

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting

Monday, August 23, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on August 23, 2021 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:07 PM by Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Jason Richmond, President; Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –August 10, 2021

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Decker, to approve the minutes dated August 10, 2021, as presented.

Motion 59 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Sondra Stine, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mrs. Stine presented the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria 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 questions regarding the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

2.1 Approve August Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the August 23, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$153,151.67, as presented.

Motion 60 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve July Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to confirm payment of the General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the amount of \$1,981,194.00, as presented.

Motion 61 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve exonerations for 2021 real estate, 2021 per capita taxes and 2021 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 62 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Tier Occupational Therapy Services, PC Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Tier Occupational Therapy Services, PC agreement between the Mountain View School District and Tier Occupational Therapy Services, PC for school year 2021-2022, as presented.

Motion 63 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium (NTIEC) Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium agreement between the Mountain View School District and Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium for school years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, as presented.

Motion 64 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve Integrative Counseling Services

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the Integrative Counseling Services agreement, as presented.

Motion 65 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Approve Care Givers America

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement with Care Givers America, as presented.

Motion 66 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Derek O'Dell

3.1 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2021-2022, as presented.

Motion 67 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following substitute, pending receipt of all documentation:

- a. Jesse Gerfin, Kingsley, PA, to the High School and Elementary Substitute Lists, PK-4

Motion 68 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint the following Volunteers:

Jesse Gerfin, Volunteer, Girls Volleyball
Dwight Carey, Varsity Men's Soccer
Chris Kelley, Junior High Soccer

Motion 69 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Acknowledge Tenure and Issue Professional Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to acknowledge tenure and issue professional contract for the following teachers:

- a. Allison Bluhm
- b. Todd Calabro

Motion 70 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to accept the letter of resignation from Kelly McLaughlin, from her cafeteria monitor position, effective August 23, 2021, as presented.

Motion 71 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize posting and advertising, for an elementary cafeteria monitor position at a rate of \$10.50 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 72 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.7 Approve Health & Safety Plan

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the Health and Safety Plan.

Motion 73 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policies (Discussion):

- Policy 301- Creating a Position
- Policy 302- Employment of Superintendent
- Policy 304- Employment of District Staff
- Policy 305- Employment of Substitutes
- Policy 306- Employment of Summer School Staff
- Policy 307- Student Teachers/Interns
- Policy 308- Employment Contract/Board Resolution
- Policy 309- Assignment and Transfer

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on all of the above policies.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Mountain View School District's Mitigation Protocols regarding COVID protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 74 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Handbooks

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to adopt the following high school handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented:

- A. Substitute Handbook
- B. Faculty Handbook
- C. Paraprofessional Support Handbook

Motion 75 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6. **Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor said the insurance claim will pay to re-set the tank. It is covered under flood coverage and the deductible is \$25,000.00. The second pump has been installed too.

7. **Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Driver

The motion is made by Mrs. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve Lisa Jumper as a car / van driver for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion 76 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

7.2 Approve Driver

The motion is made by Mrs. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve Mark Marcy as a substitute bus driver for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion 77 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

8 **Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson**

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Dan Very, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

9 **Administration**

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake thanked the board for approving the hallway painting project. It looks nice. It's the first new look after 30 years. Day 1 went well.

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said it was a great first day with staff. Teachers are enthusiastic and excited about the upcoming school year.

9.2 Director of Special Services –Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus noted that this was her first opening day with the district. She will meet with staff tomorrow.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf

- Mr. Womelsdorf noted that he shared the assessment calendars with teachers. He will carefully look at data because there are anomalies caused by COVID.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No comment.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said he is ready for the school year to begin. The administration and nurses will meet weekly to discuss protocols.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte heard positive feedback about Day 1.
- Mr. Decker said we have a great administration team.
- Mr. Richmond congratulated Mr. Calabro and Mrs. Bluhm on earning tenure.

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- Melody Haley said she kept up on current trends this summer via webinar.

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

HELD:

- Monday, August 23, 2021 - 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 13, 2021 before and after the public meeting

10 Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- August 10, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6- Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1- August 2021 Bill List

- 2.2- Disbursements
- 2.3- Exonerations
- 2.4- Tier Occupational Therapy Services, PC
- 2.5- Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium
- 3.1-Supplemental Salaries
- 3.5- McLaughlin Resignation
- 4.1- Policy 301- Creating a Position
 - Policy 302- Employment of Superintendent
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- 5.1-Mitigation Protocols
- 5.2- Approve Handbooks

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak