

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

Monday, June 14, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on June 14, 2021 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:13 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; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager, Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –May 24, 2021

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated May 24, 2021, as presented.

Motion 292 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 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.*

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O’Dell

2.1 Approve June Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the list of bills for the June 14, 2021 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$128,879.48.

Motion 293 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.2 Approve MOU between NEIU and The Mountain View School District for Title III

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve an MOU between The NEIU and The Mountain View School District for Title III, as presented.

Motion 294 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.3 Approve MOU between NEIU and The Mountain View School District for Special Education

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve an MOU between The NEIU and The Mountain View School District for Special Education Services for the 2021-2022 School year, as presented.

Motion 295 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.4 Approve 2021-2022 Annual Tax Levy

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Tax Levy as follows: 45.0165 mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, Occupational Assessment Tax at 100 mills, 0.5% Earned Income Tax under Act 511 and 1 % Real Estate Transfer Tax. The discount rate is 2% and ends on August 31, 2021. Face period begins on September 1, 2021 and ends on October 31, 2021. The penalty rate is 10% and begins on November 1, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2021 The last day to pay tax collector is December 31, 2021. Installment payments are due by August 31, 2021, September 30, 2021 and October 31, 2021, respectively.

Motion 296 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.5 Approve 2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the 2020 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion in the amount of \$523,078.82 There are 2,329 eligible Homesteads and Farmsteads.

Motion 297 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.6 Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mrs. Stine, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund (10-5240-930-000-001-000-000-0000 / CR: 52401) to Debt Service Fund (40-9311-000-000-00-005-000-000-0000 / CR: DSR002) in the amount of

\$410,511.88 for the July 1, 2021 bond payment of \$410,511.88 for the Bond Series of 2018.

Motion 298 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.7 Appoint School District Treasurer for 2020-2021

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint Sondra Stine as school district treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate of \$2,400 per year.

Motion 299 Carried: 5 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. Talabiska, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 1 Abstain (Mrs. Stine), 3 Absent (Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O'Dell)

2.8 Approve eBay Account

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve opening a Mountain View School District eBay account to sell unused and unwanted property.

Motion 300 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

2.9 Approve Bank Account

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve opening an additional bank account with People's Security Bank & Trust.

Motion 301 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve STEM Teacher

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the following teacher for Summer STEM:

Jenifer Davis

Motion 302 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.2 Approve Summer Custodial Help

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the following summer custodial help at a rate of \$11.00 per hour:

Dawn Neri: Carbondale, PA

Motion 303 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.3 Accept Letter of Resignation

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to accept the letter of resignation from Katie Beichler, from her teaching position, effective June 14, 2021, as presented.

Motion 304 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.4 Authorize Posting and Advertising

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to authorize posting and advertising for a math position with benefits per MVEA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 305 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.5 Approve Sabbatical Leave

The motion was made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve a sabbatical leave for the 2021-2022 school year for health restoration for Jamie Janesky, as presented.

Motion 306 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.6 Appoint Athletic Director

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to appoint Jan Price, Clifford Township, PA, as the athletic director for the 2021-2022 school year with a stipend of \$6,500.00.

Motion 307 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.7 Appoint Fall and Winter Coaches

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to appoint the following Fall and Winter Coaches:.

Boys Soccer Head Coach	Harold Quesada	\$3,806.00
Girls Volleyball Ass't Coach	Tosha Shay	\$3,958.24

Motion 308 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

3.8 Approve Fall and Winter Coaches Salaries

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the Fall and Winter coaches salaries as follows:

Fall Coaches:

Cross Country Head Coach	\$4,110.48
Cross Country Ass't Coach	\$3,271.84
Boys Soccer Head Coach	\$3,806.00

Golf Head Coach	\$3,425.40
Girls Soccer Head Coach	\$4,034.36
Girls Soccer Ass't Coach	\$3,271.84
Girls Volleyball Head Coach	\$3,958.24
Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach	\$3,146.00

Winter Coaches:

Boys Basketball Head Coach	\$4,767.88
Boys Basketball Ass't Coach	\$3,941.08
Boys Junior High Coach	\$3,393.52
Girls Basketball Head Coach	\$4,677.92
Girls Basketball Ass't Coach	\$3,718.00
Girls Junior High Co-Coach	\$1,696.76
Girls Junior High Co-Coach	\$1,631.50
Wrestling Head Coach	\$4,857.00
Wrestling Ass't Coach	\$4,015.44
Cheerleading Advisor	\$3,866.72

Motion 309 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Second Reading of the Following Policies (discussion):

Policy 333-Professional Development
Policy 249-Bullying/Cyberbullying/Sexting

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy 333 – Professional Development and Policy 249 – Bullying / Cyberbullying / Sexting.

4.2 First Reading of the Following Policies:

Policy 000-Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
Policy 007-Distribution
Policy 003-Functions
Policy 002-Authority and Powers
Policy 001-Name and Classification

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy 000 – Board Policy / Procedure / Administrative Regulations, Policy 007 – Distribution, Policy 003 – Functions, Policy 002 – Authority and Powers, and Policy 001 – Name and Classification.

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Karen Zaums, Integrate your SLP Interventions Into Classrooms Using Time Saving Strategies More from a Caseload to a Workload Approach, Online (Registration \$149.00)
- B. Jessica Trichilo, Monday through Thursday, July 19-22, 2021, Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Wilkes University (Travel \$174.72, Registration \$770.00; Total \$944.72)

Motion 310 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

5.2 Approve Extended School Year Program

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Extended School Year Program Monday through Thursdays July 6- 29, 2021.

Motion 311 Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

6. **Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor stated that they are currently refinishing the gym floors. Lines are already down in the HS gym. Stripping and waxing classrooms is underway. There is a meeting with ESG on July 2, 2021.

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

- Absent

High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Absent

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Absent

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

- Mr. Wommelsdorf said he continues to look at the assessment calendar and tools.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak stated that a balanced budget will be presented at the next meeting.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said that 2020-2021 was a great first year of being superintendent.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Richmond said that graduation was great.

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

HELD:

- Monday, June 14, 2021 – 6:00 PM - 7:05 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, June 28, 2021 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-May 24, 2021 Minutes
- 2.1-June 2021 Bill List
- 2.2-Title III Agreement
- 2.3-Special Education Service Agreement
- 3.3-Beichler Resignation
- 3.5-Janesky Sabbatical
- 4.1-Policy 333-Professional Development
 - Policy 249-Bullying/Cyberbullying/Sexting
- 4.2- Policy 000-Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
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Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak