

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 14, 2026 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:00 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; Ms. Kirsten Smith; Mr. Jason Richmond; Mr. Dan Very (via phone).

Absent: Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

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: VACANT, Superintendent.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

- SGA Representative – Audrey Anderson
 - Audrey presented the MVSGA Liaison report.

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. Molenko, to approve the minutes dated August 24, 2026, as presented.

Motion 57 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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.

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Kirsten Smith, Chairperson

Committee Members: Dan Very, Chase Poplawski

2.1. Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Poplawski, to approve the list of bills for September 14, 2026 for the General Fund in the amount of \$687,385.20 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$6,160.89, totaling \$693,846.09, as presented.

Motion 58 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Kirsten Smith, Kenneth Decker

3.1. Appoint Tech 1 Position

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Molenko, to appoint Michael Fitzpatrick as a Tech 1 at a starting rate of \$16.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date of September 15, 2026.

Motion 59 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2. Approve 223-day Clerical

The motion is made by _____, second by _____, to appoint _____ as a 223-day clerical at a starting rate of \$13.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date, pending paperwork.

Motion held. No action taken.

3.3. Approve Substitutes

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

A. Meghan Van Wert, Teacher Substitute

- B. Britney Walsh, Teacher Substitute, pending paperwork
- C. Natalie Whitney, Teacher Substitute, pending paperwork

Motion 60 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4. Approve Creation and Prior Anticipated Posting

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Molenko, to approve the creation and prior anticipated posting of the following supplemental coaching positions:

- A. JH Girls Assistant Soccer Coach
- B. JH Boys Assistant Soccer Coach

Motion 61 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5. Amend Agenda - Approve Coaching Positions

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Molenko, to amend the agenda to add “pro-rated salary” to motion 3.6 – Approve Coaching Positions.

Motion 62 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6. Approve Coaching Positions

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

- A. Girls JH Assistant Soccer Coach, Rebecca Herbert, \$1,495.00 prorated stipend.
- B. Boys JH Assistant Soccer Coach, Andrea Janick, pending paperwork, \$1,495.00 prorated stipend.
- C. JH Assistant Baseball Coach, Andrea Janick, pending paperwork, \$1,644.50 prorated stipend.

Motion 63 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.7. Approve Volunteer

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

- A. Glen Mackey, JH Softball, JH Girls/Boys Soccer, Volleyball, & Basketball.

Motion 64 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.8. Approve Supplemental Salaries

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

- A. Storm Talluto – New Teacher Mentor
- B. Stephanie Kile – Teacher Mentor
- C. Anna Van Wert – SGA Assistant Advisor
- D. Maggie Breese – Softball Coach

Motion 65 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Michael Molenko Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Chase Poplawski

4.1. Approve Policy

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

- 008 – Organizational Chart

Motion 66 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.2. First Reading of Policy

- 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - Mr. Molenko led the discussion on Policy 249 – Bullying / Cyberbullying.

5. Education Committee: Dan Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kirsten Smith

5.1. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kathy McHenry & Mason Stiver, FBLA & JH Band, Penguins Game, November 18, 2026, Wilkes-Barre, PA (Travel: \$417.80, Other: \$66.80; Total: \$484.60).
- B. Kathy McHenry & Rebekah Ihlefeldt, FBLA, PA FBLA Region 27 Leadership Conference, December 15, 2026, Factoryville, PA (Travel: \$163, Substitute: \$230.00; Total: \$393.00).

Motion 67 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Kenneth Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

Mr. Chidester's Report

- Mr. Chidester stated that a phone line was installed in the wrestling room. The old tattered MV flags were removed from the poles in the parking lots.

7. Transportation Committee: Derek O'Dell, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Michael Molenko

7.1. Approve Substitute Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. Poplawski, to appoint the following bus substitute for the 2026-2027 school year

A. Kimberly Keyes

Motion 68 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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 ES is off to a great start. He thanked Rose Williams, Tim Chidester, Jessica Worden and Alicia Chidester for their hard work leading up to the new school year. Snack Wars and Friendsgiving events are planned. Scouts and wrestling sign-ups are soon.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli mentioned there is a school dance on Friday. SGA is getting ready for hosting the state conference.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Absent.

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

- Dr. Frounfelker said Raptor, the new visitor management system, was installed. The ES vestibule changes have worked well.

9.4. Director of Technology – Mr. Kody Fitzgerald

- Mr. Fitzgerald stated he worked on setting-up Raptor, iPads and printers for community members to use while visiting.

9.5. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak explained that a tree branch fell on a bus during the morning bus route.

9.6. Interim Superintendent - Dr. Bridget Frounfelker

- Dr. Frounfelker said that MV is searching for open superintendent and HS vice principal positions.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- Tenielle Hobart asked about finances and grants.
- Megan Unada asked why students are leaving MV for cyber charter schools.
- Jessica Heinold mentioned the superintendent search focus group.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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

HELD:

- Monday, September 14, 2026 – 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 5, 2026 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Poplawski, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak