

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

Monday, March 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM
Agenda

***Minutes

1. Opening Activities

- 1.1. Call to Order - 7:12pm
- 1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3. Roll Call

Board of Education:

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| <u> </u> P Mr. Michael Barhite | <u> </u> P Mr. David Schulte |
| <u> </u> P Mr. Kenneth Decker | <u> </u> P Mrs. Sondra Stine |
| <u> </u> P Mr. Derek O'Dell | <u> </u> P Mr. Michael Talabiska |
| <u> </u> P Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer | <u> </u> P Mr. Danny Very |
| <u> </u> P Mr. Jason Richmond | <u> </u> P Mrs. Donna Keslo, Sec. Non-Member |

Administration:

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| <u> </u> P Dr. Michael Elia | <u> </u> P Mr. Patrick McGarry |
| <u> </u> P Mrs. Donna Keslo | <u> </u> P Dr. Mark Lemoncelli |
| <u> </u> P Mr. Andrew Snyder | <u> </u> P Mr. Joseph Gaughan, Attorney |
| <u> </u> P Mrs. Erica Loftus | |

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

- SGA Representative - GG Larkin - **See Attached**
- Presentation of Audit - Brian T. Kelly CPA and Associates, LLC - **See Attached**
- Program of Studies – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli & Mr. Andrew Snyder - **See Attached**

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the minutes dated February 13, 2023 as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

1.6. Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Michael Talabiska, Treasurer, reported as listed.

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.

Parent asked questions about course being offered.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O’Dell

2.1. Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve a settlement agreement between the Mountain View School District and student 24037.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

2.2. Approve March Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the list of bills for March 23, 2023 for the General Fund in the amount of **\$205,345.69** and Cafeteria Fund in the amount of **\$44,825.95** for a total of **\$250,171.64**, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

2.3. Approve Exonerations

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

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

2.4. Approve Independent Audit

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. Michael Talibiska, to approve the Independent Audit Report prepared by Brian T. Kelly CPA & Associates, LLC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Derek O’Dell

3.1. Approve Start Date

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve a start date of March 20, 2023 for Carla Hendricks as Speech Language Pathologist.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.2. Approve Volunteers

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the following volunteers, A through C:

- A. William J. Norton - JH Softball
- B. William Chichester - Varsity/JH Baseball
- C. Mark Hemmerly – Boys Volleyball

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.3. Approve Coaches

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the following coaches and salaries for the 2022-2023 school year, A through G:

- A. Track Head Coach - Jamie Supancik - \$3,872
- B. Boys' Volleyball Assistant Coach - Tosha Shay - \$3,212
- C. JH Baseball Head Coach - Kalieb Scheideler - \$2,827
- D. Track Assistant – Sarah Carpenetti - \$3,212.00
- E. JH Baseball Assistant Coach - Jeffrey Miller - \$1,413.50
- F. JH Softball Head Coach - Rich Trichilo Jr. - \$2,827
- G. JH Softball Assistant Coach - Susan Gravine - \$1,413.50

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.4. Approve Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve Ashley Kelly as a long term substitute for having served more than 30 consecutive days as an Elementary Teacher with a rate of \$160.00 per day effective February 16, 2023.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.5. Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve Hailey Taylor as a clerical substitute.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.6. Approve Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the letter of resignation from April Pasternak from her Food Service position effective February 27, 2023, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.7. Approve Sabbatical Leave

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year for an educational sabbatical for Whitney Johnson, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.8. Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from Patricia Dietrich from her teaching position, effective the last school day of the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.9. Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from Richard Loman from his teaching position, effective the last school day of the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.10. Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from Melody Haley from her nurse position, effective the last school day of the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.11. Approve Athletic Trainer

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve Jillian Ambrose, Montrose, PA, as Athletic Trainer at a salary of \$50,000.00, Act 93 Agreement, effective April 3, 2023.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

3.12. Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve Alexandria Arndt as an Emergency Certified Substitute Teacher.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain 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. Christine Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 251 - Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

4.2. First Reading of the Following Policies:

Policy 137 - Home Education Programs

Policy 137.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students

Policy 137.2 - Participation in Co-Curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students

Policy 137.3 - Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students

Next meeting for policy is scheduled for April 5, 2023 at 6:00pm.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1. Approve School Calendar

The motion is made by Mrs. Sondra Stine, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the 2023-2024 school year calendar, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

5.2. Approve Conference Request

The motion is made by Mrs. Sondra Stine, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the following conference request, A through C:

- A. Leslie Gossage, Thursday, March 9, 2023, Title III Consortium Meeting “Book in a Day Part 2”, NEIU (No cost to the district)
- B. Mason Stiver, Thursday through Saturday, April 20-22, 2023, PMEA Annual In-Service Conference, Kalahari (Travel \$78.60, Lodging \$400.00, Registration \$185.00, Substitute \$210.00; Total \$873.60)
- C. Lisa Kozloski, Thursday, March 23; Friday, April 28; and Friday, May 26, 2023, School Psychologist Consortium, NEIU 19, (Travel \$98.25)

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

5.3. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kevin Reuss, one faculty member and the 9th grade World History, Tuesday May 9, 2023, 35th Annual Teen Symposium on the Holocaust, Hilton Scranton Hotel and Conference Center, Scranton (Transportation \$268.00, Substitute \$210.00; Total \$478.00)
- B. Glen Mackey and 7 students, Thursday March 16, 2023, Architectural Design, Highland Associates, Shorten Homes, Kharnack Bridge (Transportation \$39.30, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$144.30)
- C. Diana Lombardi, Alexa Meyer and 5-6 students, Friday February 24, 2023, Slanted Art, Scranton PA (Transportation \$33.80, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$138.80)
- D. Glen Mackey and 9 eighth grade students, Friday March 31, 2023, Lockheed Martin Owego (Transportation \$70.74, Substitute Teacher \$105.00; Total \$175.74)
- E. Sheri Ransom, Brion Stone and 6 students, Wednesday March 29, 2023 and Tuesday April 25, 2023, Stocking Trout with a PA Waterway Commission, Tunkhannock Creek (Transportation \$22.92)
- F. Charleene Martens and 5 students, Monday April 17, 2023, NEIU Scholastic Challenge (Transportation \$39.30, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$144.30)
- G. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 10 students, Friday April 14, 2023, Life Skills Prom, Blue Ridge HS (No cost to the district)
- H. Kelly Richmond, Corey Harrington, Danielle Scott, Charissa Ofalt, Dane Barhite, Coleen Hammond, Joy Bognatz, Colleen Heller, Kim Fletcher, Tammy Mill (Nurse), Thursday May 11, 2023, Special Olympics Track and Field, Tunkhannock Area High School (Transportation \$294.37)

- I. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 8 students, Thursday March 30, 2023 and Thursday April 27, 2023, Grocery Shopping, Library and lunch (Transportation \$86.46)
- J. Stephanie Kile and 10 students, Friday March 31, 2023, H.S. Reading Tournament, NEIU (Transportation \$175.00, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$280.00)
- K. Mason Stiver and 7 students, Monday April 24, 2023, Martin Guitar Factory Tour, Nazareth PA (Transportation \$117.90, Substitute \$105.00; Total \$222.90)

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

5.4. Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mrs. Sondra Stine, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve homebound instruction for Student 23112 beginning February 13, 2023 through March 20, 2023.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

5.5. Approve High School Program of Studies

The motion is made by Mrs. Sondra Stine, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the 2023-2024 Program of Studies, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes No Abstain Absent

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

Mr. Taylor’s Report

Mr. Taylor spoke about the high school dishwasher, new tractor, ball fields, wood burning savings versus fuel costs of about \$825,000.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson
Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

Nothing

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

Nothing

9. Administration

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

Mr. McGarry spoke about Student Council, PSSA's and talked about the students and staff raising a total of \$2,078 for the American Heart Association in memory of Debbie Pompey.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

Dr. Lemoncelli spoke about March and April students of the month, he thanked the retirees for all their years of service and dedication, FBLA and womens basketball.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

Mrs. Loftus welcomed Carla Hendricks as the new speech therapist and spoke about monitoring.

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

Mr. Snyder spoke about Pre Kindergarten, dual enrollment, safety grant, Driftnet and how we can use it free for life.

9.4. Business Manager - Mrs. Donna Keslo

Mrs. Keslo spoke about the budget, AFR, CNFR, payroll changes and the timeclocks, PSERS, the audit, cafeteria including moving forward with Primero Edge and how staff reimbursements how come to a stop.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

Dr. Elia spoke about the athletic trainer and thanked all the retirees for all their hard work and dedication to our students.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

Mr. Schulte talked about the athletic trainer and the Chimettes playing at concerts outside of the school district.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

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None

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

- Thursday, March 9, 2023 - 5:00pm - 7pm for Personnel
- Monday, March 20, 2023 - 6:00pm - 7pm for Personnel, Retirees

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, April 17, 2023 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Dan Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at **8:51pm**.

Enclosures:

- 1.5 - February 13, 2023 Minutes
- 1.6 - Treasurer / Cafeteria Reports
- 2.2 - Bill Listing
- 2.3 - Exonerations
- 3.6 - Pasternak Resignation
- 3.7 - Johnson Sabbatical
- 3.8 - Patricia Dietrich
- 3.9 - Richard Loman
- 3.10 - Melody Haley
- 4.1 - Policy 251
- 4.2 - Policy 137 - Home Education Programs
- 4.2 - Policy 137.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 4.2 - Policy 137.2 - Participation in Co-Curricular Activities and Academic Courses By Home Education Students
- 4.2 - Policy 137.3 - Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students
- 5.1 - School Calendar
- 5.5 - Program of Studies

Conference Reports