

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

Monday, June 17, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on June 17, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mr. Kenneth Decker, Vice President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Jason Richmond, President (via phone); Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Danny Very; Ms. Louise Cator; Mr. Michael Molenko (via phone).

Absent: Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Tracy Flynn;

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal

1.1. Pride in Mountain View:

Yearly Act 55 District Safety Presentation- Mr. Andrew Snyder

- Mr. Snyder presented the Act 55 District safety presentation.

1.2. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated May 20, 2024, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

1.3. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Talabiska, Treasurer

- Mr. Talabiska presented 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 June Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for June 17, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$1,091,438.61 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$572.60 totaling \$1,092,011.21, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

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

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, 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 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.3. Approve 2024-2025 Final Budget

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2024–2025 Final Budget in the amount of \$22,933,907.00, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.4. Approve 2024-2025 Annual Tax Levy

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2024-2025 Annual Tax Levy as follows: 50.4404 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 rate is 2% and ends on August 31, 2024. Face period begins on September 1, 2024 and ends on October 31, 2024. The penalty rate is 10% and begins on November 1, 2024 and ends on December 31, 2024 The last day to pay tax collector

is December 31, 2024. Installment payments are due by August 31, 2024, September 30, 2024 and October 31, 2024, respectively.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.5. Approve 2024 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2024 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion in the amount of \$791,803. There are 2,234 eligible Homesteads and Farmsteads.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.6. Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund to Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$422,390.00 for the July 1, 2024 bond payment of \$422,390.00 for the Bond Series of 2018.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.7. Appoint School District Treasurer for 2024-2025

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Mr. Talabiska as school district treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Ms. Cator, Mr. Molenko), 1 Abstain (Mr. Talabiska), 3 Absent (Mr. Barhite, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Flynn)

2.8. Approve Service Agreement with Grand Canyon University

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Grand Canyon University, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.9. Approve Agreement with NEIU 19

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Special Education Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19 for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.10. Approve Continuation of Student Activities

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve continuation of the following student activities – Activities, Art Club, Backpack Program, Band, Chorus, Class of 2025, Class of 2026, E-Sports, Family and Consumer Sciences, FBLA, Mountain View Student Government Association, Music Theatre, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, PJAS, Students Against Drunk Driving, Scholastic Team, Science, Ski / Snowriders Club, Strategies for Life, Students In Need, and Yearbook for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.11. Approve Substitute Per Diem Rate Sheet

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Substitute Per Diem Rate Sheet for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.12. Approve Service Agreement with Commission on Economic Opportunity

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Commission on Economic Opportunity, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.13. Approve Establishing Student Activities

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve establishing the following student activities – Student Climate and Culture for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.14. Approve Closing Student Activities

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve closing the following student activity - Olweus for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.15. Approve Tax Anticipation Note

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Tax Anticipation Note with Peoples Security Bank not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.16. Approve Service Agreement with Graham Academy

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Graham Academy, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 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 Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for Cathy Swanson from her Cafeteria Monitor position effective June 5, 2024, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.2. Post and Advertise for Cafeteria Monitor Position

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to post and advertise for a Cafeteria Monitor position.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.3. Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for Patricia Edwards from her Cafeteria position effective June 5, 2024, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.4. Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for Marybeth Krivak from her Librarian position effective the last day of the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.5. Approve Additional ESY Staff

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve additional ESY Staff for summer 2024:

Paraprofessional Substitute: Caitlyn Williams

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.6. Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for Chris Kelly from his JH Boys Soccer Coach position.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.7. Advertise for JH Boys Soccer Coach Position

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to advertise for a JH Boys Soccer Coach position.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.8. Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for Julie Beach from her JH Girls Soccer Coach position.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.9. Advertise for JH Girls Soccer Coach Position

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to advertise for a JH Girls Soccer Coach position.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.10. Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation for Tosha Shay from her Girls Volleyball Coach position.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 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. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve the following policies, as presented.

Policy 216-Student Records
Policy 216.1-Supplemental Discipline Records
Policy 802-School Organization

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

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

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

- Mr. Talabiska led the discussion on Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance, Policy 830 – Breach of Computerized Personal Information, and Policy 830.1 – Data Governance – Storage / Security.

4.3. First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy 622- GASB Statement 34

- Mr. Talabiska announced that Policy 622 – GASB Statement 34 is available for review on the website.

5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

5.1. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Matthew Donnelly and 9 students, Saturday, June 1, 2024 PIEA State Championships, Wilkes University (Transportation \$67.00)

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.2. Approve Agreement with Lackawanna College

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve an agreement between The Mountain View School District and Lackawanna College for Pre-College Courses, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.3. Approve Conference Requests

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

Sarah Evans, Carla Hendricks, Melissa Berish, and Erica Loftus, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, June 5,6,7, 2024, Establishing Component Skills Through EBP, IU 18, Kingston, PA (Travel \$532.64, Substitute Teacher \$110.00, Substitute Para \$48.00, Salaries \$1,570.79; Total \$2,261.43)

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.4. Approve Health and Safety Plan

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve Health and Safety Plan for the Mountain View School District, beginning the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report

- Absent.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

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

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Absent.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli reported that 68 out of 69 seniors graduated. He congratulated Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Krivak on their next chapter. The

boys baseball team won the district championship for the first time in 31 years. The eSports team won their first district championship.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Absent.

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

- Mr. Snyder stated that he is working on the Title I, II, and IV applications. He reviewed the PSSA test score results.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No update.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked Dr. Lemoncelli and Mr. McGarry for their hard-work on the end of the school year activities.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

- None.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions on the agenda.

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

HELD:

- Monday, June 17, 2024 - 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm for Personnel and Superintendent's Contract.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, July 22, 2024 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak