

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

Monday, September 14, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 14, 2020 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:14 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; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Treasurer; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: None.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director (via call-in); Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: VACANT, Director of Curriculum; VACANT, Asst. Business Manager.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Liaison-Tori Pellew

- Tori presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.

Presentation: Update on the 2020 PASC conference- Hannah and Reagan

- Hannah gave an update on the 2020 PASC Conference

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –August 24, 2020

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the minutes dated August 24, 2020, as presented.

Motion 61 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.

- Melody Haley wants to continue with the Hybrid model. Masking has worked well.
- Allison Bluhm wants to continue with the Hybrid model. Surprised how great kids have done with masks.
- Kristin Smith said that not all learning modalities are being addressed with the Hybrid learning model.
- Patty Pass stated that her kids are thriving in the Hybrid model. She also thinks teachers are doing great.
- Sydney Barhite wants the school to be fully-open.
- Lisa Kozloski supports the Hybrid model. Professionally, there have been many more mental health issues since March. She was able to address anxiety issues with some students.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the September 14, 2020 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$269,714.59.

Motion 62 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve Addendum to Service Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve addendum to Service Agreement between Mountain View School District and VLN Partners, as presented.

Motion 63 Carried: 9 Yes

2.3 Approve CareGivers Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Agreement between Mountain View School District and CareGivers, as presented.

Motion 64 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve SAP Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the SAP Agreement (Student Assistance Program) with Scranton Counseling Center for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 65 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve SRO Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve an Agreement between the Susquehanna County Commissioners' and the Mountain View School District for the funding of an SRO officer for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 66 Carried: 9 Yes

2.6 Approve Berkheimer Resolution

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Tom Witiak as the authorized representative with Berkheimer

Motion 67 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following substitute.

- a. Amy Marcho, South Gibson, PA, to the H.S. Substitute list
- b. Dane Barhite, Clifford Twp., PA, to the H.S/Elem. Substitute lists

Motion 68 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. O'dell, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska), 1 Abstain (Mr. Barhite)

3.2 Approve Administrators ACT 93 Plan

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Administrator ACT 93 Plan for Sheri Ransom for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 69 Carried: 9 Yes

3.3 Approve Director of Curriculum

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. O'dell, to approve Douglas Womelsdorf, Nanticoke, PA, as Director of Curriculum at a salary of \$80,000, pending receipt of all documentation, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 70 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. O'dell, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska), 1 No (Mr. Very)

3.4 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2020-2021, with exception of intramurals which would be prorated based on weeks worked, as presented.

Motion 71 Carried: 9 Yes

3.5 Motion to Approve Additional Sick Days

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve transfer of 25 additional sick days for Mark Lemoncelli from Abington Heights School District which additional sick days can only be used by Mark Lemoncelli in the event of serious personal illness or immediate family member serious illness as approved by the Superintendent but in no event shall Mark Lemoncelli be paid for said 25 sick days at the time of retirement or upon a change in employment

Motion 72 Carried: 9 Yes

3.6 Motion to Temporary Hire

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to authorize the district superintendent to hire a substitute teacher on a temporary basis upon the condition the individual provides the district with all necessary documentation as required by state law and district policy and subject to eventual approval by the board of education.

Motion 73 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

4.1 First Reading of the Following Policies (discussion):

Policy #006.1-Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #006.1-Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the next Policy Committee meeting is on October 7 at 6:00 PM.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Re-Approve Resocialization of Sports Recommendations

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to re-approve the Resocialization of Sports Recommendations, as presented.

Motion 74 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. O'dell, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Barhite), 3 No (Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer,)

5.2 Approve Opening Plan for 2020-2021 School Year

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, seconded by Mr. Schulte, to approve the opening plan for the 2020-2021 school year, in which Mountain View students will attend classes with the Hybrid model.

Motion 75 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine), 2 No (Mr. Barhite, Mr. O'dell)

6 Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor said the pipe leak was in front of the HS art room. It was repaired. Testing showed that it holds pressure. The pipe between the schools should be replaced in the next 10 years.

7 Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Transportation Substitute Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to appoint the following car/van substitute driver for the 2020-2021 school year.

Howard Bauman (for Lewis Bussing), Susquehanna, PA

Motion 76 Carried: 9 Yes

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 welcomed Doug to the administration team. The COVID-plan is working well. Kids are doing great.

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli said that opening went great. Mrs. Aten was named Pennsylvania Student Council Advisor of the year.

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski said she is doing her best to bring families in for meetings.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – VACANT

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak stated that the transportation contractors would prefer the Hybrid model as it allows better spacing. The auditors were on-site last week.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia applauded the passion in the room tonight. The COVID plan was done with a lot of consideration. Still working on having the best and safest environment for students.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Barhite asked about the AED machines throughout the district. Melody Haley said they are checked monthly.
- Mr. Richmond congratulated Mrs. Aten for being named Pennsylvania Student Council Advisor of the year.

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- Joseph Fletcher asked if the water bottle policy could be changed.

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

HELD:

- Monday, September 14, 2020 – 6:00 PM - 7:05 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Tuesday, September 28, 2020 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 8:43 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-August 24, 2020 Minutes
- 2.1-September 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-VLN Addendum
- 2.3-CareGivers
- 2.4-SAP Agreement
- 2.5-SRO Agreement
- 3.2-Ransom
- 3.4-Supplemental Salaries
- 5.1-Resocialization of Sports

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak