

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 4, 2026 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:20 PM by Mr. Tracy Flynn, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Tracy Flynn, President; Mr. Michael Barhite, First Vice President; Mr. Chase Poplawski; Mr. Kenneth Decker; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Ms. Kirsten Smith; Mr. Jason Richmond.

Absent: Mr. Michael Molenko, Second Vice President; Mr. Dan Very.

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.

Absent: Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

- Caroline Symuleski – SGA Representative
 - Caroline presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.
- Proposed Final Budget – Mr. Thomas Witiak
 - Mr. Witiak presented the Proposed Final Budget.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the minutes dated April 20, 2026, as presented.

Motion 213 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

1.6. Treasurer’s Report – Jason Richmond, Treasurer

- Mr. Richmond 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: Kirsten Smith, Chairperson

Committee Members: Dan Very, Chase Poplawski

2.1. Approve May Bill List

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for May 4, 2026 for the General Fund in the amount of \$252,533.72 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$0.00, totaling \$252,533.72, as presented.

Motion 214 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.2. Appoint Bank of Record

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Peoples Security Bank & Trust as bank of record for 2026-2027.

Motion 215 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.3. Appoint Collector of Delinquent Taxes

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint G. H. Harris Associates, Inc., Dallas, PA as delinquent per capita and delinquent occupational tax collector for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion 216 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.4. Approve 2026-2027 Proposed Final Budget

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the 2026 – 2027 Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$24,561,015.94, as presented.

Motion 217 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Flynn, Ms. Smith, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Richmond), 1 No (Mr. Poplawski), 2 Absent (Mr. Molenko, Mr. Very).

2.5. Appoint Property Insurance Company

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Acrisure as property, auto, worker's compensation, etc. insurer for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion 218 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.6. Approve Tax Bill Printer

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve Government Software Services (GSS) for 2026 real estate tax, per capita tax, and occupation tax bill printing, as presented.

Motion 219 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.7. Approve Substitute Per Diem Rate Sheet

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Substitute Per Diem Rate Sheet for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 220 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.8. Approve Continuation of Student Activities

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve continuation of the following student activities – Activities, Art Club, Backpack Program, Band, Chorus, Class of 2027, Class of 2028, Class of 2029, E-Sports, Family and Consumer Sciences, FBLA, Mountain View Student Government Association, Music Theatre, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, PJAS, Students Against Drunk Driving, Scholastic Team, Science, Ski/Snowriders Club, Strategies for Life, Student Climate & Culture, Students In Need, 88 Keys Fundraiser, PASC State Convention 2026, and Yearbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion 221 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.9. Approve Freepoint Energy Solutions Agreement

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the agreement with Freepoint Energy Solutions through December 31, 2028, as presented.

Motion 222 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

2.10. Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve exonerations for 2026 real estate, 2026 per capita taxes and 2026 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 223 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3. Personnel Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Kirsten Smith, Kenneth Decker

3.1. Accept Coach Resignation

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

- A. Errol Mannick, Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant/JV Coach, effective April 30, 2026.

Motion 224 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.2. Approve Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the posting and advertising of the following position:

- A. Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach

Motion 225 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

3.3. Approving Coaching Position

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the following supplemental salary coaching position for the 2026-2027 school year:

- A. Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach, Errol Mannick, \$4,512.00.

Motion 226 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

4. Policy Committee: Michael Molenko Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Chase Poplawski

4.1. Second Reading of Policies

- 235.1 – Surveys
- 140.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
 - Mr. Poplawski led the discussion on Policy 235.1 – Surveys and Policy 140.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Charter / Cyber Charter Students.

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. Richmond, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Karen Zaums, May 8, 2026, AAC Talks, Archbald, PA (no cost).

Motion 227 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

5.2. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. George Paterno, eSports, May 30-31, 2026, eSports Championship, Cresson Township, PA (Travel: \$334.95, Other: \$20.00; Total: \$354.90).
- B. George Paterno, eSports, May 9, 2026, eSports Tournament, Chambersburg, PA (Travel: \$290.00, Other: \$20.00; Total: \$310.00).
- C. Jamie Bottger, Senior Chorus, May 14, 2026, Railriders Game, Moosic, PA (no cost).
- D. Todd Calabro, Whitney Johnson, 35 students, April 24, 2026, Susquehanna County Envirothon Competition, Elk Mountain, (Travel: \$111.94, Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$341.94).
- E. Glen Mackey, 7 students, May 5, 2026, Kintner Modular Homes, Tunkhannock, PA (Travel: \$43.50; Total: \$43.50).

Motion 228 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

5.3. Approve Religious Instruction 2026-2027

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Religious Instruction Program between the Mountain View School District and the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Susquehanna County for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 229 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent.

5.4. Approve ESY

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve ESY for summer 2026 at the following time and dates: 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for staff and is on the following dates: July 7- 9, 13-16, 20-23, 27- 30.

Motion 230 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 reported that the sewer line was cleared by using a water-jet and a camera. The fuel tanks were filling with water. The water was syphoned out. The flag pole was repaired.

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 said the PSSAs are concluding. Teacher appreciation week is this week – he thanked all teachers. PTO Bingo went well. Science Fair is next week.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated that PSSAs have concluded. The prom is being held at Greenrich Country Club. This coming Wednesday is the spring band concert. The Steinway Piano will be repaired soon.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said that 30 students qualified for ESY.

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

- Dr. Frounfelker mentioned that the PSSA have concluded but, the AP Exam and Keystones are coming soon.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia stated that he will continue to work on the budget.

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, May 4, 2026 – 5:30 pm – 7:15 pm for Interviews & Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, June 8, 2026 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Ms. Smith, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak