

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

**Monday, November 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM**  
**Agenda**

**\*\*\*Minutes**

**1. Opening Activities**

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3. Roll Call

Board of Education:

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| <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Mr. Michael Barhite         | <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. David Schulte                 |
| <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Kenneth Decker          | <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Mrs. Sondra Stine                 |
| <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Derek O’Dell            | <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Mr. Michael Talabiska             |
| <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer | <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Danny Very                    |
| <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Jason Richmond          | <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mrs. Donna Keslo, Sec. Non-Member |

Administration:

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| <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Dr. Michael Elia  | <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Mr. Patrick McGarry          |
| <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mrs. Donna Keslo  | <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Dr. Mark Lemoncelli          |
| <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Mr. Andrew Snyder | <u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Joseph Gaughan, Attorney |
| <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Mrs. Erica Loftus |  |

**1.4. Pride in Mountain View:**

SGA Representative - GG Larkin - None

**1.5. Approval of the Minutes - November 14, 2022**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Danny Very, to approve the minutes dated November 14, 2022 as presented.

Voting:   6   Yes      No      Abstain   3   Absent

**1.6. Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Michael Talabiska, Treasurer, reported as listed.**

**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 for a copy of the treasurer’s report. He also asked for clarification for motion 5.2 and 5.3 in regards to the difference between instruction in the home and homebound. Dr. Elia stated that it has to do with how a student is classified as they apply for one of the two options.

**2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O’Dell

**2.1. Approve November Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Derek O’Dell, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the list of bills for November 28, 2022 for the General Fund in the amount of **\$265,523.71** and for the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of **\$35,571.34** totaling **\$301,095.05**, as presented.

Voting:   6   Yes      No      Abstain   3   Absent

**2.2. Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes**

The motion is made by Mr. Derek O’Dell, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve exonerations for the 2022 and 2023 real estate, per capita and occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Voting:   6   Yes      No      Abstain   3   Absent

**3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson**

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

**3.1. Approve Volunteers**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Danny Very, to appoint the following volunteers:

- Robert Weber, Scranton, Boys JV/Varsity Basketball
- Masie LeMaster, Kingsley, Cheerleading
- Laura Sedlak, Clifford Township, JH and HS Girls Basketball
- Michael Holtsmaster, Kingsley, Wrestling

Voting:   6   Yes      No      Abstain   3   Absent

3.2. Approve Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Danny Very, to appoint the following coaches:

- Jesse Gerfin, Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, \$1,670.50
- Kaitlyn Williams, Cheerleading Assistant Coach, \$1,898.00
- Andrea Sanders, Junior High Girls Assistant Coach, \$835.25 (1/2 stipend)
- Jessica Trichilo, Junior High Girls Assistant Coach, \$835.25 (1/2 stipend)

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

4. **Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**  
Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1. Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 805 - Emergency Preparedness and Response

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

4.2. Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 236.1 - Threat Assessment

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

4.3. Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 204 - Attendance

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer mentioned that the next policy meeting is to be held on December 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the business/district office conference room.



**5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**  
Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

**5.1. Approve Field Trip Requests**

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

- A. Mason Stiver and 6 Band students, Friday and Saturday, December 2-3 2022, Marywood Jr. Wind Band Celebration, Scranton, PA (Transportation \$75.00, Registration \$350.00, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$530.00)
- B. Mrs. Aten, Mrs. Ihlefeldt and members of SGA, Friday, March 24, 2023, PASC Region H Conference, Wyoming Valley West (Transportation \$182.53 Paid by SGA, Registration \$500.00 paid by SGA, Substitute \$210.00; Total cost to the district \$392.53)

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

**5.2. Approve Instruction in the Home**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Danny Very, to approve Instruction in the Home for Student #29080 beginning November 4, 2022 concluding at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

**5.3. Approve Homebound**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Danny Very, to approve Homebound Instruction for Student #28117 beginning November 15, 2022.

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

**6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**  
Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report - None

**7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**  
Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

**7.1. Approve Parent Driver**

The motion is made by Mr. Kenny Decker, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the following parent driver for the remainder of the 2022 - 2023 school year at the approved IRS mileage rate:

A. Elizabeth Francisco

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 Absent

7.2. Approve Bus Contract

The motion is made by Mr. Kenny Decker, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the Bus 24 contract to David and Vladimir Schlasta, Jermyn PA for the remainder of the 2022 - 2023 school year per the approved bus contract.

Voting: 6 Yes      No      Abstain 3 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

Mr. Richmond stated that a meeting was held from 5:15 pm until 6:00 pm in regards to the teacher contract.

9. **Administration**

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry - None  
High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli - None

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus - None

9.3. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs - Mr. Andrew Snyder - None

9.4. Business Manager - Mrs. Donna Keslo - spoke about the transportation issues. Thanked the board for approving the new bus contractor to help eliminate some of those issues, but also let the board know that there was a potential for more upcoming issues and that another bus contractor has submitted her letter with intent to retire. Also thanked Alicia Chidester, transportation coordinator for all her hard work over the last few months making all the arrangements to cover the open bus routes and all the other transportation issues that have been thrown at the district.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia – spoke about the transportation issues and gave the board the district’s plan on how to handle another bus shortage. Mr. Decker asked about the Alumni Association making a donation. Dr. Elia spoke about the donation and how it will be utilized to take care of the lighting in the high school auditorium. The donation would also possibly cover two 80” TV’s to be placed in the auditorium. The

## 10. Closing

### 10.1. New Business from Board Members

David Schulte stated that Mr. Talabiska and himself attended the dedication for the science wing. He spoke about how grateful the family of Mr. Stewart Slocum was with the dedication of the science wing to him.

Christine Plonski-Sezer made mention of her husband and how he has been honored as a National Composer. All present congratulated her and her husband on this achievement.

Derek O'Dell inquired about signs that are in the building for track and field and when they would be hung. Dr. Elia state that he would look into this.

### 10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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None

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, November 28, 2022 - 6:00pm – 7:00pm for Personnel

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, November 28, 2022 after the public meeting - None
- Monday, December 5, 2022 before and after the public meeting

## 11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Danny Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

**Enclosures:**

- 1.5 - November 14, 2022 Minutes
- 1.6 - Treasurer / Cafeteria Reports
- 2.1 - Bill Listing
- 2.2 - Exonerations
- 4.1 - Policy 805 - Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 4.2 - Policy 236.1 - Threat Assessment
- 4.3 - Policy 204 - Attendance