

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

**Monday, July 22, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on July 22, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:21 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. Edward Napierkowski, Second Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Barhite; Mr. David Schulte; Mrs. Sondra Stine.

Absent: Mrs. Monica Miller.

**Administration Present:**

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

Absent: Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum (Absent at Roll-Call, arrived at 7:49); Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –July 8, 2019**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Napierkowski, to approve the minutes dated July 8, 2019, as presented.

Motion 15 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read 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 July Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the July 22, 2019 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$542,889.67.

Motion 16 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.2 Approve July 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 \$4,232,587.49.

Motion 17 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 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 18 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.4 Approve Agreement for Head Start Meals**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an agreement between the Mountain View School District and the Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency INC, for Meals for The Head Start Program, as presented.

Motion 19 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.5 Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated March 31, 2019 as presented and file for audit:

1. High School Activities Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. Elementary School Activities Account

Motion 20 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

#### **3.1 Approve Administrators Not Covered by ACT 93 Plan**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Administrators Not Covered by ACT 93 Plan for the Business Manager for the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 school year, as presented

Motion 21 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **3.2 Approve Administrators Not Covered by ACT 93 Plan**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Administrator Not Covered by ACT 93 Plan for the Assistant Business Manager for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented

Motion 22 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **3.3 Appoint Custodian Position**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Carl Jennings, Kingsley, PA, to a custodian position effective August 1, 2019.

Motion 23 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **3.4 Approve Coach**

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

Roger Thomas, JH Soccer

Motion 24 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **3.5 Approve Technology Coordinator**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to appoint Brian Savage, Waymart, PA to the Technology Coordinator position at a rate of \$24.00 / hour with a starting date of August 12:

Motion 25 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

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

Policy #221- Dress and Grooming

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #221 – Dress & Grooming

- Dr. Elia arrived at the meeting at 7:49.

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

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

**5.1 Approve Handbooks**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to adopt the following handbooks for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented:

- a) High School Substitute Handbook
- b) High School Faculty Handbook
- c) K-12 Paraprofessional Support Handbook
- d) Elementary Substitute Handbook
- e) Elementary faculty/staff Handbook

Motion 26 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**5.2 Approve Conference Requests**

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

- A. Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Friday, September 6, 2019, AP Workshop Calculus AB & BC, Lancaster, PA (Travel \$178.64, Registration \$285.00, Substitute \$95; Total \$558.64) (Title II-A)

Motion 27 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 stated that kitchen floor will be matting, not tile. The front doors of the HS are off. The sidewalks will be worked on soon. The baseball field is being worked on.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

**7.1 Approve Parent Driver**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve Gerri Grisafi, New Milford, PA, as a parent driver effective 8/29/2019.

Motion 28 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**7.2 Approve Shuttle Bus Contractors**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following contractors for 2019-2020 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 29 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**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 mentioned that faculty letters will be sent home soon. Class assignment will be mailed home again during Harford Fair week. New student registration is August 5 & 6.

**High School Principal – VACANT**

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

- Mrs. Anuszewski stated that paraprofessional letters will be mailed after ESY. The Transition Conference was very enlightening. Mountain View's Transition Program is definitely ahead of the curve.

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

- Dr. Elia said he is working on ES Computer Science curriculum. Pathways are very cutting-edge. TV studio work is underway.

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

- Mr. Witiak thanked the school board for extending his contract.

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

- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that Northern Tier RPDC is working on a "What's So Cool With Manufacturing" contest. The next comprehensive planning is on August 12. Mountain View Virtual Academy will be the name for VLN.

**New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Schulte has applied with ACS to be a science coach again this year.
- Mr. Decker thanked administration and Mr. Gaughan for their hard work.

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- None.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, July 22, 2019- 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM for Personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, July 22, 2019, after the public meeting
- Monday, August 12, 2019 before and after the public meeting

**10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Decker, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

**Enclosures:**

- 1.5-July 8, 2019 minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-July 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.4-Agreement for Head Start Meals
- 3.1-Business Manager Contract
- 3.2-Assistant Business Manager Contract
- 4.1- Policy #221-Dress and Grooming
- 5.1-Handbooks
- 7.2-Shuttle Bus Contract
- FYI-Wrestling Booster Club

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak