

Mountain View School District  
"A Community's Commitment to Excellence"  
Board of Education Public Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2022 - 7:00 PM  
Agenda

\*\*\*Minutes

1. Opening Activities

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3. Introduction of Holdover Members

Administration:

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| <u>P</u> Dr. Michael Elia  | <u>A</u> Mr. Patrick McGarry          |
| <u>P</u> Mrs. Donna Keslo  | <u>A</u> Dr. Mark Lemoncelli          |
| <u>A</u> Mr. Andrew Snyder | <u>P</u> Mr. Joseph Gaughan, Attorney |
| <u>A</u> Mrs. Erica Loftus |                                       |

1.4. Elect Temporary President

A. Nominations for Temporary President (Elected by & from the holdover members)

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|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <u>Mr. Michael Talabiska</u> | Nominated | <u>Mr. David Schulte</u> |
| _____                        | Nominated | _____                    |
| _____                        | Nominated | _____                    |

B. The motion is made by Mr. Michael Talabiska, second by Mr. Michael Barhite, to close the nominations for Temporary President (2/3 majority).

Voting: 7 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 2 Absent

Mr. David Schulte was elected as Temporary President.

C. Secretary of the Board serves as the Secretary.

1.5. Oath of Office - Motion Not Needed

- A. Secretary reads list of legally elected and qualified board members.
- B. Oath is administered by Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Notary.

C. Oaths are signed and presented to the Board Secretary.

D. New members are seated at the Board table.

1.6. Roll Call List of Newly Constituted School Board

<u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Michael Barhite	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. David Schulte
<u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Kenneth Decker	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mrs. Sondra Stine
<u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Derek O'Dell	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Michael Talabiska
<u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer	<u>  </u> A <u>  </u> Mr. Danny Very
<u>  </u> P <u>  </u> Mr. Jason Richmond	

1.7. Approval of the Minutes - November 28, 2022

The motion is made by Mr. Jason Richmond, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve the minutes dated November 28, 2022 as presented.

Voting:    7    Yes       No       Abstain    2    Absent

1.8. 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 about motion 3.4 Stipened for Dr. Michael Elia. Temporary President Mr. David Schulte stated it was for his work as acting business manager and director of curriculum in their absence. Mr. Brewster also asked for a copy of the teachers contract. The board stated that he may have one as soon as it was voted on.

2. New Business

2.1. Election of President

A. Nominations for President

<u>Mr. Michael Talabiska</u>	Nominated	<u>Mr. Jason Richmond</u>
_____	Nominated	_____
_____	Nominated	_____

B. The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to close the nominations for President (2/3 majority).

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

C. Final Vote Taken: (By show of hands or roll call vote, majority of full Board)

D. Newly Elected President Mr. Jason Richmond takes seat and presides over the meeting.

2.2. Election of First Vice President

A. Nominations for First Vice President

<u>Mrs. Sondra Stine</u> _____	Nominated	<u>Mr. Kenneth Decker</u>
_____	Nominated	_____
_____	Nominated	_____

B. The motion is made by Mr. Michael Talabiska, second by Mr. David Schulte, to close the nominations for First Vice President (2/3 majority).

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

C. Final Vote Taken: (By show of hands or roll call vote, majority of full Board)

D. Mr. Kenneth Decker was elected First Vice President.

2.3. Election of Second Vice President

A. Nominations for Second Vice President

<u>Mr. Kenneth Decker</u> _____	Nominated	<u>Mr. Michael Barhite</u>
_____	Nominated	_____
_____	Nominated	_____

B. The motion is made by Mr. Michael Talabiska, second by Mr. David Schulte, to close the nominations for Second Vice President (2/3 majority).

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

C. Final Vote Taken: (By show of hands or roll call vote, majority of full Board)

D. Mr. Michael Barhite was elected Second Vice President.

**2.4. Authorize Removal for Bank Signatures - Motion Not Needed**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to remove \_\_\_\_\_ as an authorized signer of checks from the Cafeteria Fund, Capital Projects, Capital Reserve, Debt Service, General Fund, and the Online (Auto Pay) accounts, effective immediately.

Voting: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**2.5. Authorize Bank Signatures- Motion Not Needed**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to authorize \_\_\_\_\_, President, to sign the checks from the Cafeteria Fund, Capital Projects, Capital Reserve, Debt Service, General Fund, and the Online (Auto Pay) accounts, effective immediately.

Voting: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**2.6. Approve Signature Removal from Funds- Motion Not Needed**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the removal of \_\_\_\_\_ from the Cafeteria Fund, Capital Projects, Capital Reserve, Debt Service, General Fund, and the Online (Auto Pay) accounts, effective immediately.

Voting: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**2.7. Approve Signature Addition to Funds- Motion Not Needed**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the addition of \_\_\_\_\_, to the Cafeteria Fund, Capital Projects, Capital Reserve, Debt Service, General Fund, and the Online (Auto Pay) accounts, effective immediately.

Voting: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**2.8. Approve the Dates and Place of the Board Meetings for 2023**

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve that all regular scheduled Board meetings shall be scheduled for 7:00 pm in the James W. Zick Board Room, 11748 State Route 106, Kingsley, PA 18826, on the dates presented:

January 9, 2023	January 30, 2023
February 13, 2023	February 27, 2023
March 20, 2023	
April 17, 2023	
May 8, 2023	May 22, 2023
June 19, 2023	

July 17, 2023	
August 14, 2023	
September 11, 2023	September 25, 2023
October 16, 2023	October 30, 2023
November 13, 2023	
December 4, 2023	

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**2.9. Approve Transfer of Funds**

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Barhite, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund to Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$180,297.83 for the January 1, 2023 payment to Fidelity Bank for the Bond Series of 2018.

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**3. Personnel**

**3.1. Approve Superintendent Raise**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve a 3% raise for superintendent, Dr. Michael Elia for the 2022-2023 school year retroactive to July 1, 2022.

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**3.2. Approve Superintendent Stipend**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve a one-time stipend in the amount of \$3,600 payable to Dr. Micahel Elia for the 2022-2023 school year.

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**3.3. Approve Substitute Custodian**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to approve Ryan Smith as a substitute custodian effective December 6, 2022 at a rate of \$11.00 per hour per the approved substitute rate sheet for the 2022-2023 school year.

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**4. Transportation**

**4.1. Approve Resignation of Bus Contract**

The motion is made by Mr. Kenneth Decker, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the resignation of Pocono Transportation, Inc. for the Bus 24 route for the 2022-2023 school year.

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**4.2. Approve Substitute Drivers**

The motion is made by Mr. Kenneth Decker, second by Mr. David Schulte, to approve the following substitute drivers for the 2022-2023 school year, A & B as presented:

- A. Bradley Merritt, Scott Township
- B. Vladimir Schlact, Jermyn

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**5. Labor Relations**

**5.1. Ratify MVEA Contract**

The motion is made by Mr. Michael Talabiska, second by Mr. David Schulte, to ratify the MVEA Contract (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2029) as presented.

Voting: 7 Yes      No      Abstain 2 Absent

**6. Closing**

**6.1. New Business from Board Members**

Mr. Jason Richmond thanked the board, administration and teachers union for all their hard work in regards to the teacher contract. He also thanked the board for re-electing him as their board president, stated it was an honor.

**6.2. Second Hearing of Visitors**

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Mr. Ted Brewster asked how the teacher contract was approved so early. The board stated that it had to do with early bird incentives.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, December 5, 2022 - 6:00pm – 7:00pm for personnel and busing

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, December 5, 2022 after the public meeting - None
- Monday, December 19, 2022 before and after the public meeting – pictures are scheduled.

**7. Adjourn**

The motion is made by Mr. David Schulte, second by Mr. Michael Talabiska, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm.

**Enclosures:**

- 1.7 - November 28, 2022 Minutes
- 5.1 - MVEA Contract