

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

Monday, January 10, 2022
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 10, 2022 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:11 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; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: None.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Audit Presentation - Brian T. Kelly

- Mr. Kelly presented the 2020-2021 Independent Audit.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –December 20, 2021

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated December 20, 2021, as presented.

Motion 214 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.*

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

2.1 Approve January Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for the January 10, 2022 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$112,409.

Motion 215 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve Agreement and calendar between Graham Academy and The Mountain View School District

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve an Agreement and calendar between Graham Academy and The Mountain View School District, effective December 13, 2021, as presented.

Motion 216 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, from Chantel Kraft, from her Para-Professional position, effective January 5, 2022, as presented.

Motion 217 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising, for a Paraprofessional position at a rate of \$13.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 218 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Appoint Paraprofessional

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint Kimberly Fletcher, Clifford Township, as a paraprofessional at a starting rate \$13.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date of January 18, 2022.

Motion 219 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policy (discussion):

Policy 324- Personnel Files
Policy 330- Overtime

4.2 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 320- Freedom of Speech in Non-school Settings

Motion 220 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.3 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 321- Political Activities

Motion 221 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.4 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 322- Gifts

Motion 222 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.5 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 323- Tobacco and Vaping Products

Motion 223 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.6 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 325- Dress and Grooming

Motion 224 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.7 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 326- Complaint Process

Motion 225 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.8 Approve the Following Policy:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 328- Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules

Motion 226 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve updated Health and Safety Plan for the Mountain View School District, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 227 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. Talabiska, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 2 No (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Schulte), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

5.2 Approve Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the Mountain View School District's Updated Mitigation Protocols regarding COVID protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 228 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. Talabiska, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 2 No (Mr. Barhite, Mr. Schulte), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

5.3 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Mason Stiver and 1 student, Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14, 2022, PMEA District 9 Orchestra, Scranton, PA (Substitute \$200.00, Transportation \$67.20, Registration \$50-75.00; Total \$342.20)
- B. Mason Stiver and 1 student, Thursday and Friday, January 27 and 28, 2022, PMEA District 9 Band, Scranton, PA (Substitute \$200.00, Transportation \$70.20, Registration \$70-100.00; Total \$350.00)

- C. Jamie Bottger and 1 student, Thursday and Friday, February 10 and 11, 2022, PMEA District 9 Chorus, Pittston, PA (Transportation \$95.20, Registration \$50.00, Substitute \$200.00; Total \$345.20)

Motion 229 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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, 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

- Dr. Lake thanked Carol Rainey and the SAP team for helping families in need during the holidays. Most gifts donated were gift cards. The Ag Lab is coming in February.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked Mrs. Martino for helping families during the holidays. Wednesday is Senior Night for wrestling.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus met with the IU regarding Early Intervention services. Mrs. Loftus thanked Mrs. Kraft for her years of service and welcomed Mrs. Fletcher to MV.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs –Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf

- Mr. Womelsdorf said lots of testing is about to get underway – iReady, Dibels and Keystone.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No comment.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia noted there is an uptick in COVID cases in the area and in the district. We must continue to bio-globe and social distance.

New Business from Board Members

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

HELD:

- Thursday, January 6, 2022 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM for contracts
- Monday, January 10, 2022 – 6:00 PM to 7:05 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 24, 2022 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 7:44 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- December 20, 2021 Minutes
- 2.1- January 2022 Bill List
- 2.2- Graham Academy Agreement
- 3.1- Kraft Resignation Letter
- 4.1- Policy 324- Personnel Files
- Policy 330- Overtime
- 4.2- Policy 320- Freedom of Speech in Non-school Settings
- 4.3- Policy 321- Political Activities
- 4.4- Policy 322- Gifts
- 4.5- Policy 323- Tobacco and Vaping Products
- 4.6- Policy 325- Dress and Grooming
- 4.7- Policy 326- Complaint Process
- 4.8- Policy 328- Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules
- 5.1 -Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan
- 5.2- Approve Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak