

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

Monday, February 11, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 11, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:02 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. Danny Very, Treasurer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Michael Barhite; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: Mr. Edward Napierkowski, Second Vice President; Mrs. Monica Miller.

Administration Present:

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal (absent at roll-call, arrived at 7:32)

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Kirsten Smith, Grants & Education Officer for WVIA, Support for SGA State Conference 2020 at Kalahari

- Mrs. Smith would like to “document and amplify” the SGA process for hosting the convention.

2019-2020 District Calendar Presentation- Terri Kelsey, Professional Development Coordinator

- Mrs. Kelsey presented the 2019-2020 District Calendar.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –January 28, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated January 28, 2019, as presented.

Motion 199 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

1.6 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 about repository properties. Mr. Witiak advised that the repository properties were 2 trailers valued at about \$2,000 total.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve February Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the February 11, 2019 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$423,482.77.

Motion 200 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.2 Approve Property Sales

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to accept any price negotiated by the Tax Claim Bureau on each repository property. Currently, neither property is generating income from taxes, as presented.

Motion 201 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.3 Approve NEIU General Operating Budget

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve three areas (Administration, Curriculum and Instructional Services, and Management Information Services) of the General Operating Budget of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 (NEIU #19) for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as presented.

Motion 202 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve 90-Day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Very, to approve Katherine Tuttle as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$44,338.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2018-2019 schedule, retroactive to January 23, 2019 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of her serving in the same High School position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 203 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.2 Appoint 2.5 hour Food Service Position

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Very, to appoint Linda Drum, Clifford Township, to a 2.5 food service position at a starting rate \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, effective February 12, 2019.

Motion 204 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.3 Approve Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Very, to approve the following coaches:

Steve Farrell, Co-Jr. High Wrestling, \$1,553.50
Kenny Decker, Co-Jr. High Wrestling, \$1,553.50

Motion 205 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Very, Mr. Barhite, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte), 1 Abstain (Mr. Decker), 2 Absent (Mr. Napierkowski, Mrs. Miller)

3.4 Accept Elementary Volleyball Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Very, to accept Melanie Lasher's resignation from her Elementary Volleyball position effective immediately, as presented.

Motion 206 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.5 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, seconded by Mr. Very, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2018-2019, as presented.

Motion 207 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

4.1 Approve the Following Policy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following policy, as presented.

- #824 - Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer explained the updated to the policy as a result of the most recent policy committee meeting.

Motion 208 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Karen Voigt on Sunday through Wednesday, March 24-27, 2019, 2019 PDE Data Summit, Hershey Lodge (Travel \$136.25, Lodging \$411.00, Registration \$300.00; Total \$847.25)
- B. Leslie Gossage on Wednesday and Thursday, March 6 and 7, 2019, WIDA Scaffolding Workshop, PaTTAN, Malvern PA (Travel \$140.00, Turnpike Tolls/Parking \$12.60, Lodging \$177.58; Total \$330.79)
- C. Leslie Gossage on Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12, 2019, Title III Consortium Meeting, NEIU 19 (No cost to the district)

Motion 209 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

- Mr. Presley arrived at the meeting at 7:32.

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Jamie Bottger and 2 students, Wednesday through Friday, February 6th through eighth, 2019, PMEA District Chorus Festival, Forest City and Lakeland HS (Transportation \$23.16, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$213.16)
- B. MaryAnn Tranovich and 20 students, Friday, February 15, 2019, Region H Conference, Dallas, PA (Cost will be paid by HS Student Council)
- C. Kate Sekely, Molly Virbitsky and undetermined number of students, Tuesday, February 26, 2019, Snowriders Club Field Trip/Day Ski Trip, Elk Mountain (Transportation paid by Ski Club, Substitute Cost \$190.00)
- D. Erin Rupp, George Barbolish, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 6 students, Saturday, March 2, 2019, Regional Competition of PA Jr. Academy of Science, Wilkes University, Transportation \$59.61, Registration \$105.00; Total \$164.61)

Motion 210 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.3 Approve Waiver of Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student #21062.

Motion 211 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.4 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Kenny Decker, Steve Farrell and 8 students, PIAA District II Wrestling Tournament, Hazleton Area High School (Lodging \$500)

Motion 212 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor said there was a contractor meeting last week to review punch-list items. We have received 21 loads of wood thus far. The schoolwide heating software still needs to be tweaked.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Substitute Bus Driver

The motion was made by Mr. Decker, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve Dane Barhite, Clifford Township, PA, as a substitute bus driver.

Motion 213 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Monica Miller, 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 parents and teachers for successful parent-teacher conferences. The new scheduling tools worked well for parents. 10 students from grades 3-5 received a free ticket to a Binghamton Devils hockey game.

High School Principal – Mr. Robert Presley

- Mr. Presley stated that the boys basketball team can win the league with 2 wins this week. CTC recognized Alayna Robinson as student of the month. He congratulated SGA for their winning conference bid.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski noted that she is hard at work planning for next year.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said he is hard at work reviewing safety grants. He is working with teachers on art, music and science curriculum.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak announced that there is PENNDOT meeting about SR 2067 on March 4 at 7:00 at the Gibson Township Municipal Building.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt stated that Wednesday is Girl's Basketball Senior Night. The Scholastic Bowl team competed Saturday at Sayre. She explained some

potential changes to school funding from the state. She and Dr. Elia are working on the Act 44 Safety Grant.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte noted that the Stop-The-Bleed kits were distributed to the schools. They were donated from Geisinger.
- Mr. Very feels the administration team is working well together.

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- Justin Fletcher asked what is a Devils Certificate. Dr. Lake explained that it is a free ticket to a Binghamton Devils hockey game. They were awarded to the hardest workers.
- Ann Bellotti said that bullying is a problem at the HS. Cyber bullying is a problem too. Her child has not been at school in a week. The School needs to take it more serious. Mr. Richmond apologized for what you and your child is going through. The board does take this very serious. Mrs. Voigt stated that administration will investigate. She also stated that the district does have programs in place for students. Mr. Presley stated that administration does take bullying allegations very serious. He has recently called a parent one night to check on their child's well-being. He had to call the state police another night. Every instance of bullying that is brought to his attention is addressed. Students and parents need to report bullying to teachers and administration.
- Kaitlyn Mancini said she still has anxiety issues as a result of bullying when she was a student.
- Deb Norton wants outside group to train teachers and administrators about bullying.
- Roxanne MacDonald asked what happens when an ES student is bullied. Dr. Lake said that all incidents that are brought to his attention are reviewed.

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

HELD:

- Monday, February 11, 2019- 6:00 PM-6:55 PM for Personnel, Waiver of Expulsion, and Grievance.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, February 25, 2019 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 8:32 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-January 28, 2019 minutes
- 2.1-February 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Repository Property List
- 4.1-Policy #824 - Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- FYI-Safe 2 Say Something-Anonymous Reporting System

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak