

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, March 30, 2026
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on March 30, 2026 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:24 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. Kenneth Decker; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Ms. Kirsten Smith.

Absent: Mr. Dan Very; Mr. Jason Richmond.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Bridget Frounfelker, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services; Mr. Tim Chidester, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

- MVSD Alumni Association Check Presentation – Mr. Lucas Taylor
 - Mr. Taylor presented the MVSD with a check for anti-choking devices.
- Budget Presentations
 - Special Education - Mrs. Erica Loftus
 - Mrs. Loftus presented the Special Education budget.
 - Curriculum – Dr. Bridget Frounfelker
 - Dr. Frounfelker presented the Curriculum budget.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Poplawski, second by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes dated March 2, 2026, as presented.

Motion 171 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 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: Kirsten Smith, Chairperson

Committee Members: Dan Very, Chase Poplawski

2.1. Approve March Bill List

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the list of bills for March 30, 2026 for the General Fund in the amount of \$947,801.08 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$52,721.04, totaling \$1,000,522.12, as presented.

Motion 172 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.2. Approve Service Agreement with iBoss

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the service agreement with iBoss, as presented.

Motion 173 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.3. Approve Service Agreement with Sapphire

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the service agreement with Sapphire, as presented.

Motion 174 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.4. Approve Cafeteria Budget

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the 2026-2027 Cafeteria Budget, as presented.

Motion 175 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.5. Approve Creation of Student Activity Account

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve creation of the following student activity – PASC State Convention 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 176 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3. Personnel Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Kirsten Smith, Kenneth Decker

3.1. Approve Coaching Positions

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

- A. Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach, Corey Gesford, \$4,512.00.
- B. Girls Basketball Assistant/JV Coach, Errol Mannick, \$3,792.00.
- C. Girls JH Basketball Head Coach, Jamie White, \$3,372.00.
- D. Girls JH Basketball Assistant Coach, Katrina Mrakovich, \$1,794.00.
- E. Girls 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach, Sara Mannick, \$ \$1,216.00.
- F. Wrestling Varsity Head Coach, Rex Bowman, \$4,512.00.
- G. Wrestling Varsity Assistant/JV Coach, Steve Farrell, \$3,792.00.

Motion 177 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.2. Accept Coach Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to accept the letter of resignation from the following coaches:

- A. Kalieb Scheideler, JV Baseball Head Coach, effective March 26, 2026.

Motion 178 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.3. Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to appoint the following volunteer:

- A. Jeffery Wasilchak, Baseball, pending paperwork

Motion 179 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.4. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to authorize posting and advertising for an Elementary Teacher, K-6 certification preferred, with salary and benefits per the MVEA Agreement.

Motion 180 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.5. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to authorize posting and advertising for an Elementary School Nurse with salary and benefits per the MVEA Agreement.

Motion 181 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.6. Authorize Posting and Advertising

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

Motion 182 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.7. Approve Substitutes

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

- A. Casey McHugh, Custodian Substitute, pending paperwork
- B. Rachel Pompey, Teacher Substitute, pending paperwork

Motion 183 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.8. Approve Game Security

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following for game security:

- A. Albert Rodriguez, Game Security

Motion 184 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.9. Approve 90 Day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, 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 March 11, 2026 (91st day),

and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same Elementary School Classroom position for more than 90 consecutive days. – As revised.

Motion 185 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.10. Approve 90 Day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve Josie Evans 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. – As revised.

Motion 186 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.11. Approve Athletic Director

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve Ashley Kilmer, Athletic Director with a salary of \$45,000 and benefits per the Act 93 Agreement, pending paperwork.

Motion 187 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.12. Approve Sabbatical Leave

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2026 -2027 school year for professional development for Samantha Hayden, as presented.

Motion 188 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.13. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to authorize posting and advertising for a K-12 Director of Technology with benefits per the Act 93 Agreement.

Motion 189 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.14. Reconsider Approving Athletic Director

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O'Dell, to reconsider approving Ashley Kilmer, Athletic Director with a salary of \$45,000 and benefits per the Act 93 Agreement, pending paperwork.

Motion 190 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Flynn, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Molenko, Mr. Poplawski, Mr. O'Dell, Ms. Smith), 1 No (Mr. Decker), 2 Absent (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Very).

4. Policy Committee: Michael Molenko Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Chase Poplawski

4.1. Approve Policies

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

- 218.1 - Weapons
- 226 – Searches
- 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response
- 114 – Gifted Education

Motion 191 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

5. Education Committee: Dan Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kirsten Smith

5.1. Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Sharon Kress, May 6-7, 2026, ACAPA Spring Virtual Conference, Virtual, (Registration: \$100.00, Substitute: \$188.50; Total: \$288.50).
- B. Katie Naegele, March 5-6, 2026, 2026 FOX Reading Conference, Virtual, (Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$115.00).

Motion 192 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

5.2. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Glen Mackey, 9 students, April 10, 2026, What's Cool about Manufacturing Awards, Towanda, PA (Travel: \$69.50, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$184.60).
- B. Andrea Aten, PASC members, April 7, 2026, PASC Region B Conference, Cheswick PA, (Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$115.00).
- C. Jamie Bottger, 2 students, April 10, 2026, District Jazz Ensemble, Plymouth, PA (Travel: \$84.68, Registration: \$325.14; Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$524.82).
- D. Jaime Bottger, 13 students, April 11, 2026, District Jazz Fest, Plymouth, PA (Travel: \$226.48, Registration: \$880.00; Total: \$1,106.48).

- E. Kelly Richmond, Cheryl Taylor, Danielle Scott, Sarah Evans, Stacy Decker, Kim Fletcher, Brittany Latwinski, Nurse TBD, Melissa Berish, Charissa Ofalt, 30 students, May 14, 2026, Fun Day, Tunkhannock, PA, (Travel: \$349.36; Total: \$349.36).
- F. Kelly Richmond, Cheryl Taylor, Danielle Scott, 12 students, May 7, 2026, Life Skills Prom, Factoryville, PA (no cost).
- G. Tracy Bazil, Matt Ord, Alicia Waters, Nurse TBD, Kindergarten, June 2, 2026, The Discovery Center, Binghamton, NY, (no cost).
- H. Andrea Sanders, Jackie Ferenczi, Charlene Martens, Pat McGarry, Dawn Neri, Nurse TBD, 6th Grade, May 22, 2026, Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Susquehanna, PA, (no cost).
- I. Jamie Esagro, Dane Barhite, Joanna Burchell, Suzanne Stiver, 4th Grade, May 15, 2026, Lakeland Orchard, Scott Twp, PA, (no cost).
- J. Kathy McHenry, FBLA Students, May 14, 2026, Railriders Game, Moosic, PA (Travel: \$240.47; Total: \$240.47).
- K. Jamie Bottger, 12 students, May 8, 2026, PMEA District 9 Chorus Fest, Tunkhannock, PA, (Travel: \$112.98, Registration: \$576.00, Substitute: \$115.00; Total: \$803.98).
- L. Melissa Wasko, Jenny Riley, Joshua Carpenter, paraprofessional TBD, Nurse TBD, 75 students, May 11, 2026, Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton, PA, (Paraprofessional Substitute: \$94.25, Nurse Substitute, \$115.00; Total: \$209.25).
- M. Christine Misiura, Allison Butash, Susan Gesford, 8 students, May 14, 2026, NPCTM Math Contest, Scranton, PA (Travel: \$36.25, Registration \$120.00, Substitute: \$345.00; Total: \$501.25).
- N. Ashley Coviello, Erika Gething, Brandi Miller, Kristi Moher, Charissa Ofalt, Nurse TBD, First Grade Students, May 7, 2026, Animal Adventure Park, Harpursville, NY (Substitute Nurse: \$115.00; Total: \$115.00).
- O. Adrienne Brown, Allison Butash, Katherine Holzman, Colleen Hammond, Fifth Grade Students, May 29, 2026, Lackawanna State Park, North Abington Township, PA (no cost).
- P. Diana Lombardi, Mark Lemoncelli, 35 students, April, 2, 2026, NYC Art Trip, New York, NY (no cost).

Motion 193 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

5.3. Approve Comprehensive Plan

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the Comprehensive Plan for the 2026-2029 school years, as presented.

Motion 194 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

6. **Building and Site Committee: Kenneth Decker, Chairperson** Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

Mr. Chidester's Report

- Mr. Chidester discussed the broken water heater at the ES. It should be installed tomorrow. He's been spending time on equipment maintenance. Recently, the roofs underwent a thorough inspection.

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 mentioned that the county spelling bee concluded. The Dairy Princess was on-site working the PK and K students. PK and K registration is coming-up soon.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli returned from chaperoning the senior class trip. The band concert was last week. PSSA, Keystone and AP exams are happening soon.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said the PASSA assessments are wrapping-up this week. McKinley-Vento monitoring took place in March.

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

- Dr. Frounfelker stated that professional development day was March 13.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said he is still working on the budget. The budget will be presented to the board at the April meeting.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Barhite thought the play was great.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.
- Beth Sedlak presented a proposal for a drama summer camp.

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

HELD:

- Monday, March 30, 2026 - 5:30pm – 7:15 pm for Personnel & Administrative Interviews

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 20, 2026 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak