

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on June 8, 2026 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:21 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. Michael Molenko, Second Vice President; Mr. Chase Poplawski; Mr. Kenneth Decker; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Ms. Kirsten Smith; Mr. Jason Richmond; Mr. Dan Very (via phone).

Absent: None

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:

- Caroline Symuleski – SGA Representative
 - Absent.
- Final Budget – Mr. Thomas Witiak
 - Mr. Witiak presented the 2026-2027 Final Budget.
- Yearly Safety & Security Report – Dr. Bridget Frounfelker
 - Dr. Frounfelker presented the Safety & Security Report.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve the minutes dated May 4, 2026, as presented.

Motion 231 Carried: 9 Yes.

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.

- None

2. Finance Committee: Kirsten Smith, Chairperson

Committee Members: Dan Very, Chase Poplawski

2.1. Approve June Bill List

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for June 8, 2026 for the General Fund in the amount of \$855,077.42 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$62,272.88, totaling \$917,350.30, as presented.

Motion 232 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.2. Approve 2026-2027 Final Budget

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the 2026 – 2027 Final Budget in the amount of \$23,960,130.31, as presented.

Motion 233 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Flynn, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Molenko, Mr. Very, Ms. Smith, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Decker, Mr. Richmond), 1 No (Mr. Poplawski).

2.3. Approve 2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, approve the 2026 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion in the amount of \$911,541.06. There are 2,180 eligible Homesteads and Farmsteads.

Motion 234 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.4. Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund to Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$425,923.75 for the July 1, 2026 bond payment of \$425,923.75 for the Bond Series of 2018.

Motion 235 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.5. Approve 2026 -2027 Annual Tax Levy

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the 2026-2027 Annual Tax Levy as follows: 53.7177 mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, Occupational Assessment Tax at 100 mills, 0.5% Earned Income Tax under Act 511 and 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax. The discount rate is 2% and ends on August 31, 2026. Face period begins on September 1, 2026 and ends on October 31, 2026. The penalty rate is 10% and begins on November 1, 2026 and ends on December 31, 2026. The last day to pay tax collector is December 31, 2026. Installment payments are due by August 31, 2026, September 30, 2026, and October 31, 2026, respectively.

Motion 236 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Flynn, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Molenko, Mr. Very, Ms. Smith, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Decker, Mr. Richmond), 1 No (Mr. Poplawski).

2.6. Appoint School District Treasurer for 2026 -2027

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Mr. Richmond as school district treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion 237 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.7. Approve NEIU 19 Service Agreement

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Special Education Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19 for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 238 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.8. Approve Children's Service Center Service Agreement

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Special Education Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Children's Service Center for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 239 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.9. Approve Aveanna Service Agreement

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Service Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Aveanna for the 2026 – 2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 240 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Flynn, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Molenko, Mr. Very, Ms. Smith, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Decker, Mr. Poplawski), 1 Abstain (Mr. Richmond).

2.10. Approve IU18 & IU19 RWAN Consortium Agreement

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Agreement between the Mountain View School District and IU18 & IU19 RWAN Consortium for the 2027- 2028 school year, as presented.

Motion 241 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.11. 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 242 Carried: 9 Yes.

2.12. Approve Creation of Student Activity Account

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve creation of the following student activity – Mountain View School Police Student Fund for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 243 Carried: 9 Yes.

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 coaches:

- A. Justin Rowe, Boys JH Soccer Coach, effective May 15, 2026.
- B. Reagan White, Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach, effective May 26, 2026
- C. Tyler Phillips, Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant/JV Coach, effective May 27, 2026.

Motion 244 Carried: 9 Yes.

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 coach position:

- A. Boys JH Soccer Coach
- B. Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach
- C. Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant/JV Coach

Motion 245 Carried: 9 Yes.

3.3. Approve Technology Director

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve Kody Fitzgerald, Technology Director with a salary of \$68,000.00 and benefits per the Act 93 Agreement with a start date of July 1, 2026.

Motion 246 Carried: 9 Yes.

3.4. Approve Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the retirement of Mary Lynne Twining from her 206 clerical position effective June 30, 2026.

Motion 247 Carried: 9 Yes.

3.5. Approve Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the retirement of Sharen Giffin from her cafeteria position effective September 15, 2026.

Motion 248 Carried: 9 Yes.

3.6. Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to appoint the following volunteer:

- A. Jason Richmond, Kingsley, Nurse for Washington DC Trip

Motion 249 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Flynn, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Molenko, Mr. Very, Ms. Smith, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Decker, Mr. Poplawski), 1 Abstain (Mr. Richmond).

3.7. Approve Athletic Game Support

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to appoint the following for athletic game support:

- A. Julie Beach
- B. Kathy McHenry
- C. Andrea Sanders
- D. Danielle Scott
- E. Diane Supancik
- F. Robyn O'Brien
- G. Brenda Sinkovich
- H. Mel Lasher
- I. Amy Getz
- J. Susan Gravine
- K. Dawn Neri
- L. Kerra Spindler
- M. Jason McHenry
- N. Lee Rowan

Motion 250 Carried: 9 Yes.

3.8. Approve Job Description

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the Mountain View School District Job Description for Technology Director (PK- 12), as presented.

Motion 251 Carried: 9 Yes.

3.9. Approve ESY Staff

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve ESY Staff for summer 2026:

Teachers: Stacy Decker, Brandi Miller
Paraprofessionals: Alicia Libby, Ann Marie Ford, Dawn Neri, Brittney Latwinski
Related Services: Heather Larkin

Motion 252 Carried: 9 Yes.

3.10. Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Poplawski, to authorize posting and advertising for the following Winter sports coaching positions:

- A. Baseball Varsity & JH Head and Assistant Coach

- B. Baseball JV Coach
- C. Softball Varsity & JH Head and Assistant Coach
- D. Softball JV Coach
- E. Boys Volleyball Varsity Head & Assistant/JV Coach
- F. Track & Field Head and Assistant Coaches

Motion 253 Carried: 9 Yes.

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. Richmond, to approve the following policies:

- 235.1 – Surveys
- 140.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students

Motion 254 Carried: 9 Yes.

5. Education Committee: Dan Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kirsten Smith

5.1. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Brenda Sinkovich, Anna Van Wert, Anthony Borgia, Todd Calabro, Mark Lemoncelli, Alisha Hudak, 59 students, 8th Grade Trip, May 27-29, 2026, Washington DC (Substitutes: \$1,035.00; Total: \$1,035.00).

Motion 255 Carried: 9 Yes.

5.2. Approve Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Ms. Smith, to approve the expulsion of student #26083 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 256 Carried: 9 Yes.

6. Building and Site Committee: Kenneth Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

Mr. Chidester's Report

- Mr. Chidester said the buildings are divorced – the pipe finally gave way. There is lots of summer projects planned. The tractor PTO broke.

7. Transportation Committee: Derek O'Dell, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Michael Molenko

7.1. Approve Termination of Van Contract

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the termination of the van contract with Bob Powers effective May 18, 2026.

Motion 257 Carried: 9 Yes.

7.2. Approve Resignation of Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the resignation due to retirement of Laura Fuller for the Bus 20 route at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 258 Carried: 9 Yes.

7.3. Approve Resignation of Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the resignation of Dan Anthony, Inc. for the Bus 12 route at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion 259 Carried: 9 Yes.

7.4. Approve Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the posting and advertising of the bus contracts for the Bus 20 and Bus 12 routes.

Motion 260 Carried: 9 Yes.

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

8.1. Approve MOU with MVEA for Duration of 2025-2026 School Year

The motion is made by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the MOU with the MVEA for the duration of the 2025-2026 school year to temporarily extend the retirement incentive, as presented.

Motion 261 Carried: 9 Yes.

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry thanked Ms. Button, Ms. Bluhm, and Ms. Martens for their years of hard work. The Pre-K graduation, Kindergarten graduation and 6th Grade promotion all went well.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said MVHS graduated 59 students. He thanked Ms. Button, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Twining, and Mrs. James for their years of service.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said that ESY should be starting soon. Transition meetings took place. She is confident that the 6th grade students are ready for high school.

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

- Dr. Frounfelker congratulated all of the retirees. She thought the promotions and graduations were great.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak congratulated Ms. Button on her retirement.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said the promotion and graduation ceremonies were great. The building and grounds looked terrific. He thanked Ms. Button for her years of service.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Flynn congratulated Ms. Button on her retirement.
- Mr. Richmond thought the 8th grade Washington DC trip went well.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

- Justin Fletcher asked about the Police Officer Student Activity Account. He also asked about cuts to staffing.
- Heather Powers thanked the board for keeping staff intact.
- Dmitri Ysavage came to support Mrs. Ransom.
- Brianna Pirrini came to support Mrs. Ransom.
- Rory Shea came to support Mrs. Ransom.
- Ethan Neary came to support Mrs. Ransom.
- Ginger Compton came to support Mrs. Ransom.

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

HELD:

- Monday, June 8, 2026 – 5:00 pm – 7:15 pm for Interviews & Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, July 13, 2026 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Poplawski, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak