

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

Monday, September 28, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 28, 2021 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:03 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; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Michael Talabiska, Mr. Derek O’Dell (via call-in).

Absent: Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President.

Administration Present:

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

Absent: None.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- None

1.5 Approval of the Minutes

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated August 23, as presented.

Motion 78 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

- Mrs. Stine read 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 clarifying questions about the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

2.1 Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the September 13th and September 27th, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$779,330.20, as presented.

Motion 79 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve August Disbursements

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, 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 \$2,660,408.93, as presented.

Motion 80 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, 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 81 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Athletic Transfer

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer from General Fund (10-5280-933-000-001-000-000-0000 / CR:52801) to Athletic Fund in the amount of \$10,500.

Motion 82 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Agreement with County Commissioners

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement between the Mountain View School District and the County Commissioners for the district SRO in the amount of \$36, 241.19, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 83 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6 Approve Third Party Administrator

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve TSA as the 403b third party administrator effective November 1, 2021.

Motion 84 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7 Approve MOU Agreement with Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the MOU between the Mountain View School District and the Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 85 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.8 Approve GSS Homestead / Farmstead Agreement

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement with GSS for homestead / farmstead printing and mailing, as presented.

Motion 86 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.9 Approve agreement with Scranton Counseling Center

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement between the Mountain View School District and the Scranton Counseling Center, as presented.

Motion 87 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.10 Approve US Employee Benefits

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve US Employee Benefits as the HRA provider effective January 1, 2022

Motion 88 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.11 Approve agreement with WAEF Counseling Services LLC

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement between the Mountain View School District and WAEF Counseling Services LLC, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 89 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.12 Approve agreement with Head Start

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement between the Mountain View School District and Head Start, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 90 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 91 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Authorize Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to authorize advertising, for an Athletic Director/Trainer position at a salary of to be determined.

Motion 92 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Afterschool STEM Instructor

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Mary Ann Tranovich as Afterschool STEM program instructor.

Motion 93 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Approve Afterschool Tutors

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Rebecca Giordano, JoAnn Voda, and Jackie Ferenczi as afterschool tutors.

Motion 94 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Approve Read with Me Program Instructor

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Jackie Ferenczi as Read with Me instructor.

Motion 95 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6 Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Mark Gallagher (Boys Soccer) and Amelia Pattern (Elem. Field Trips) as volunteers.

Motion 96 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.7 Appoint Part-time Cafeteria Monitor

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Cathy Swanson, Hop Bottom, PA as part-time cafeteria monitor with a salary of \$10.50 per hour and benefits per MVESPA, with a start date of September 28, 2021.

Motion 97 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 301- Creating a Position

Motion 98 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.2 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 302- Employment of Superintendent

Motion 99 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.3 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 304- Employment of District Staff

Motion 100 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.4 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 305- Employment of Substitutes

Motion 101 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.5 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 306- Employment of Summer School Staff

Motion 102 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.6 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 307- Student Teachers/Interns

Motion 103 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.7 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 308- Employment Contract/Board Resolution

Motion 104 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.8 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 309- Assignment and Transfer

Motion 105 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.9 First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy 008- Organization Chart

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy 008 – Organization Chart.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Andrea Aten on Thursday through Saturday, November 4-6, 2021, 2021 PASC State Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (Lodging \$240.00 (covered by MVSGA), Registration \$810.00, (covered by MVSGA), Substitute \$190.00; Total \$190.00)
- B. Sharon Kress on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 27, 28, 29, 2021, A/CAPA Fall Annual Conference, Hershey PA (Travel \$157.92, Lodging \$584.00, Registration \$335.00, Substitute \$261.00; Total \$1,337.92)
- C. Allison Martino and Jamie White, Thursday, September 23, 2021, The Mental Health Pandemic-Strategies for Helping Students, Webinar (Registration \$50.00)
- D. Marybeth Krivak on Thursday September 23, 2021 and Tuesday, December 14, 2021, Gifted Education in Pennsylvania, virtual, (Registration \$160.00, Substitute \$200; Total \$360.00)
- E. Kristin Smith, Wednesday, October 13, 2021, Moving in the Same Direction, Partners in the Science of Reading, virtual (Registration \$149.00) Title II

- F. Leslie Gossage, Thursday, October 14, 2021, WIDA E-Conference for ESL/ELD/ESOL Teachers, Online (Registration (\$150.00) Title III

Motion 106 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Sheri Ransom and 2-3 students, Thursdays beginning September 16, 2021 until the end of the school year, Interfaith, Montrose, PA (Transportation \$15.68 each trip)

Motion 107 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Updated 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 Updated Mitigation Protocols regarding COVID protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 108 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.4 Approve Read with Me Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Read with Me program.

Motion 109 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.5 Approve Dual Enrollment

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Dual Enrollment between the Mountain View School District and Keystone College for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 110 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 that contractors started work on waste plant. The tank was pumped dry. A wall needs to be removed. Boilers are ready for winter.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Substitute Drivers

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve June Cole, Clarence Cole, and Naomi Austin as substitute bus drivers and Edwin Russell as a van substitute.

Motion 111 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

7.2 Approve Parent Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Crystal Very as a parent driver.

Motion 112 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 1 Abstain (Mr. Very), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite)

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 stated the ES is off to a great start to the school year. Progress reports are going out soon. Fire Prevention Day is October 7.

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked faculty and staff. The open house was well attended. Megan Zipprich was in the top 16,000 out of 2,200,000 SAT takers nationwide and is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship.

9.2 Director of Special Services –Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said that it's been a busy start to the school year. Parents have been back in the building for meetings and it's been great to build relationships. Transition trips have resumed. Tact 2 recertification training is underway.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf said that Driftnet staff will be on site helping with our safety plan. Lots of curriculum meetings coming up in the coming weeks.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak discussed the layover rate for activity runs. A draft of building use rates was distributed and discussed.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said the administration team meets weekly to discuss COVID safety protocols and measures. We still have COVID supplies in inventory.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. O'Dell thanked administration and faculty for all of their hard work.

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- Liz Weida discussed her feelings on masking and quarantine procedures.
- Britney Latwinski said online assignments differ from in-person assignments.
- Ted Brewster discussed the Sunshine Act.

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

HELD:

- Monday, September 13, 2021 - 6:00 PM- 7:15 PM and 7:30 PM – 7:45 PM for Personnel
- Monday, September 27, 2021 - 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, October 11, 2021 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- August 23, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6- Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1- September 2021 Bill List
- 2.2- Disbursements
- 2.3- Exonerations
- 2.5- County Commissioner Agreement
- 2.7- MOU Agreement with Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency
- 2.8- Homestead/Farmstead Agreement
- 2.9-Scranton Counseling Agreement
- 3.1-Supplemental Salaries
- 4.1-Policy 301- Creating a Position
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- 4.9- Policy 008- Organization Chart
- 5.3-Updated Covid Protocols
- 5.5-Dual Enrollment

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak