# Mountain View School District "A Community's Commitment to Excellence" Board of Education Public Meeting

# Monday, August 10, 2020 MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on August 10, 2020 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:18 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; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O'Dell (via call-in).

Absent: Mr. Michael Talabiska, Treasurer.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: VACANT, Director of Curriculum; VACANT, Asst. Business Manager.

## 1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

#### "A Day in the Life" Presentation- Dr. Lemoncelli and Dr. Lake

- Dr. Lake presented "A Day in the Life" of an Elementary School student.
- Dr. Lemoncelli presented "A Day in the Life" of a High School student.
- **1.5** Approval of the Minutes –July 27, 2020

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated July 27, 2020, as presented.

Motion 25 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.

- Tammy Artley asked if there could be fewer periods. Why are masks needed if kids are socially distanced? Mr. Schulte said that masks are only partially effective, so social distancing is needed too. Dr. Lemoncelli said that following guidelines is a priority and student's safety is the first priority.
- Jason Fletcher asked if face-shields are allowed. Can they make masks in homeec? Dr. Elia said that face shields are allowed.
- Matt Thomas is glad about the precautions that the district is taking for the student's safe return. Asked if there is anything the district can do to help the families with no or bad internet connection. Dr. Elia said that MVSD has assessed who does not have internet. The district can offer hot spots.
- Lisa Kozloski thanked the administration for their hard work. She would prefer a hybrid or completely virtual opening. Mr. Richmond said that the main purpose of tonight's meeting is to make the best decision for the district.
- Patty Pass asked how often decisions and policies will be reviewed. Dr. Elia stated that decisions will be reviewed daily.
- Michael Bills asked about notification of positive COVID-19 test results. Dr. Elia said that MV would contact the Department of Health. The Department of Health would offer guidance.
- Ashley Kilmer asked if there will be honors classes. Dr. Lemoncelli said that there will still be honors classes.
- Rochelle Baker asked how special-education programs will be impacted. Mrs. Anuszewski stated that special-education support does not change.

## 2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve August Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Dr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the August 10, 2020 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$132,689.02.

Motion 26 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Children's Service Center Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Dr. Schulte, to approve the Children's Service Center Agreement with the Mountain View School District for the 2020-2021 School year, as presented.

Motion 27 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- **3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson** Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Derek O'Dell
  - **3.1** Approve Sabbatical Leave

The motion was made by, Mr. Schulte second by Mrs. Stine, to approve a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year for health restoration for Dr. Elaine Chichura, as presented.

Motion 28 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Differentiated Supervision Plan for the 2020/2021 School Year

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the Differentiated Supervision Plan for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 29 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.3** Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte second by Mrs. Stine, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2020-2021, with exception of intramurals which would be prorated based on weeks worked, as presented.

Motion 30 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**3.4** Approve COVID-19 Employee Notice

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte second by Mrs. Stine, to approve COVID-19 Employee Notice for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 31 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

# 4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

• Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced the next policy committee meeting will be on September 2 at 6:00 PM.

## 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. Very, to approve the following conference requests:

 A. Michael Elia, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 22-23, Monday and Tuesday, November 16-17 2020, and Monday and Tuesday January 21-22, 2021, 2020 New Superintendents' Academy Schedule, Harrisburg, PA (Travel 517.50, Lodging \$375.00; Registration 249.00; Total \$1,141.50)

Motion 32 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Handbooks

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Very, to adopt the following handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented:

- a) High School Substitute Handbook
- b) High School Faculty Handbook

# Motion 33 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Opening Plan for 2020-2021 School Year

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Very, to approve the opening plan for the 2020-2021 school year, in which Mountain View students will attend Hybrid classes.

Motion 34 Not Carried: 4 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Very), 4 No (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O'Dell, Mrs. Stine), 1 Absent (Mr. Talabiska)

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Motion 35 Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte), 3 No (Mr. Barhite, Mr. O'Dell, Mrs. Stine), 1 Absent (Mr. Talabiska)

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

Mr. Taylor's report

• Mr. Taylor stated that buildings are 99% ready. Contractors are repairing lockers at the HS. The track was cleaned.

## 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. Schulte, to appoint the following bus and car/van contractors for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

- A. Dan Anthony, Bus 5, 12, Activity Runs
- B. Linda Anthony, Bus 1, Shuttle Run, Activity Runs
- C. Grace Benson, Bus 19
- D. Beatrice Burgess, Bus 21
- E. Timothy Burgess, Bus 9
- F. Larry Castorina, Bus 24, 25
- G. Chris Catalfamo, Bus 6, Activity Runs
- H. Denise Cobb, Bus 2

- P. Tara Burgess, Van
- Q. Sue Dayton, Van
- R. Jackie DeNike, Van
- S. Brenda Evans, Van
- T. Corinna Kinney, Van
- U. Elizabeth Nonnenmacher, Van
- V. Sheila Petrocko, Van
- W. Michelle Robinson, Van

- I. Laura Fuller, Bus 20, Shuttle Run
- J. Bryan Kostick, Bus 10
- K. Lewis Bussing, Bus 14 (CTC Run), Activity Runs, Van
- L. LM Transportation LLC, Bus 13
- M. Pocono Transportation, Bus 3 (Faith Mountain Run),
- 22, Activity Runs
- N. Gary Sanauskas, Bus 28, Shuttle Run , Activity Runs
- O. Louise Stoddard, Bus 8

Motion 36 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

- **7.2** Approve Transportation Substitute Drivers
- The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to appoint the following car/van substitutes, bus substitutes, and parent drivers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Bus Substitutes	Car / Van Substitutes	Parent Driver
Graham Anthony	Burgess, Beatrice	Cosklo, Tiffany
Dane Barhite	Melvina Burgess	Crawford, Nicole
Linda Castorina	Mikayla Dayton	Shay, Aileen
Tracy Chrzan	Sheri Gaughan	Walker, Kathy
Donna Cobb	Liz Holtzman	Snedeker, Linda
Ann Corbin	Justin Kinney	
Dennis Dmohoski	Tina Polcheck	
Wayne Frederici	Melvina Burgess	
Stephan Fuller	Mikayla Dayton	
Ben Garrison	Sheri Gaughan	
Deb Garrison	Liz Holtzman	
Michael Molenko		
Tonya Molenko		
Robert Powers		
Aaron Seplowski		
Brooke Solcum		
Jacquline Thomas		

Motion 37 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

7.3 Approve Activity Bus Rate

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the 2020-2021 Activity Bus rate of \$2.67.

Motion 38 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

7.4 Approve Car / Van Rate

- X. Janice Robinson, Van
- Y. Cindy Saxon, Van
- Z. Donald Snedeker, Van
- AA. Linda Snedeker, Van
- BB. Ruth Zeck, Car

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following 2020-2021 rates:

Car Rate: \$1.23 per mile Van Rate: \$1.27 per mile Handicap Van: \$1.50 per mile

Motion 39 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

7.5 Approve Shuttle Bus Contractors

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following contractors for 2020-2021 shuttle bus routes, as presented.

Gary Sanauskas for the Clifford shuttle bus route at \$105.00 per day. Laura Fuller for the Harford / Gibson shuttle bus route at \$98.00 per day; if no students, then \$50.00 per day. Linda Anthony for the Brooklyn / Hop Bottom shuttle bus route at \$75.00 per day.

Motion 40 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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

#### 9. Administration

## 9.1 Principals' Comments

## Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

• No comment.

#### High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

• No comment.

#### 9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

• No comment.

#### 9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Vacant

#### 9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

• No comment.

#### 9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Dr. Michael Elia

• Dr. Elia thanked everyone who came to voice their opinion.

#### **New Business from Board Members**

• Mr. Decker thanked the board and parent for caring about the safety and wellbeing of students. **Second Hearing of Visitors You may address any topic.** 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.

- Lisa Kozloski asked about the status of sports. Mr. Richmond said we will continue to wait before a decision is made.
- Ashley Kilmer asked if non-sport activities will still take place. Dr. Elia said some activities will take place virtually.

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

#### HELD:

• Monday, August 10, 2020 – 6:00 PM-7:15 PM for Personnel **SCHEDULED:** 

• Monday, August 24, 2020 before and after the public meeting

#### 10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

#### Enclosures:

1.5-July 27, 2020 Minutes
2.1-August 2020 Bill List
2.2-Children's Services
3.1-Chichura Sabbatical
3.2 Differentiated Supervision Plan
3.3-Supplemental Salaries
3.4-COVID-19 Notice
5.2-Handbooks
7.1-Transportation Contracts
FYI-Transportation Plan

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak