

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

Monday, February 27, 2017
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 27, 2017 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:08 PM by Mr. Michael Barhite, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Michael Barhite, President; Mr. Jason Richmond, First Vice President; Mr. David Schulte, Second Vice President; Mr. Kenneth Decker, Treasurer; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Ed Napierkowski, Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Jason Casselbury.

Absent: None.

Administration Present

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Kelly, Elementary Principal; Dr. Patricia Pasierb, Director of Special Services; Dr. Christopher Lake, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Voice of Democracy
Elk Mountain VFW

David Shea 11th grade, Essay Champion

- David placed 6th in the state. David read his essay.

SGA Liaison- Olivia Ainey

- Olivia presented the MVSGA minutes.

1.5 Presentations

Program of Studies 7th-8th; 9th-12th- Robert Presley

- Mr. Presley presented the program of studies.

Maintenance Budget Presentation- Robert Taylor

- Mr. Taylor presented the maintenance budget. Discussed were moving of elementary school parking lot light poles, replacing the PT Cruiser and replacing the grease trap in the HS kitchen.

2017-2018 School Calendar Discussion

- Mrs. Voigt presented the 2017-2018 School Calendar (draft).

1.6 Approval of the Minutes – February 13, 2017

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the minutes dated February 13, 2017 as presented.

Motion 211 carried: 9 yes

1.7 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Kenneth Decker, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mr. Decker presented the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report.

1.8 First Hearing of Visitors – You may speak about anything on the agenda. (Please state your name and township when being recognized)

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve January Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, 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 \$3,343,347.00

Motion 212 carried: 9 yes

2.2 Approve February 27, 2017 Bill Lists

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the list of bills for the February 27, 2017 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$357,075.85.

Motion 213 carried: 9 yes

2.3 Approve GOB for NEIU #19

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the NEIU #19's 2017-2018 Operating Budget, as presented.

Motion 214 carried: 9 yes

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

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve exonerations for 2016 real estate, 2016 per capita taxes and 2016 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse.

Motion 215 carried: 9 yes

2.5 Approve Real Estate Delinquent Tax Collection

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve relieving tax collectors from further collection of the 2016 real estate taxes as per the list submitted by the tax collectors to Susquehanna County for collection and that taxes will not be exonerated, but collected by Susquehanna County as per liens filed by the tax collectors in the Susquehanna County Courthouse

Motion 216 carried: 9 yes

2.6 Approve Per Capita & Occupation Delinquent Tax Collection

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve relieving tax collectors from further collection of the 2016 per capita and occupational taxes as per the list submitted by the tax collectors, and that taxes will not be exonerated but turned over to G.H. Harris, the delinquent occupational/per capita tax collector, to collect such taxes.

Motion 217 carried: 9 yes

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Substitutes

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the following substitutes, pending receipt of all documentation:

- a. Larry Guarnotta, Gibson, PA, to the clerical substitute list
- b. Courtney Norton, South Gibson, PA, to the clerical substitute list

Motion 218 carried: 9 yes

3.2 Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve Todd Calabro as a long term substitute for having services more than 30 consecutive days as a one-on-one teacher with the rate of \$160.00 per day effective March 6, 2017.

Motion 219 carried: 9 yes

3.3 Accept Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to accept Roger Thomas' resignation from his JV Baseball Co-Coach position effective immediately, as presented.

Motion 220 carried: 9 yes

3.4 Approve Sabbatical Leave

The motion was made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve a sabbatical leave for the first and second semester of the 2017-2018 school year for health restoration for Diana Evans Slick, as presented.

Motion 221 carried: 9 yes

3.5 Approve Advertising

The motion was made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to advertising for a long term at-risk counselor for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion 222 carried: 9 yes

3.6 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve the following volunteer:

Jason Richmond, Junior High Baseball

Motion 223 carried: 9 yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Jason Casselbury

4.1 Approve Policy #223- Motor Vehicles

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve policy #223- Motor Vehicles, as presented.

Motion 224 carried: 9 yes

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. Casselbury, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Karen Krizauskas and Corinne McNabb on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 to attend Holocaust Genocide Human Rights Violation Education, Hilton, Scranton, PA (Substitute Cost \$190.00)

- B. Leslie Gossage on Wednesday March 1, 2017 to attend Collins Writing Workshop, How Did you Get That? Improving Open Responses in Math, IU #19 (Registration \$110.00)
- C. Allison Martino and Jamie White on Monday, March 20, 2017 to attend Fostering Resilience Among People in the LGBTQ Community, Penn State, Scranton, PA (No cost to the district)
- D. Madonna Munley on Monday, February 27, 2017 to attend Tri Cities Opera Education, Binghamton, NY (Travel \$35.31, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$130.31)

Motion 225 carried: 9 yes

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Glen Mackey and 7 students on Friday, April 28, 2017, Lockheed Martin Engineer Day, Owego NY (Transportation \$64.20, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$159.20)
- B. Teri Kelsey, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 9 physics students on Friday, May 12, 2017 to visit Hershey Park, for Physics, Hershey PA (Transportation \$834.61, Registration \$449.25, Substitutes \$190.00; Total \$1,473.86)
- C. Charlene Martens and 6 students in March (date TBD) to attend Scholastic Competition, Tompkins, Cortland Community College, NY (Travel \$81.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$176.00)
- D. Jamie Bottger and 2 students, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, 2017 to attend PMEA District 9 Jazz Festival, Hazleton High School (Travel \$78.11, Registration \$290.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$463.11)
- E. Jamie White, Diane Supancik, Robert Presley and 35 students on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, to attend Wonderworks, Syracuse, NY (Substitute \$95.00)
- F. Jamie White, Diane Supancik, Robert Presley and 30 students on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 to attend Six Flags, NJ (Substitute \$95.00)
- G. Jamie White, Diane Supancik, Robert Presley and 30 students on Friday, May 5, 2017 to attend Hershey Park, Hershey PA (Substitute \$95.00)
- H. Jamie Bottger, Stephanie Kile and Diana Lombardi, Senior Chorus, Art Club and Theater Club on Friday, April 28, 2017 to attend Dracula Ballet, Marywood College (Transportation \$181.71, Substitute \$285.00; Total \$466.71)
- I. Jamie Bottger, Mason Stiver and 8 students on Saturday, April 1, 2017 to attend PMEA District 9 Jazz Fest and Lab Choir, Hazleton High School (Travel \$78.11)
- J. Marybeth Langdon, Christopher Lake, Holly James, Adrienne Brown, Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Christine Misiura, Steven Farrell and 36 students on Thursday, May 11, 2017 to attending Reading Competition (Transportation \$258.40, Registration \$135.00; Total \$393.40)
- K. Todd Calabro, Danielle Scott and 1-3 students on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning March 1, 2017 and ending June 2, 2017 to attend Brookside Farms/Oakleaf Therapeutic Horsemanship Center, Nicholson, PA (Transportation \$1012.50)

Motion 226 carried: A: 9 yes; B: 8 yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Casselbury, Mrs. Plonski-Sezer, Mrs. Stine, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Napierkowski), 1 no (Mr. Schulte); C through K: 9 yes.

5.3 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Casselbury, to approve homebound instruction for Student #19048 beginning November 30, 2016 ending January 6, 2017.

Motion 227 carried: 9 yes

6. **Building and Site Committee: Jason Casselbury, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- None.

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

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Jason Casselbury

- Mr. Witiak discussed the cost of a new 77 passenger bus for Gary Sanauskas.
- Mr. Richmond left the meeting at 8:49

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 – Mrs. Christine Kelly

- Mrs. Kelly gave kudos to Mrs. Mirabelli and Mr. Scanlon for AHA Hoops for Heart basketball game of faculty vs. students. The Life-Skills food offering has extended to include sweet treats and soup on the coffee cart. March 27 is the PSSA kickoff event featuring EJ the DJ. Washington DC trip planning is in full swing.

High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley

- Mr. Presley congratulated the boy's basketball team for making the state playoff. The District 2 championship game is at Mohegan Sun Arena on Saturday, March 4. The state playoff game is on Saturday, March 11. The Spring Musical is on March 9, 10 and 11. The Soup and Paint fundraiser was spearheaded by Mrs. Chichura and Mrs. Lombardi and benefited the local food pantry. The HS had a Relay for life kick-off. A scoring table for indoor sports is being considered with booster clubs making a partial contribution.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Dr. Patricia Pasierb

- Dr. Pasierb explained she is currently working on compliance monitoring. The self-assessment portion is complete. New ES scheduling is progressing nicely thanks to the help of Mrs. Kelly.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake mentioned updating the K-6 STEM curriculum and the HS world languages curriculum. SATs will be held on Saturday, March 11.

9.4 Business Manager- Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak stated that all PlanCon paperwork as a result of the bond / note refinance was accepted by PDE.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that students are competing at the Junior Academy of Science competition at Wilkes University on Saturday, March 4. Mrs. Voigt discussed the possibility of a Montrose football agreement for 2018/2019.

New Business from Board Members

- None.

Second Hearing of Visitors

- Linda Sivers asked about the tax collector software.
- Mason Stiver mentioned that the MVSD band is on a Scranton / Wilkes Barre Railrider's flyer. Lenoxville Band will be performing on March 30 with the HS band. HS choral concert is April 27. ES band concert is on May 4. HS band concert is on May 17.

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

HELD:

- Monday, February 27, 2017- 6:00 PM to 7:05 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, February 27, 2017, after the public meeting
- Monday, March 13, 2017, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Casselbury, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Enclosures:

1.6-February 13, 2017 Minutes
1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
2.1-Disbursements
2.2-Bill List
2.3-GOB-NEIU #19
2.4-Exonerations
3.3-Thomas Resignation
3.4-Slick Sabbatical
4.1-Policy #223 Motor Vehicles
FYI-Conference Reports
FYI 1-Comp time report

FYI 2-Health Service Report
FYI 3-PennDot-P3 Rapid Bridge Replacement Project
FYI 4-January 2017 Transition Activity Report
FYI 5-CTC Student of Month
FYI 6-Program of Studies 7-8
FYI 7-Program of Studies 9-12

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tom Witiak