

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

Monday, May 20, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on May 20, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:26 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; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Danny Very; Ms. Louise Cator.

Absent: Mr. Michael Molenko.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director.

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

SGA Representative - Penelope Ziegler

- Penelope presented the MVSGA Liaison Report

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve the minutes dated April 29, 2024, as presented.

Motion 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.

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.
- Mr. Richmond began an executive session at 7:37. The executive session concluded at 7:41. The meeting resumed at 7:41.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

2.1. Approve May Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for May 20, 2024 for the General Fund in the amount of \$525,481.23 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$58,220.87, totaling \$583,702.10, as presented.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.3. Approve MOU with the Women's Resource Center

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve an MOU between the Mountain View School District and the Women's Resource Center, as presented.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4. Approve Service Agreement with Marywood University

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

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5. Approve Title III Consortium MOU

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Title III Consortium MOU, as presented.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.6. Appoint School Solicitor

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Joseph F. Gaughan, P.C. as school solicitor for the 2024-2025 school year at an annual retainer amount of \$11,000.00 and a rate of \$140.00 per hour for other services according to proposal, as presented.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.7. Approve Tax Bill Printer

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve Government Software Services (GSS) for 2024 real estate tax, per capita tax, and occupation tax bill printing, as presented.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.8. 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 #29085.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

3.1. Approve Summer IT Help

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve summer IT help (Restricted to 29.5 hours per week) at a rate of \$13.00 an hour beginning June 6, 2024 and ending August 19, 2024.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2. Approve Summer IT Employee

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Mason Stiver, Matthew Ord and Andrew Graham as summer IT help at a rate of \$13.00 an hour beginning June 6, 2024 and ending August 19, 2024.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3. Approve Special Unpaid Leave

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve a special unpaid leave for Tina Gatto, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4. Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve the following substitutes:

Heather Kubus, Forest City PA, to the Paraprofessional and Clerical Substitute Lists

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5. Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. O'Dell, to accept the letter of resignation for Tosha Shay from her Maintenance position effective May 31, 2024, as presented.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.6. Post and Advertise for Maintenance Position

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. O'Dell, to post and advertise for a maintenance position.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.7. Approve Special Unpaid Leave

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve a special unpaid leave for Stacy Decker, for the fall of 2024, to pursue student teaching, as presented.

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

3.8. Approve ESY

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. O'Dell, to approve ESY for summer 2024 at the following time and dates: 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for staff and is on the following dates: July 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.9. Approve ESY Staff

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. O’Dell, to approve ESY Staff for summer 2024:

Teachers: Rebecca Giordano, Tracy Bazil, Brandi Miller
Teacher Substitutes: Allison Paperelli and Charleene Martens
Paraprofessionals: Joy Bognatz, Colleen Heller, Dawn Neri, and Brittany Latwinski
Related Services: Karen Zaums and Heather Larkin

Motion Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

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

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

- Mr. Talabiska led the discussion on Policy 216 – Student Records, Policy 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records, and Policy 802 – School Organization.

4.2. First Reading of the Following Policy:

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.

5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

5.1. Approve Flexible Instructional Day Program

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve the Flexible Instructional Day Program, as presented.

Motion 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 mowed lawns today. There have been very few dry days to mow this month. There are playoff games for softball and baseball this week.

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

- Scheduled to meet with the MVESPA at 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 23, 2024 in the James Zick Board Room.

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry said the ES is about to begin a very busy stretch – the band and chorus concert, Grade 6 promotion, field day, PTO carnival, and kindergarten graduation.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Absent

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Absent

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

- Mr. Snyder said the federal ESSER monitoring occurred recently. The Keystone exams are wrapping up. Title programs parent engagement events transpired.

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak noted that work on the budget continued since the last meeting. He asked how much the board is willing to raise taxes.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia thanked Mr. Snyder, Mr. Witiak, and Mr. Taylor for their work on the ESSER review.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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

HELD:

- Monday, May 20, 2024 - 6:00 pm – 7:20pm for Personnel
- Monday, May 20, 2024 – 7:37 pm – 7:41pm for Litigation

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, June 17, 2024 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak