

**Mountain View School District**  
**“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”**  
**Board of Education Public Meeting**  
**Monday, October 6, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on October 6, 2025 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:16 PM by Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President.

**1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:**

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; Mr. Dan Very.

Absent: Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

**Administration Present:**

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Dr. Bridget Frounfelker, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal.

**1.4. Pride in Mountain View:**

- Caroline Symuleski – SGA Representative
  - Caroline presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.

**1.5. Approve the Board Minutes**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve the minutes dated September 8, 2025, as presented.

Motion 56 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.

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

## **2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

### **2.1. Approve October Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the list of bills for October 6, 2025 for the General Fund in the amount of \$1,102,569.53 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$37,176.70, totaling \$1,139,746.23, as presented.

Motion 57 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.2. Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupational Taxes**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve exonerations for 2025 real estate, 2025 per capita taxes and 2025 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 58 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.3. Approve Insurance Carrier**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the transition to the Liberty Mutual suite of property insurance products via Acrisure, as presented.

Motion 59 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.4. Approve Professional Development Agreement with the NEIU 19.**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the professional development agreement between the Mountain View School District and the NEIU 19, as presented.

Motion 60 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **2.5. Approve Dual Enrollment Agreement with Keystone College**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the dual enrollment agreement between the Mountain View School District and Keystone College for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Motion 61 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**2.6. Open Bids for Snow Plow and Salting Services**

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to open bids for snowplow and salting services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 62 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**2.7. Approve Creation of Student Activity**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve creation of the following student activity – Class of 2028, for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 63 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**2.8. Approve Service Agreement with Integrative Mind and Body Services (IMBS)**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and IMBS, as presented.

Motion 64 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. Anna Van Wert, Track Assistant Coach, effective September 12, 2025.

Motion 65 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. Track Assistant Coach

Motion 66 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. Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, Anna Van Wert, \$3,410.00.
- B. JH Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, Katrina Mrakovich, \$1,722.00.

Motion 67 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **3.4. Approve Substitute**

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

- A. Alicia Libby, Nicholson, Clerical & Monitor Substitute
- B. Gabrielle Donovan, Kingsley, Teacher Substitute, Clerical, Paraprofessional, & Monitor, pending paperwork
- C. John Szuch, Union Dale, SPO Substitute, pending paperwork
- D. Albert Calzola, Clifford Twp, SPO Substitute, pending paperwork

Motion 68-A Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Ms. Cator, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Richmond)

Motion 68-B Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Ms. Cator, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Richmond)

Motion 68-C Failed: 1 Yes (Mr. Barhite), 7 No (Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Ms. Cator, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Richmond)

Motion 68-D Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko, Ms. Cator, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Richmond)

### **3.5. Approve Café Monitor**

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to appoint Donna Schulze, New Milford, as a café monitor at a starting rate of \$11.50 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, start date pending paperwork.

Motion 69 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### **3.6. Approve Supplemental Salary**

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

A. Molly Love-Birosak, Chimettes

Motion 70 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn

**4.1. Approve Policies**

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

- 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying/Sexting
- 805.2 – School Security Personnel

Motion 71 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**4.2. First Reading of Policies**

- 146 – Student Services
- 144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- 123.1 – Concussion Management
- 123.2 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- 143 – Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
  
- Mr. Talabiska led the discussion on Policy 146 – Student Services, Policy 144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes, Policy 123.1 – Concussion Management, Policy 123.2 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Policy 143 – Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools.

**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 Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Rebecca Gavin & Christine Misiura, October 7, 2025, Rethinking the Math Classroom, Archbald, PA, (Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$230.00).
- B. Lisa Kozloski, September 26, October 24, November 14, December 12, 2025, January 23, February 27, March 20, April 24, May 15, 2026, School Psychologist Network, Archbald, PA (Travel: \$99.16; Total: \$99.16).
- C. Andrea Aten & Anna Van Wert, December 3 - 7, 2025, 2025 NA4SA Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (Travel: \$1,420.00, Lodging: \$516.00; Registration: \$720.00, Substitute: \$690.00, Meals: \$300.00; Total: \$4,206.00).
- D. Leslie Gossage, October 3, 2025, Title III Consortium Meeting, Virtual (No Cost to District).

- E. Carla Hendricks & Lisa Kozlosi, October 6, 2025, T is for Tools, Archbald, PA (No Cost to District)

Motion 72 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 5.2. Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Stacy Decker, Kim Fletcher, Brittany Latwinski, Life Skills Class, October 24, 2025, Roba Family Farm, North Abington Twp, (Travel: \$106.02; Total: \$106.02).
- B. Anthony Borgia, 5 students, September 25, October 9, October 24, November 6, 2025, January 16, March 12, April 16, May 5, May 19, 2026, Environmental Forum, location varies, (Travel: TBD, Substitute \$1,035.00; Total: TBD).
- C. Kelly Richmond & Kerra Spindler, 4 students, October 16, 2025, Youth Summit, Lakeland High School (Travel: \$12.13, Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$357.13).
- D. Steven Farrell, Jamie Supancik, Joy Bognatz, Christina Curtis, Pre-K classes, October 17, 2025, Roba's Family Farm, North Abington Twp (No cost to district).
- E. Andrea Aten & Anna Van Wert, MVSGA, November 6-7, 2025, 2025 PASC State Convention, New Castle, PA, (Substitute: \$460; Total: \$460).
- F. Mason Stiver, 1 student, November 7-8, 2025, Marywood String Celebration, Marywood University (Travel \$84.00, Registration: \$75.00Substitute \$115.00; Total: \$274.00).
- G. Kathy McHenry & Mason Stiver, JH Band & FBLA, October 29, 2025, Penguins Game, Mohegan Sun Arena (Travel: \$339.23; Total: \$339.23).
- H. Todd Calabro, Whitney Johnson, Envirothon Team, October 9, 2025, Salt Springs State Park, (Travel: \$172.00, Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$402.00).
- I. Jamie Bottger, Diana Lombardi, 2 students, WVIA Artist of the Week, Pittston, PA (Travel: \$57.82, Substitute: \$58.00; Total: \$115.82).
- J. Jessica Trichilo, 10 students, Young Leaders Public Health Summit, Scranton, PA (Travel: \$252.14, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$367.14).

Motion 73 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 5.3. Approve Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the expulsion of student #9840671189 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 74 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

Mr. Chidester's Report

- Mr. Chidester reported the hot water pumps were replaced at the HS. Locker room renovations are complete. Bullett resistand film was installed on the ES front entrance windows and doors. Clocks were synchronized at the HS.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite

### **7.1. Approve car/van driver**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Flynn, to approve Jason Domenico as a car/van driver.

Motion 75 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## **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

- Absent.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated there will be a pep-rally on Thursday. The Homecoming Dance will be on Friday. Students will start voting on the teacher-of-the-month. Fall sports playoffs start soon.

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

- Mrs. Loftus said the Youth Summit is approaching. The unifies bocce team needs 1 more member.

### **9.3. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs – Dr. Bridget Frounfelker**

- Dr. Frounfelker visited the disaster unification points and evacuation sites.

### **9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak**

- Mr. Witiak mentioned the audit is underway.

### **9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia stated that the gym renovations are nearly complete.

## **10. Closing**

### **10.1. New Business from Board Members**

- None.

### **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, October 6, 2025 - 6:00 pm – 7:10 pm for personnel and litigation

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, November 3, 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