

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

Monday, July 22, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on July 22, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:17 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; Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Molenko.

Absent: Mr. Michael Talabiska; Ms. Louise Cator.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None

1.1. Pride in Mountain View:

- None.

1.2. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve the minutes dated June 17, 2024, as presented.

Motion 1 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

1.3. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Talabiska, Treasurer

- Mr. Flynn read the Treasurer’s Report.

1.4. 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: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

2.1. Approve July Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for July 22, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$907,712.32 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$70,199.25 totaling \$977,911.57, as presented.

Motion 2 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

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

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve exonerations for 2024 real estate, 2024 per capita taxes and 2024 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 3 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.3. Approve Service Agreement with Aveanna

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Aveanna Staffing Services, LLC, as presented.

Motion 4 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Very, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Decker, Mr. Molenko, Mr. O'Dell), 1 Abstain (Mr. Richmond), 2 Absent (Mr. Talabiska, Ms. Cator)

2.4. Approve Service Agreement with Loving Care Agency

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Loving Care Agency, Inc. DBA Aveanna Healthcare, as presented.

Motion 5 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Very, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Decker, Mr. Molenko, Mr. O'Dell), 1 Abstain (Mr. Richmond), 2 Absent (Mr. Talabiska, Ms. Cator)

2.5. Approve Service Agreement with Peditria HealthCare LLC

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Peditria HealthCare, LLC, DBA Aveanna Healthcare, as presented.

Motion 6 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Very, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Decker, Mr. Molenko, Mr. O'Dell), 1 Abstain (Mr. Richmond), 2 Absent (Mr. Talabiska, Ms. Cator)

2.6. Approve Service Agreement with Pediatric Services of America

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Pediatric Services of America LLC, DBA Aveanna Healthcare, as presented.

Motion 7 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Very, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Decker, Mr. Molenko, Mr. O'Dell), 1 Abstain (Mr. Richmond), 2 Absent (Mr. Talabiska, Ms. Cator)

2.7. Approve Service Agreement with NEIU 19 (Title III)

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19 for Title III Services, as presented.

Motion 8 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.8. Approve Service Agreement with County Security Police

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and County Security Police at a rate of \$24.50 per billable hour and \$36.75 holiday rate per billable hour unarmed. Rate for Armed \$29.50 per billable hour and \$44.25 holiday rate per billable hour, as presented.

Motion 9 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.9. Approve Service Agreement with Children's Service Center

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Children's Service Center a rate of \$145.00 for PHP, \$190.00 for Therapeutic Educational Program, as presented.

Motion 10 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.10. Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve a settlement agreement between the Mountain View School District and student #32067.

Motion 11 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.11. Approve Service Agreement with NEIU 19 (Title I)

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19 for Title I Services, as presented.

Motion 12 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.12. Approve Service Agreement with MYCIL

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and MYCIL at a cost of \$19,500.00 annual for half day, as presented.

Motion 13 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

2.13. Approve Service Agreement with Barnes Kasson County Hospital

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Barnes Kasson County Hospital at a cost of \$125.00 per hour for physical, \$30.00 each IEP Reviews with a minimum of ¼ billing hour, as presented.

Motion 14 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

3.1. Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to accept the letter of resignation for Mark Ezdebski from his elementary position effective September 9, 2024, as presented.

Motion 15 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.2. Authorize Posting

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to authorize posting for an elementary teacher position:

Motion 16 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.3. Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve supplemental salary requests for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Motion 17 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.4. Motion to Appoint Elementary Teacher

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to appoint Ashley Kelley, New Milford, PA as an Elementary Teacher, effective August 20, 2024 at Bachelor's Column, Step 3 with a salary of \$55,184.00 and benefits according to the MVEA Agreement.

Motion 18 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

3.5. Approve Coach:

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following supplemental salaries:

- A. Girls JH Soccer Coach, Reagan White, \$2,690.00
- B. Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach, Mark Hemmerly, \$3,040.00
- C. Girls Basketball Head Coach, Corey Gesford, \$4,368.00
- D. Head Golf Coach, Robert Fitzsimmons, \$3,640.00

Motion 19 A, B, D Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

Motion 19 C Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Molenko), 2 No (Mr. Very, Mr. Flynn), 2 Absent (Mr. Talabiska, Ms. Cator)

3.6. Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mr. Molenko, second by Mr. O'Dell, to appoint the following Volunteer:

- A. Chris Kelley, Varsity Boys Soccer
- B. Mark Gallagher, Varsity Boys Soccer

Motion 20 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

4.1. Approve the Following Policies:

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following policies, as presented.

Policy 626- Federal Fiscal Compliance
Policy 830- Breach of Computerized Personal Information
Policy 830.1-Data Governance-Storage/Security

Motion 21 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

4.2. Second Reading of the Following Policies (Discussion):

Policy 622- GASB Statement 34

- Mr. Very led the discussion on Policy 622 – GASB Statement 34.

5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

5.1. Approve Agreement with Keystone College

The motion is made by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve an agreement between The Mountain View School District and Keystone College for Pre-College Courses, as presented.

Motion 22 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.2. Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following conference requests:

Sheri Ransom, Wednesday and Thursday, July 31 and August 1, 2024, 2024 PA Community of Practice Transition Conference, State College, PA (Travel \$262.64, Tolls \$6.00, Registration \$150.00; Total \$418.64)

Motion 23 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

5.3. Approve High School Parent-Student Handbook

The motion is made by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the High School Parent-Student Handbook, as presented.

Motion 24 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 it's been a busy summer – grease traps have been cleaned, hoods inspected, elevator inspected, and mowing when it's dry enough. The natural gas boilers are getting installed soon.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Transportation Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to appoint the following bus and car/van contractors for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

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| A. Dan Anthony, Bus 5, 12 | |
| B. Linda Anthony, Bus 1, 8 | L. Corinna Kinney, Van |
| C. Beatrice Burgess, Bus 21 | M. Elizabeth Nonnenmacher, Van |
| D. Chris Catalfamo, Bus 6 | N. Sheila Petrocko, Van |
| E. Denise Cobb, Bus 2 | O. Robert Powers, Van |
| F. Laura Fuller, Bus 20 | P. Janice Robinson, Van |
| G. Bryan Kostick, Bus 10 | Q. Cindy Saxon, Van |
| H. Lewis Bussing, Bus 14 (CTC Run), Van | R. Donald Snedeker, Van |
| I. LM Transportation LLC, Bus 13 | S. Linda Snedeker, Van |
| J. Gary Sanauskas, Bus 28 | |
| K. Vladimir & David Schlasta Bus 24 | |

Motion 25 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members: Derek O'Dell, Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

- Mr. Richmond announced that contract negotiations with MVESPA were held on July 16 from 5:30 until 9:30.

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry congratulated Ashley McGarry on her new position. He thanked Mark Ezdebski on his years of service.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli was thrilled with the AP test pass rates.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus thanked Ms. Berish, Ms. Evans and Ms. Hendricks for attending autism training. ESY is running smoothly.

9.3. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs - Mr. Andrew Snyder

- Mr. Snyder stated that he submitted the Federal Programs consolidated application. The FID application was also submitted. The Keystone Exam scores improved.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak thanked Erin Kiryluk for her years of service. He wished Cindy luck in her new role.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia mentioned that some of the summer work includes replacement of interior doors, replacement of 30 desks, painting of outside curbs, sidewalk replacement, update of the HS main office, adding a trash compactor, and pothole patching.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Decker discussed purchasing picnic tables.
- Mr. Richmond mentioned that Mountain View resident, Jim Olecki purchased the Ritz in Scranton.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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

HELD:

- Monday, July 22, 2024 - 6:00 pm – 7:10 pm for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, August 12, 2024 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak