

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

Monday, September 10, 2018
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 10, 2018 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mr. Michael Barhite, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

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

Absent: None

Administration Present:

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

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- No presentations.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –August 27, 2018

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated August 27, 2018, as presented.

Motion 57 Carried: 9 Yes

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: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the September 10, 2018 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$110,361.80.

Motion 58 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve SAP Agreement for TreHab

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the SAP Agreement (Student Assistance Program) with TreHab for 2018-2019 as presented.

Motion 59 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3 Approve SAP Agreement for Scranton Counseling Center

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the SAP Agreement (Student Assistance Program) with Scranton Counseling Center for 2018-2019 as presented.

Motion 60 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Grant

The motion is made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to accept Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund in the amount of \$1,400.00 through the Community Foundation Grant to help cost of ALICE Program for the 2018-2019 as presented.

Motion 61 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Acknowledge Tenure Status and Authorize Issuance of a Professional Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to acknowledge tenure status and authorize issuance of a Professional Employee Contract for Mason Stiver as a result of his satisfactory completion of three years of service in the school district.

Motion 62 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Acknowledge Tenure Status and Authorize Issuance of a Professional Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to acknowledge tenure status and authorize issuance of a Professional Employee Contract for Ashley Coviello as a result of her satisfactory completion of three years of service in the school district.

Motion 63 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3 Acknowledge Tenure Status and Authorize Issuance of a Professional Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to acknowledge tenure status and authorize issuance of a Professional Employee Contract for Joshua Carpenter as a result of his satisfactory completion of three years of service in the school district.

Motion 64 Carried: 9 Yes

3.4 Acknowledge Tenure Status and Authorize Issuance of a Professional Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to acknowledge tenure status and authorize issuance of a Professional Employee Contract for Erika Gething as a result of her satisfactory completion of three years of service in the school district.

Motion 65 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5 Appoint Safe2Say Contact Person-Act 44

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to appoint Dr. Michael Elia as the School District Safety and Security Coordinator and the Safe2Say Contact Person.

Motion 66 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6 Amendment to Superintendent Voigt Contract

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to amend Superintendent Voigt's Contract regarding salary from \$110,000 to \$114,000.

Motion 67 Carried: 9 Yes

3.7 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to approve the following substitute.

- a. Pamela Digregorio, Archbald, PA, to the Elementary list
- b. Courtney Bognatz, Clifford Twp., PA, to the Clerical, Cafeteria, Hall/Cafeteria Monitor, Paraprofessional lists

Motion 68 Carried: 9 Yes

3.8 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to accept the letter of resignation from Kelly McLaughlin from her cafeteria monitor position effective September 21, 2018, as presented.

Motion 69 Carried: 9 Yes

3.9 Post and Advertise Cafeteria Monitor Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to advertise for a 2.5 hour Cafeteria Monitor position with a salary of \$10.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 70 Carried: 9 Yes

3.9.1 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to accept the letter of resignation from Matthew Voda from his teaching position effective 60 calendar days from September 10, 2018, as presented.

Motion 71 Carried: 9 Yes

3.9.2 Authorize Posting and Advertising for Special Education Position

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Richmond, to post and advertise for a Special Education Position for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 72 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

4.1 Approve the Following Policy

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

#204- Attendance

Motion 73 Carried: 9 Yes

4.2 First Reading of the following policies:

Policy #214-Class Rank

Policy #904-Public Attendance at School Events

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #214-Class Rank and Policy #904-Public Attendance at School Events.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Mary Lynne Twining on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, PIMS Sapphire Conference, Hershey PA (District Vehicle)
- B. Marybeth Krivak, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Power Library Training, Hilton Scranton, PA (Substitute \$95.00)
- C. Leslie Gossage on Friday, September 21, 2018, Title III Consortium Meeting, NEIU 19, (No Cost to the District)

Motion 74 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott and 5 students on Thursdays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29, 2018, Eagle's Nest Grocery shopping and breakfast, Montrose Price Chopper, Dunking Donuts/McDonald's, PA, (Transportation \$227.81 for all trips)
- B. Kelly Richmond, Danielle Scott, Charissa Ofalt, Jen Zech and 6 students on Wednesday, September 12 and 26, 2018, Therapeutic Equestrian Session, Oak Leaf Farms, Nicholson, PA (Transportation \$56.16 for both trips)
- C. Alisha Hudak, one additional teacher and 15-20 students, Tuesday, December 18, 2018, FBLA Regional Leadership Conference, Keystone College, PA (No cost to the district)
- D. Alisha Hudak and 1-6 students, Sunday through Wednesday, April 7, 8, 9, 10, 2019, FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey Lodge, PA (No cost to the district)

Motion 75 Carried: 9 Yes

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor was pleased to announce that school started on time. The start of school went smoothly all things considered. He went on a tour with the school board to review the progress of the building project. Mold was tested by an external firm, Eagle Hygiene. Custodial staff and the outside firm remediated the mold issues that did exist.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Jason Richmond, Danny Very

- Mr. Witiak explained that bus #3 students (Faith Mountain) ride the bus as long as busses to MVSD. Faith Mountain adjusted their schedule this year. School starts 15 minutes earlier which means the bus picks up students 15 minutes earlier. There are currently some temporary detours because of road and bridge closures.

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 everyone for the great start to the school year. There was an excellent commitment by staff. The students' best interest are in mind. Parents like the new student pick-up system in the afternoon. The intent was to make it convenient and safe. WNEP did a great job on their news story about the renovations. Dr. Lake wished Mr. Voda good luck.

High School Principal – Mr. Robert Presley

- Mr. Presley stated the HS is off to a great start. The 3 inservice days were very productive. The continued trainings with Google Classroom went well. Thanked Stephanie for help with the Special Education schedules. Met with Dr. Elia to discuss the professional development needs. Wished Mr. Voda good luck in his future endeavors. Thanked ESG for professional work and responsiveness for keeping doors locked and wearing badges.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski declared that Special Services is off to a great start. The AimsWeb training was really great. Scheduling turned out really well.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia mentioned that this was a great start to the school year. Glad to see that students and teachers are excited. Already has a vision and goals for each building. Everyone has made him feel welcomed thus far.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak mentioned that cafeteria and transportation are off to a great start.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt said it's great to have a full administrative team again. Welcomed back Becky Giordano and Diana Slick. There was LGBTQ training last week. The enrollment for the HS is 435 and for the ES is 484. The Boy Scouts would like to provide a pocket library. We will explore adding an awning to the ES.

New Business from Board Members

- Mrs. Miller asked about the damage to the school van? Mr. Taylor said he has the replacement molding, and the van will be fixed soon.
- Mr. Schulte once again applied for a \$500 grant with the American Chemical Society to work with Mrs. Tranovich and her students.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer taught music in Amsterdam and Turkey this summer.
- Mrs. Stine thanked Mr. Witiak for the royalty information.

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- Justin Fletcher asked how much did the mold clean-up cost. Mrs. Voigt said we did not yet receive the invoice.

- Brittney Pappocia asked why we cleaned the carpets after mold was found in Head Start. Mrs. Voigt explained the timeline of events.
- Christine Hummel asked why there is still mold in certain rooms. Dr. Lake explained he is inspecting the room each day. Mr. Barhite explained that teachers are not communicating these issues to administrators or board members.
- Melissa Snyder stated that mold was first discovered on August 14. Mrs. Voigt said she communicated the mold concerns with the leadership of the Head Start program.
- Bill and John from ESG recommend that all carpets should be Microban.
- Justin Fletcher asked if we should retest for mold after the heat is turned on. Bill and John from ESG advised that the air handlers are already functioning 24/7.
- Melissa Snyder asked if rooms should have been cleaned before the testing. Mr. Taylor said the rooms needed to be cleaned. Construction prevented cleaning the rooms earlier.
- Ashley Kilmer asked how we could retain cyber students. Mr. Presley explained that soft skills class is offered in 1th grade. Dr. Lake stated career training starts in ES. Job shadowing starts in 6th grade.
- Dave Breese asked that when we hire the next Athletic Director, we consider combining the position with the Athletic Trainer position.

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

HELD:

- Monday, September 10, 2018-6:00 PM-6:30 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 24, 2018, before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Richmond, second by Mr. Schulte, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-August 27, 2018 minutes
- 2.1-September 2018 Bill List
- 2.2-Tre-Hab SAP Agreement
- 2.3-Scranton Counseling Center
- 2.4-Community Foundation Grant
- 3.5-Act 44
- 3.8-Mclaughlin Resignation
- 4.1-Policy#204-Attendance
- 4.2- Policies #214/#904

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tom Witiak