

**Mountain View School District**  
**“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”**  
**Board of Education Public Meeting**  
**Monday, September 8, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 8, 2025 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:15 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. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Tracy Flynn.

Absent: Vacant, Lathrop Seat.

**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; Dr. Bridget Frounfelker, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None

**1.4. Pride in Mountain View:**

- Caroline Symuleski – SGA Representative  
Caroline presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.
  
- Interviews for vacant Region 3 - Lathrop School Board seat  
The School Board interviewed Dan Very.

**1.5. Approve Region 3 – Lathrop School Board Seat**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Molenko, to approve Dan Very as Region 3 – Lathrop School Board Member term concluding December 2025.

Motion 41 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

Mr. Very was sworn in and took his seat on the school board.

**1.6. Approve the Board Minutes**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve the minutes dated August 18, 2025, as presented.

Motion 42 Carried: 9 Yes

**1.7. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Louise Cator, Treasurer**

- Ms. Cator presented the Treasurer's Report.

**1.8. 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 September Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the list of bills for September 8, 2025 for the General Fund in the amount of \$699,846.94 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$0.00, totaling \$699,846.94, as presented.

Motion 43 Carried: 9 Yes

**2.2. Approve MOU with United Way**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the MOU between the Mountain View School District and United Way for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Motion 44 Carried: 9 Yes

**2.3. Approve Service Agreement with Community and School Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH)**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Service Agreement between the Mountain View School District and CSBBH, as presented.

Motion 45 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.4. Approve Closing Student Activities**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve closing the Class of 2025 Student Activity Account.

Motion 46 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.5. Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following quarterly reports dated June 30, 2025 as presented and file for audit:

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

Motion 47 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

#### **3.1. Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the letter of resignation from Lindena Marcy from her Monitor position effective August 16, 2025 as presented.

Motion 48 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **3.2. Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to authorize posting and advertising for a Monitor position with benefits per the MVESPA Agreement.

Motion 49 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **3.3. Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to post and advertise for an PK-12 Music Education teacher.

Motion 50 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **3.4. 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. JH Baseball Head Coach
- B. JH Baseball Assistant Coach

Motion 51 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.5. Approve Substitute**

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

Alicia Libby, Nicholson, Paraprofessional Substitute, pending paperwork  
Garrett Conklin, New Milford, Teacher Substitute, pending paperwork

Motion 52 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn

### **4.1. Second Reading of Policies**

- 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying/Sexting
- 805.2 – School Security Personnel
  
- Mr. Talabiska facilitated the readings of Policy 249 – Bullying / Cyberbullying / Sexting and Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel.

## **5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

### **5.1. Approve Conference Requests**

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

- A. Jacquelyn Bain, October 16, 2025, Teaching American History – The American Revolution, Archbald, PA, (Travel: \$33.50 Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$148.50).
- B. Jessica Trichilo, September 23 – 24, 2025, Keystone Item Data Review, Harrisburg, PA (Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$230.00).
- C. Sharon Kress, November 5-7, 2025, A/CAPA Fall Annual Conference, Hershey, PA (Travel: \$197.40, Lodging: \$755.50, Registration: \$380.00, Substitute: \$282.75; Total: \$1,615.65).

Motion 53 Carried: 9 Yes

## 5.2. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kathy McHenry, FBLA Officers, November 1-3, 2025, PA FBLA State Leadership Workshop, Kalahari Resort (Transportation \$154.84, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$269.84).

Motion 54 Carried: 9 Yes

## 5.3. Approve Elementary PTO

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve the Elementary PTO for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 55 Carried: 9 Yes

## 6. **Building and Site Committee: Dan Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Chidester's Report

- Mr. Chidester said he has a great, hard-working team. He said the property is looking better. He is fixing neglected items. The roof was repaired. The paint in the gym looks sharp.

## 7. **Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite

## 8. **Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson**

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members: Derek O'Dell, Michael Talabiska

## 9. **Administration**

### 9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry said the reformed PTO election will be on October 14. The Ag-Lab will be coming in October.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated the senior class will going to Universal Studios for their senior trip. The HS will be implementing a digital hall pass.

### 9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus mentioned that Special Services is off to a smooth start.

- 9.3.** Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs – Dr. Bridget Frounfelker
- Dr. Frounfelker announced that the comprehensive plan was submitted. The MV Virtual Academy is up and running.

- 9.4.** Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak
- Mr. Witiak revealed that the audit is underway.

- 9.5.** Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia
- Dr. Elia said the gym is looking good. The new videoboard will be installed soon.

## **10. Closing**

- 10.1.** New Business from Board Members
- Mr. Decker said the Alumni Association will be honoring past alumni, including Tracy Flynn, on November 1.

### **10.2.** Second Hearing of Visitors

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- Chase Poploski asked about the installation of the new scoreboards.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, September 8, 2025 - 6:00 pm – 7:05 pm for Personnel, Litigation

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, October 6 2025 before the public meeting

## **11. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak