

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

Monday, November 25, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 25, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

Administration Present:

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

Absent: Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Liaison-Hannah Geron

- Hannah presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Report.

Election Day Opportunity-Katie Tracy, Matt Dougherty

- Katie and Matt reviewed election polling place rules and requirements.

SGA-Update on State SGA Conference 2020

- Hannah shared videos associated with the State SGA Conference at Kalahari Resort.

Skyrocketing Eagles Recognition-

Colin Miller, Rozalyn Jagger, Noah Molenko, Adyson Barlow, Julia Briechle, Morgan Pliska, Lorelai Rogers, Aubrey Urda, Kali Harvatine, DeClan McAndrew, Marietta Milunic, Zoey Perini, Rowan Poplawski,

Charley Smith, Jamie Jerauld, Madelynn Orth, Averey Urda, Jordan Jagger, Karley Norton, Mayson McAndrew

- Dr. Lake and Mrs. Voigt recognized the Skyrocketing Eagles.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –November 11, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated November 11, 2019, as presented.

Motion 151 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer presented the Cafeteria Report and Treasurer 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.*

- None.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve November Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the November 25, 2019 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$405,992.74.

Motion 152 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve November 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 \$2,443,001.31.

Motion 153 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 154 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Transfer to Athletic Fund

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer from General Fund (10-5280-933-000-001-000-000-0000 / CR:52801) to Athletic Fund in the amount of \$10,500.

Motion 155 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following volunteer:

Robert Sedlak, Golf, Girls JH Basketball, JH Softball
Gary Parks, Wrestling
Jason Casselbury, Boys Basketball

Motion 156 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following substitute.

- a. Nicole Crawford, UnionDale, PA, to the Nurse Substitute list

Motion 157 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following volunteer:

Virginia Carl-Classroom Volunteer; Kid Writing

Motion 158 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Approve Stipend

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mr. Very, to approve a \$50 monthly stipend for cell phone usage for after-hours calling for April Ball effective December 1, 2019.

Motion 159 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

4.1 Second Reading (discussion) of the Following Policy:

Policy #916-Volunteers

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy #916-Volunteers.

4.2 First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy #907-School Visitors

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #907-School Visitors.
- The next policy committee meeting is Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 PM.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, 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. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Charissa Ofalt, Tiffany Cosklo and 9 students, Thursday, December 19, 2019, Movie Trip with PenPals, Vestal NY (Transportation \$213.90)
- B. Charleene Martens, Karen Voigt and 12-15 students, Saturday, December 14, 2019, Land of Lakes Quiz Bowl, Lakeland HS (Transportation \$38.05, Registration \$175.00; Total \$213.05)
- C. Mason Stiver and 6 Jr/Sr. Band Students, Friday and Saturday, December 6-7, 2019, Marywood Jr. Wind Band Celebration, Marywood University (Transportation \$58.00, Registration \$420.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$573.00)
- D. Sheri Ransom and 1-2 students, Tuesday, December 10, 2019, Steamtown Historical Site, Scranton PA (Transportation \$30.74 round trip)
- E. Whitney Johnson, Todd Calabro and 35 students, Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Science Olympiad, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, PA (Transportation \$287.96, Registration \$400, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$877.96)
- F. Jamie Bottger, Mason Stiver and 13 students, Wednesday, December 18, 2019, WBS Penguin's Game, Wilkes-Barre, PA (Transportation \$111.36, Registration TBD; Total \$111.36)
- G. Mrs. Aten, Mrs. Ihlefeldt and member of MVSGA, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 27, 28, 29 and March 1, 2020, PASC Executive Board Meeting, Kalahari and MVSD (Transportation \$63.80, Substitute \$285.00; Total \$348.80)
- H. Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Christine Misiura, Jamie Bottger, George Barbolish, Melody Haley and 87 NHS, /NJHS/ Culture Shock students, Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Gino Merli Veterans Center, Viewmont Mall, Allied Rehab Christmas Caroling (Transportation \$375.74, Substitute \$380.00; Total \$755.74)
- I. Andrea Aten, Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Friday, May 15, 2020, PASC Region H Conference, North Pocono Middle School (Transportation \$217.24, Registration paid by MVSGA \$600.00, Substitute \$190.00; Total \$1,007.24)
- J. Kevin Reuss, one other Social Studies Teacher and 35 students Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 32nd Annual Teen Symposium on the Holocaust, Hilton Hotel and Conference Center (Transportation \$240.20, Substitute Teacher \$190.00; Total \$430.20)

- K. Glen Mackey and Matt Donnelly and 5 students, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, What's so Cool about Manufacturing (Transportation \$18.56)
- L. Allison Martino, Jamie White and 30 students, Monday, December 9, 2019, 9th grade CTC Tour, Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center (Transportation \$140.44)

Motion 160 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. Alisha Waters, Leslie Gossage, Andrea James, Lisa Kozloski, Maureen Beamish, Thursday, December 12, 2019, The Neuropsych of Math, NEIU 19 (Travel \$30.16, Registration \$500.00, Total \$530.16) (Title IIA)

Motion 161 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Instruction in the Home

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve Instruction in the Home for Student #25123 beginning November 4, 2019 ending in approximately two (2) months.

Motion 162 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.4 Approve Instruction in the Home

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve Instruction in the Home for Student #30017 beginning November 15, 2019 ending date TBD.

Motion 163 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 is in the process of renewing our waste-water permit. There will be more testing – more testing means more cost. Testing will be conducted by MV employees. Mandatory lead and copper test samples were picked up by the lab, but destroyed when the lab vehicle was in an accident. Lead and copper testing was redone. Door installation (rough and fine-tuned) is still in process.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Substitute Car Contractor

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mrs. Miller, to approve the following Substitute Car Contractor:

Dane Barhite, Clifford Township, PA

Motion 164 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

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

- Mrs. Voigt mentioned that negotiations with Support Staff will begin soon.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake stated that Christmas at the ES begins with the Angel Tree tomorrow. PTO will be hosting cookies with Santa. Adam Diaz is giving a pair of shoes to every student at the ES.

High School Principal – vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia is proud that the Student Government takes great pride in its work. MVHS has the second highest building-scores in NEPA.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak alerted the board that NEIU19 is considering leaving the Northeast Health Consortium. This would weaken the consortium and cost the district an additional \$64,848 in total premiums.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt invited all board members to the Dine-In on December 6. Wyatt Yachymiak and Katie Glover were named student of the month at CTC. PASR is offering a \$250 grant to any employee for science education.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Very said there is great energy at the HS. Monica will be missed.
- Mr. Schulte mentioned that the Cliffores Care Outreach Breakfast is coming up.
- Mr. Barhite wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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- None.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 25, 2019-6:00 PM-6:50 PM for Personnel, Labor Relations, Civil Rights Investigation.

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, November 25, 2019, after the public meeting
- Monday, December 2, 2019 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 8:56 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-November 11, 2019 minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-November 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 4.1-Policy #916-Volunteers
- 4.2-Policy #907-Visitors
- FYI-Conference Reports
- FYI 2-CTC October Student of the Month

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak