

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

Monday, January 3, 2024
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 3, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 6:08 PM by Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Mr. Jason Richmond, President; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Ms. Louise Cator; Mr. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Michael Molenko.

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Danny Very.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum.

1.4. 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: Michael Molenko, Derek O’Dell

2.1. Approve Tax Index

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Molenko, that the Mountain View School District will not raises 2024-2025 taxes above its Act 1 index of 5.3%.

Motion Carried: 5 Yes, 4 Absent

3. Closing

3.1. New Business from Board Members

3.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

You may address any topic. 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.

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

HELD:

- Monday, January 3, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 22, 2024 before the public meeting

4. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Flynn, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak