Mountain View School District

"A Community's Commitment to Excellence"

Board of Education Public Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2026

MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order
The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on July 13, 2026 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:02 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 (via phone), 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; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: 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.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View

- None.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the minutes dated June 8, 2026 and June 23, 2026, as presented.

Motion 1 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.

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Kirsten Smith, Chairperson
Committee Members: Dan Very, Chase Poplawski

2.1. Approve July Bill List

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the list of bills for July 13, 2026 for the General Fund in the amount of $775,164.02, the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of $54,802.89 and the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of $19,302.00, totaling $849,268.91, as presented.

Motion 2 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2. Approve Raptor Technologies Service Agreement

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Raptor Technologies, as presented.

Motion 3 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3. Approve Service Agreement with NEIU 19

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19 for Title III Services, as presented.

Motion 4 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4. Approve Dual Enrollment Agreement with The University of Scranton

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the dual enrollment agreement between the Mountain View School District and The University of Scranton for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 5 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5. Approve Letter of Agreement with NEIU19

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the SAP Letter of Agreement between the Mountain View School District and the NEIU 19, as presented.

Motion 6 Carried: 9 Yes

2.6. Approve Settlement Agreement

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release of Claims in the case of Ashley Ellis, individual and as the Court appointed Plenary Guardian for the person and Estate of Sienna Padgett, Plaintiff v. Mountain View School District, Defendant, docketed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania as Civil Action No. 3:22-0250-RDM. The President of the Board of School Directors of the Mountain View School District is hereby authorized to sign the said Settlement Agreement and General Release.

Motion 7 Carried: 9 Yes

2.7. Approve Service Agreement with Scranton Counseling Center

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Scranton Counseling Center for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 8 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson
Committee Members: Kirsten Smith, Kenneth Decker

3.1. Approve Elementary Music Teacher Position

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to appoint Hailey Strzelec, as an Elementary Music Teacher, at Bachelor's Column, Step 1 with a salary of $58,133.00 and benefits according to the MVEA Agreement, with a start date of August 25, 2026.

Motion 9 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2. Approve Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the retirement of Holly James from her High School Teacher position effective June 9, 2026.

Motion 10 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3. Approve Volunteer

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

A. Rebecca Herbert, JH Girls Basketball, Soccer, & Softball

Motion 11 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4. Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve supplemental salary requests for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 12 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5. Approve Summer IT Help

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve summer IT help (Restricted to up to 20 hours per week) at a rate of $13.00 an hour beginning June 25, 2026 and ending July 31, 2026.

Motion 13 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6. Approve Coaching Positions

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

A. Boys JH Soccer Coach, Todd Calabro, $2,810.00
B. Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach, Tyler Phillips, $3,760.00.
C. Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant/JV Coach, Reagan White, $3,160.00.
D. Track & Field Head Coach, Jamie Supancik, $3,384.00.
E. Track & Field Assistant Coach, Melissa Flynn, $2,844.00.
F. Track & Field Assistant Coach, Josie Evans, $2,844.00.
G. Track & Field Assistant Coach, Tina Curtis, $2,844.00.
H. JH Baseball Coach, James Wodock, $3,091.00.

Motion 14 Carried: 9 Yes

3.7. Approve Instruction in the Home Teacher

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve Brion Stone as an Instruction in the Home Teacher beginning May 19, 2026.

Motion 15 Carried: 9 Yes

3.8. Approve Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the resignation of Hailey Giangrieco from her 223-day Clerical position effective August 26, 2026.

Motion 16 Carried: 9 Yes

3.9. Approve Substitute

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

A. Hailey Giangrieco, clerical & paraprofessional

Motion 17 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Michael Molenko Chairperson
Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Chase Poplawski

4.1. First Reading of Policy

- 008 – Organizational Chart
- Mr. Poplawski led the discussion on Policy 008 – Organizational Chart

5. Education Committee: Dan Very, Chairperson
Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kirsten Smith

5.1. Approve Conference Request(s)

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following conference request(s):

A. Kristin-Hogan Smith, June 22-26, 2026, UFLI Virtual Academy (Registration: $240.00; Total: $240.00).

Motion 18 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2. Approve Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the expulsion of student #6342184321 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year and for the entirety of the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion 19 Carried: 9 Yes

5.3. Approve Instruction in the Home

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve Instruction in the Home for Student #27010 beginning May 19, 2026.

Motion 20 Carried: 9 Yes

5.4. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

A. Sheri Ransom, 2 students, Hallstead Library, July 9, 16, 23, 2026, Hallstead, PA (Travel: $25.20; Total: $25.20).

Motion 21 Carried: 9 Yes

5.5. Approve Handbooks

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following handbooks, as presented:

A. HS Student Handbook
B. Elementary Student Handbook

Motion 22 Carried: 9 Yes

5.6. Approve JH Program of Studies

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the 2026-2027 JH Program of Studies, as presented.

Motion 23 Carried: 9 Yes

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

7.1. The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following transportation contractors.

A. Dan Anthony, Inc. Bus 5
B. Linda Anthony, LLC Bus 1, 8
C. Beatrice Burgess, Bus 21
D. Chris Catalfamo, Bus 6
D. Midnight Sun Ventures, LLC, Bus 2
F. Bryan Kostick, Bus 10
G. Lewis Bussing, Bus 14 (CTC Run), Van
H. LM Transportation LLC, Bus 13
I. Gary Sanauskas, Bus 28
J. Vladimir & David Schlasta Bus 24
K. Corinna Domenico, Van
L. Elizabeth Nonenmacher, Van
M. Janice Robinson, Van
N. Cindy Saxon, Van
N. Donald Snedeker, Van
O. Linda Snedeker, Van
P. Edwin Russell, Van
Q. Cindy Saxon, Van

Motion 24 Carried: 9 Yes

7.2. Approve Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the Bus 20 contract to Lewis Bussing for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Motion 25 Carried: 9 Yes

7.3. Approve Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the Bus 12 contract to Garrison Bus Lines, LLC for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented

Motion 26 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

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry
- Absent

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli
- Absent

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

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

- Absent

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak announced that all taxes were mailed.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia introduced Kody Fitzgerald, Technology Director.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Richmond pondered if the new cafeteria funding changes would impact Mountain View.

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, July 13, 2026 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm for Interviews & Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, August 17, 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 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak