

**Mountain View School District**  
**“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”**  
**Board of Education Public Meeting**  
**Monday, February 2, 2026**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 2, 2026 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:23 PM by Mr. Tracy Flynn, President.

**1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Tracy Flynn, President; Mr. Michael Barhite, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Molenko, Second Vice President; Mr. Chase Poplawski; Mr. Dan Very; Mr. Jason Richmond; Mr. Kenneth Decker.

Absent: Ms. Louise Cator; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

**Administration Present:**

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

Absent: Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Tim Chidester, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

**1.4. Pride in Mountain View:**

- SGA Representative - Lyndsey Reuss
  - Lyndsey presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.
- Nutrition Inc. – Melissa Hatala and Cynthia Fleetwood
  - Mrs. Hatala and Mrs. Fleetwood gave an update on Nutrition Inc. performance.

**1.5. Approve the Board Minutes**

The motion is made by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. Molenko, to approve the minutes dated January 12, 2026, as presented.

Motion 134 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

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

- Mr. Very 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.
- Aubrey Messick asked about the PTO settlement and asset transfer agreement.

## **2. Finance Committee: Louise Cator, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Dan Very, Chase Poplawski

### **2.1. Approve February Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the list of bills for February 2, 2026 for the General Fund in the amount of \$1,066,591.11 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$92,829.31, totaling \$1,159,420.42, as presented.

Motion 135 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

### **2.2. Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the following quarterly reports dated December 31, 2025 as presented and file for audit:

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

Motion 136 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

### **2.3. Approve Service Agreement with Conrad Seigel**

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the agreement with Conrad Siegel for GASB 75 Valuation and Related Services through December 31, 2028, as presented.

Motion 137 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

### **2.4. Approve Settlement and Asset Transfer Agreement**

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the proposed Settlement and Asset Transfer Agreement, as revised, whereby the Mountain View Parent Teacher Organization (501(c)(3)) shall pay and transfer to the Mountain View School District the total sum of \$21,176.00, pursuant to said agreement and upon approval of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Charitable Trusts Section, and that Michael Elia, Superintendent, is hereby authorized to sign the said agreement on behalf of the Mountain View School District.

Motion 138 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

**3. Personnel Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Kenneth Decker

**3.1. Accept Coach Resignation**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to accept the letter of resignation from the following coaches:

A. Sarah Carpenetti, JH Track Assistant Coach, effective January 12, 2026.

Motion 139 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

**3.2. Approve Coaching Positions**

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

A. JV Baseball Coach, Kalieb Scheideler, \$3,410.00.

Motion 140 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

**3.3. Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve Bridget Sherring as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$55,684.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2025-2026 schedule, Effective January 19, 2026 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same High School Classroom position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 141 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

**3.4. Accept Resignation**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to accept the resignation of Kevin Sheridan from his custodian position effective January 22, 2026.

Motion 142 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

### **3.5. Acknowledge Tenure and Issue Professional Contract**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to acknowledge tenure and issue professional contract for the following teachers:

- A. Rebecca Gavin
- B. Rebecca Herbert

Motion 143 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

### **3.6. Approve Substitute**

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following substitute:

- A. Megan Holleran, New Milford, Teacher Substitute, pending paperwork

Motion 144 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Chase Poplawski

### **4.1. First Reading of Policies**

- 218.1 - Weapons
- 226 – Searches
- 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response
- 114 – Gifted Education
  - Mr. Molenko led the discussion on policies 218.1 – Weapons, 226 – Searches, 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response, and 114 – Gifted Education

### **4.2. Approve Policies**

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the following policies:

- 138 – Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
- 252 – Dating Violence

Motion 145 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

### **4.3. Approve School Police Officer Policy and Procedure Handbook**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the Mountain View School District School Police Officer Policy and Procedure Handbook, as presented.

Motion held. No action taken.

## **5. Education Committee: Dan Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Louise Cator

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

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Christine Misiura, February 10, 2026, Unlock the Power of SAs and AI in your Classroom, Archbald, PA, (Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$115.00).
- B. Jessica Mead, February 18, March 10, April 2, May 14, 2026, Behavioral Training, Scranton, PA, (Travel: \$162.40; Total: \$162.40).
- C. Anthony Borgia, March 26, 2026, Teaching America History, Slavery, & the Constitution, Archbald, PA (Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$115.00).
- D. Erica Loftus, February 25-27, 2026, PA Department of Ed 2026 Conference, Hershey, PA (Travel: \$194.30, Lodging: \$266.33, Registration: \$265.00, Meals: \$190; Total: \$915.63).
- E. Carla Hendricks, February 11, 2026, Every Moment Matters, Archbald, PA (no cost).

Motion 146 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

### **5.2. Approve Field Trip Requests**

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Karen Zaums, 20 students, April 17, 2026, PASC 2026 Regional H Conference, Kingston, PA (no cost).
- B. Sheri Ransom, Jamie White, Brion Stone, Samantha Hayden, 10<sup>th</sup> grade class, April 14, 2026, JA Inspire Career Exploration Experience, Wilkes Barre, PA, (Travel: \$395.50; Total: \$395.50).
- C. Glen Mackey, 9 students, March 6, 2026. Lockheed Martin Engineering Day, Owego, NY (Travel: \$81.20, Substitute: \$115; Total: \$196.20).
- D. Kevin Reuss, Jacqueline Bain, 40 students, May 6, 2026, Annual Teen Symposium on the Holocaust, Scranton, PA (Travel: \$334.00, Substitute: \$230; Total: \$564.00).
- E. Stephanie Kile, 5 students, March 31, 2026, Archbald, PA (Travel: \$43.50, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$158.50).

- F. Sarah Evans, Suzanne Stiver, 4 students, February 25, 2026, Social Skill Outing, Scranton, PA (Travel: \$33.35, Substitute: \$115.00, Paraprofessional Substitute: \$91.00; Travel: \$239.35).

Motion 147 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

**5.3. Approve 2026-2027 District Calendar**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the 2026 - 2027 District Calendar, as presented.

Motion held. No action taken.

**6. Building and Site Committee: Kenneth Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

Mr. Chidester's Report

- Absent

**7. Transportation Committee: Derek O'Dell, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Michael Molenko

**8. Labor Relations Committee: Tracy Flynn, Chairperson**

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker, Jason Richmond

MVESPA Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Michael Molenko, Michael Barhite

**9. Administration**

**9.1. Principals' Comments**

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry thanked the new PTO officers. The ES is working with the American Heart Association to promote healthy hearts. The Masked Singer event will be held this Friday.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Absent.

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

- Mrs. Loftus noted that the grounds have been maintained well. The majority of transition meeting took place last week.

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

- Dr. Frounfelker said she is working on the program of studies and the comprehensive plan.

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

- Mr. Witiak asked the board to complete and return the financial interests statement.

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

- Dr. Elia said he has been working on the 2026-2027 budget.

**10. Closing**

**10.1. New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Decker said MVSD will be receiving some choke prevention devices soon.

**10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors**

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- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.
- Ashley O'Dell asked about changing the ES field trip destinations.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, February 2, 2026 - 6:00 pm – 7:20 pm for personnel and litigation.

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, March 2, 2026 before the public meeting

**11. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak