208 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.3. Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following volunteer(s):

- A. Dylan Barney, Lenoxville, Field Trips & Class Parties

Motion 209 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

4.1. Approve the Following Policies:

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

- Policy 103 Vol IV 2020 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- Policy 104 Vol IV 2020 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff

Motion 210 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

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. Allison Butash, Adrienne Brown, Caitlyn Williams, Colleen Hammond, 5th grade students, April 28, 2025, Lackawanna State Park, North Abington Township, PA, (Travel: \$283.63, Other: \$300.00; Total: \$583.63).
- B. Jamie Mirabelli and Ashley Kelly, 38 students, May 16, 2025, Empet Farm, Kingsley, PA (Travel: \$94.77; Total: \$94.77).

- C. Susan Gravine and Bridget Sherring, 38 students, May 16, 2025, JoSan Farm, Susquehanna, PA (Travel: \$157.69; Total: \$157.69).
- D. Diana Lombardi & Sheri Ransom, 10 students, May 19, 2025, Salt Springs State Park, Montrose, PA (Travel: \$26.04 Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$141.04).
- E. Diana Lombardi, Stephanie Kile, Sandra Davis, Mark Lemoncelli, 35 students, May 10, 2025, NYC Art Trip, New York City, New York (No Cost to District).
- F. Todd Calabro & Whitney Johnson, 25 students, April 25, 2025, County Envirothon Competition, Elk Mountain, PA (Travel: \$25.00, Substitute Teacher: \$230; Total: \$255.00).
- G. Matt Donnelly, 8 students, April 13, 2025, PIEA Spring Championships, Aston, PA (No cost to District).
- H. Glen Mackey, 8 Students, April 23, 2025, Highland Associates, Shorten Homes, & Keystone College, Clarks Summit, PA (Travel \$35.00, Substitute Teacher \$115.00).
- I. Sarah Evans, Melissa Berish, Charissa Ofalt, Stacey Decker, Kimberly Fletcher, Autistic Support & Life Skills, April 16, 2025, Electric City Aquarium, Scranton, PA (Travel \$249.20; Total: \$249.20).
- J. Jamie Esgro, Dane Barhite, George Paterno, Suzanne Stiver, May 9, 2025, Lakeland Orchard, Scott Township, PA (Travel: \$249.92; Total: \$249.92).
- K. Jamie Bottger, Senior Chorus, April 23, 2025, Railriders Game, Moosic PA (No Cost to District).
- L. Rebekah Ihlefedt & Jessica Trichilo, 10 students, May 18, 2025, PJAS State Competition, University Park, PA (Registration: \$3,160.00; Substitute: \$460.00; Total: \$3,620.00).

Motion 211 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.2. Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve a settlement agreement between the Mountain View School District and student #29010.

Motion 212 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.3. Approve Special Education Plan for 2025-2028

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to approve the Special Education Plan for 2025 – 2028, as presented.

Motion 213 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

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

Mr. Taylor's Report

- Mr. Taylor reported that the baseboard heaters have been removed from the gym. Bleachers will be removed before the end of the school year.

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 said that the bingo fundraiser was a success raising over \$17,000. 54 kindergarten and 34 pre-kindergarten students are already registered. PSSA testing begins tomorrow.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated that standardized test preparation is underway. PSSA, AP, and Keystone testing will begin the next few weeks. Senior Nights will be happening soon for spring sports.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said PASSA testing starts soon. She explained that the special education plan is required every 3 years.

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

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak said the 2025-2026 budget will be presented at the next meeting.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked Kelly Richmond and Reagan White for their work on the fundraiser. He thanked all administrative assistants for their hard work throughout the year.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- None.

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.

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.
- Tenielle Hobart asked about PTO funds.

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

HELD:

- Tuesday, April 22, 2025 - 6:00pm – 7:10 pm for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, May 5, 2025 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak