

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

Monday, June 11, 2018
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on June 11, 2018 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:06 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. Ed Napierkowski, Treasurer; Mrs. Monica Miller, Mr. Kenneth Decker; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Danny Very; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: Mr. David Schulte, Second Vice President

Administration Present:

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

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

1.4 PRIDE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- Matt Dougherty was recognized for MVSGA School Board Liaison service.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –May 21, 2018

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated May 21, 2018, as presented.

Motion 361 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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.*

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve May Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for the June 11, 2018 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$170,006.36

Motion 362 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve 2018-2019 Annual Tax Levy

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2018-2019 Annual Tax Levy as follows: 41.4780 mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, Occupational Assessment Tax at 100 mills, 0.5% Earned Income Tax under Act 511 and 1 % Real Estate Transfer Tax. The discount amount is 2% and ends on August 31, 2018. Face period begins on September 1, 2018 and ends on October 31, 2018. The penalty amount is 10% and begins on November 1, 2018. The last day to pay tax collector is December 31, 2018. Installment payments are due by August 31, 2018, September 30, 2018 and October 31, 2018, respectively.

Motion 363 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3 Approve 2018 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2018 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion in the amount of \$524,089.00. There are 2,292 eligible Homesteads and 139 eligible Farmsteads.

Motion 364 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Continuation of Student Activities

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve continuation of the following student activities – Activities, Art Club, Band, Chorus, Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020, Family and Consumer Sciences, FBLA, Music Theatre, Mountain View Student Government Association, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Olweus / PBIS, Students Against Drunk Driving, Scholastic Team, Science Club, Ski / Snowriders Club, Spanish Honor Society, Strategies for Life, and Yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 365 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve First Hospital Wyoming Valley Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to Approve First Hospital Wyoming Valley Agreement and the Mountain View School District, as presented.

Motion 366 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve MOU with District Attorney's Office

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Very, to approve the MOU between the Mountain View School District and the District Attorney's Office, for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented.

Motion 367 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to accept the letter of resignation, due to retirement, of Daniel Bonham from his maintenance position effective June 30, 2018, as presented.

Motion 368 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve Todd Calabro as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$43,687.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2017-2018 schedule, Effective June 14, 2018 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same High School position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 369 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve Lisa Loomis as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$43,687.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2017-2018 schedule, Effective June 7, 2018 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same Elementary School position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Motion 370 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Approve Summer IT Positions

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve three summer IT positions, at a rate of \$10.00 an hour, effective June 12, 2018 with an expiration date of August 28, 2018, pending receipt of all documentation:

Motion 371 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Approve Director of Curriculum

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve Mike Elia, Roaring Brook Twp., as Director of Curriculum at a salary of \$90,000, effective TBD, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 372 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6 Appoint Science Teacher

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Todd Calabro, Halstead, PA as a Science teacher at Bachelor's column, Step 2, salary \$45,288, effective August 28, 2018, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 373 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.7 Approve Summer IT Employees

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following summer IT employees at a rate of \$10.00 an hour effective June 12, 2018.

Nathaniel Jones

Motion 374 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.8 Appoint School Counselor

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Samantha Hayden, Carbondale, PA as a School Counselor at Master's column, Step 5, salary \$61,888, effective August 28, pending receipt of all documentation.

Motion 375 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.9 Approve Substitutes

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

- a. Nathaniel Jones, Hop Bottom, PA, to the technology list

Motion 376 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.10 Post and Advertise Maintenance Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to advertise for a Full-Time Maintenance position with a salary of \$12.70 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 377 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.11 Appoint Board of Education Treasurer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Dan Very as Treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year effective July 1, 2018.

Motion 378 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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. Richmond, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #810-Transportation

Motion 379 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- The July policy meeting is moved from July 4 to July 11.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve TITLE III MOU Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Napierkowski, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the TITLE III MOU between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19.

Motion 380 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

Sheri Ransom, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 25, 26, 27, 2018, 2018 PA Community on Transition Conference, Penn State Conference Center, State College, PA (Travel \$335.18, Registration \$150.00; Total \$485.18)

Motion 381 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Dual Enrollment

The motion is made by Mr. Napierkowski, second by Mr. Richmond, to approve the dual enrollment agreement between the Mountain View School District and Lackawanna College for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 382 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

- ESG presented about the possibility of adding metal detectors.
- Mr. Taylor informed that contractors have started work on the building project.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Danny Very

- Mr. Witiak informed the board that one of our vans had a tire blowout and scraped a guard rail. No students were injured. All parents were called.

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

8.1 Ratify MVEA Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Napierkowski, second by Mr. Richmond, to ratify the MVEA Contract (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023) as presented.

Motion 383 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Napierkowski, Mr. Very, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Decker), 1 Absent (Mr. Schulte)

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake thanked all chaperones on the Washington DC trip. Grandparent tea was successful. The ES PTO carnival was great. The rock path is being installed. The 6th grade promotion will be on June 14 at 9:00 AM.

High School Principal – Mr. Robert Presley

- Mr. Presley thanked SGA members and advisors for the Mini-Thon. Nearly \$3,000 was raised. Graduation will be on Saturday, June 16.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski said she has had a busy first few weeks. ESY is setup and ready to go. End of year training for staff is being finalized.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Vacant

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak mentioned that Mrs. Voigt, Mrs. Stine, Mr. Very and Mr. Witiak met with the state audit team to review the latest MVSD state audit. Everything was in order, and the formal written report should be delivered soon. The district was transitioned to paperless pay-stubs.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that she attended CTC graduation. There were 170 graduates. Three students received a scholarship in honor of Patricia Pasierb. Washington DC trip was a great and students behaved well. The district has migrated to a new website.

New Business from Board Members

- Mrs. Miller recently attended emergency training. She asked what is the plan for special need students? Mrs. Anuszewski stated it is addressed in IEPs.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer said that ES award ceremony was great.

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

HELD:

- Monday, June 11, 2018-6:00 PM- 7:00 PM for Personnel and Negotiations

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, June 11, 2018, after the public meeting
- Monday, June 25, 2018, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Enclosures:

1.5-May 21, 2018 minutes
2.1-June 2018 Bill List
2.5-First Hospital
2.6-MOU with DA's Office
3.1-Bonham Resignation
4.1-Policy #810-Transportation
5.1-Title III MOU Agreement
5.3-Lackawanna College Dual Enrollment Agreement
8.1-MVEA Contract
FYI-Conference Reports
FYI-1-April 2018 Transition Activity Report

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tom Witiak