

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

**Monday, August 26, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on August 26, 2019 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. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Barhite; Mr. David Schulte; Mrs. Monica Miller, Mrs. Sondra Stine.

Absent: Mr. Edward Napierkowski, Second Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer.

**Administration Present:**

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –August 12, 2019**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated August 12, 2019, as presented.

Motion 59 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report:** Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mr. Very presented the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report.

**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.*

- Ted Brewster asked questions about the agenda.

**2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

## Financial Reports

### **2.1 Approve August Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the August 26, 2019 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$258,567.61.

Motion 60 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.2 Approve August Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to confirm payment of the General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the amount of \$2,619,609.56.

Motion 61 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.3 Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve exonerations for 2019 real estate, 2019 per capita taxes and 2019 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 62 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.4 Approve Agreement with CSIU-Risk Assessment**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement between The Mountain View School District and the Central Susquehanna Intermediate unit for District Risk Assessment, as presented.

Motion 63 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.5 Resolution to Discontinue Football**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the resolution between The Mountain View School District and The Montrose Area School District to discontinue football cooperative agreement, with the exception of players currently enrolled.

Motion 64 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **2.6 Award Bid for Wood Chips**

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to award the low qualified bid for wood chips for the 2019- 2020 school year to Deer Park Lumber of Tunkhannock, PA, in the amount of \$42.00 per ton, per bid specifications, as presented.

Motion 65 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

#### **3.1 Appoint Technology Coordinator Position**

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Patty Button, Kingsley, PA, to the technology coordinator position at a starting rate \$24.00 per hour with benefits per MVESPA Agreement, effective September 11, 2019.

Motion 66 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

#### **3.2 Appoint Full-Time Custodian**

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Larry Guarnotta, Susquehanna, PA, to a full-time custodian position at a rate of \$11.80 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement effective August 28, 2019.

Motion 67 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

### **4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson**

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

#### **4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policy (Discussion)**

Policy #113.1-Discipline of Students with Disabilities  
Policy #113.4-Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

- Mrs. Miller lead the discussion of Policy #113.1-Discipline of Students with Disabilities and Policy #113.4-Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information.

#### **4.2 First Reading of the Following Policies:**

Policy #113.2-Behavior Support  
Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities

- Mrs. Miller read Policy #113.2-Behavior Support and Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities.

### **5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

#### **5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Mason Stiver, 5 parents/teacher chaperones, nurse, security at hotel and Jr and Sr Band students, Thursday to Saturday, April 16 through April 18, 2019, Spring Band Trip to Cleveland, Cleveland, OH (Substitute \$190.00, Substitute nurse \$95.00; Total \$285.00) (Mountain View Performing Arts paying the rest of trip cost)
- B. Sheri Ransom and 1 student on Thursday, August 29, 2019, Susquehanna County Conservation Office, Montrose, PA (Transportation \$27.84)

Motion 68 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 stated that doors will be installed in the HS during the week of September 16. All HVAC equipment has been installed. Baseball field back-stop demolition will begin in 2 weeks. Scoreboards and batting cage are being installed later. The ultra-violet tank at the sewage treatment plant needs to be replaced.

**6.1 Approve Pit Box Replacement**

The motion is made by Mr. Very, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve ICON, Inc. of Lake Winola, PA, to replace the Ultra-Violet Pit Box in the amount of \$17,750.

Motion 69 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 Absent

**7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

**8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

MVEA Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Monica Miller, Kenneth Decker  
MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

**9. Administration**

**9.1 Principals' Comments**

**Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake**

- Dr. Lake thanked teachers and para-professionals for a great first day. Wednesday evening is Meet the Teacher Night.

**High School Principal – Vacant**

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

- Mrs. Anuszewski announced that the sensory room is almost complete. Teachers will need training on sensory room and its equipment. De-escalation training with staff was done.

**9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia noted that there is a great feelat both the ES and HS. Everyone is excited for the school year to begin.

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

- Mr. Witiak thanked Dr. Elia and Mrs. Anuszewski for providing de-escalation training to transportation contractors. He thanked Dr. Lake for rolling out the SOAR system to transportation contractors. He also thanked Sergeant Mike Joyce for speaking about active shooter situations with transportation contractors.

#### **9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

- Mrs. Voigt said the MV will hold off implementing Flex Instruction days. There are still issues with nurses and support staff. The Community Foundation received a \$20,000 donation from Peoples Security Bank and Trust for dual enrollment, Ag Lab, and student competitions. Substitutes received de-escalation and ALICE training from Jon Record from the Sherriff's Department. It was a great welcome back today. Weather radios were purchased.

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

- None.

**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.*

- None.

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

##### **HELD:**

- Monday, August 12, 2019-8:30 PM - 9:15 PM
- Monday, August 26, 2019- 6:00 PM - 7:24 PM for Personnel

##### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, August 26, 2019, after the public meeting
- Monday, September 9, 2019 before and after the public meeting

#### **10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Barhite, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5-August 12, 2019 minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-August 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.4-Agreement with CSIU
- 2.6-Wood Chip Bid

- 4.1- Policy #113.1-Discipline of Students with Disabilities
  - Policy #113.4-Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- 4.2- Policy #113.2-Behavior Support
  - Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities
- FYI-Conference Report
- FYI-2-Flexible Instructional Days
- FYI-3-Act 67 of 2019-SRO Training Updates
- FYI-4-Welcome Letters

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak