

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

**Monday, February 12, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 12, 2024 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:22 PM by Mr. Jason Richmond, President.

**1.2 Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.3 Roll Call – Board Members Present:**

Mr. Kenneth Decker, First Vice President; Ms. Louise Cator; Mr. Tracy Flynn; Mr. Michael Talabiska; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Danny Very.

Absent: Mr. Jason Richmond, President; Mr. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mr. Michael Molenko.

**Administration Present:**

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Mr. Patrick McGarry, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Mr. Andrew Snyder, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal (absent at roll-call, arrived at 7:30).

**1.4. Pride in Mountain View:**

**SGA Representative - Penelope Ziegler**

- Absent

**1.5. Approve the Board Minutes**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Flynn, to approve the minutes dated January 22, 2024, as presented.

Motion 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.
- Mark Lemoncelli arrived at the meeting.

## **2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

### **2.1. Approve February Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for February 12, 2024 for the General Fund and Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$554,298.73, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### **2.2. Approve Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes**

The motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve exonerations for 2024 real estate, 2024 per capita taxes and 2024 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion Tabled. No exonerations to approve.

### **2.3 Approve NEIU Budget**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 2024-2025 NEIU General Operating Budget, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### **2.4 Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following quarterly reports dated December 31, 2023 as presented and file for audit:

1. High School Activities Account
2. High School Scholarship Account
3. Elementary School Activities Account

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### **2.5. Approve Service Agreement with Graham Academy**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and Graham Academy, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### **2.6. Approve Service Agreement with BSN Sports**

The motion is made by Mr. O'Dell, second by Mr. Very, to approve the service agreement between the Mountain View School District and BSN Sports, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

## **3. Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

### **3.1. Accept Coach Resignation**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation from Thomas Ord from his Track Assistant Coaching position effective immediately.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### **3.2. Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising for the following coaching position:

Track Assistant Coach

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### **3.3. Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising for a custodian position:

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### **3.4. Approve Substitute**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following substitute:

Paige King, Clifford PA, to the Substitute list

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**3.5. Approve Volunteers**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint the following Volunteers:

- A. Andrea Sanders, Clifford Twp.; Field trip, JH-V Softball, Varsity Basketball, JH Basketball
- B. Abbey Mack, Kingsley; Classroom Help, Field Trips, PTO Assistance
- C. Tyler Waters, Scott Township, Girls JV/V Basketball

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**3.6. Approve Coaches:**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following supplemental salaries:

- A. Jr. High Softball Head Coach, Michele Pavelski, Susquehanna PA, \$2,893.00
- B. Varsity Baseball Head Coach, Ryan McAndrew, Archbald, PA, \$3,938.00

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**3.7. Accept Coach Resignation**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation from Ryan McAndrew from his Varsity Baseball Assistant Coaching position effective immediately.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**3.8. Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Ms. Cator, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising for the following coaching position:

Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**4. Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson**  
Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

**4.1. Approve the Following Policy:**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy 707 and attachments A and B- Use of School Facilities

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

**5.1. Approve Mark's Driving School, LLC**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve Mark's Driving School, LLC to provide the Mountain View Students with behind the wheel driving instruction and testing for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**5.2. Approve School Calendar**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve the 2024-2025 school year calendar, as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**5.3. Approve Homebound**

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve Homebound for Student #29011 beginning December 12, 2023 concluding February 5, 2024.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

**5.4. Approve Conference Requests**

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

- A. Andrea Sanders, Jamie Esgro, Allison Paparelli, 9/5/2023, 9/6/2023, 10/9/2023, 10/10/2023, 11/15/2023, 1/10/2024, 2/8/2024, 4/10/2024, 5/21/2024, OGAP Math Training (Travel (Sanders \$229.14), Substitute \$1,815.00; Total \$2,044.14)
- B. Andrea Aten, Sunday through Tuesday, June 2-10, 2024, 2024 AP Reading-English Literature, Utah (Substitute \$330.00)

- C. Marybeth Krivak, Thursday through Saturday, April 11-13, 2024, PA Scholl Librarian Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Keys to the Past Unlocking the Future, Kalahari Resort (Travel \$47.44, Registration \$215.00, Substitute \$220.00; Total \$482.44)
- D. Jamie Lee White and Allison Martino, Friday, February 9, 2024, SCs of NEPA Counselor Academy, University of Scranton (No Cost to the District)

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### 5.5. Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Kathy McHenry, Jason McHenry, School Nurse and 18-19 FBLA Members, Sunday through Wednesday, April 7-10, 2024, PA FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey PA (Transportation \$1,830.24, Substitute \$330.00, Advisor and Nurse Lodging \$2,120.00, Registration \$2,520.00; Total \$6,800.24)
- B. Jenifer Davis and 6 girls, Saturday, April 27, 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual NEPA Girls STEM Competition, Valley View School District (Teacher Rate \$224.00)
- C. Jamie Bottger and 28 students, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Susquehanna County Chorus (Transportation \$56.97, Registration \$560.00, Substitute \$110.00; Total \$726.97)
- D. Stephanie Kile and/or Marybeth Krivak, 8 or 17 kids, Monday, March 25, 2024, NEIU Reading Tournament, NEIU (Transportation \$25.46 or \$258.34, Substitute \$110 or \$220.00; Total \$135.46 or \$736.68)
- E. Mason Stiver, Kathy McHenry, Julie Beach, Wendy Thomas, FBLA and Jr. Band, Penguins Hockey Game, Mohegan Arena (Transportation \$313.00)
- F. Allison Martino, Jamie White, Up to 30 students (Wednesday, February 21, 2024, CTC Tour for interested students (Susquehanna Career and Technology Center (Transportation \$138.13)
- G. Andrea Aten, Anna VanWert, and MVSGA Students, Friday, March 15, 2024, 2024 PASC Region H Conference, Mountain View JR/SR HS (Substitute \$220.00)

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### 5.6. Approve Homebound

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve Homebound for Student #29109 beginning June 2023 concluding March 25, 2024.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### 5.7. Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve a settlement agreement between the Mountain View School District and student #24110.

Motion Carried: 6 Yes, 3 Absent

### 5.8. Approve Student Settlement

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Ms. Cator, to approve a settlement agreement between the Mountain View School District and student #27072.

Motion 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 announced that the wood boiler is repaired. It was only down for 3 days. 690 tons of wood burned thus far this winter.

## 7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

## 8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members: Derek O'Dell, Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

## 9. Administration

### 9.3. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

- Mr. McGarry stated that there were 400 people at the dance. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team wrapped up a great season. The 16<sup>th</sup> is an in-service day.

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli stated that tonight is Senior Night. The playoffs start next week. The Spring Musical is March 2nd and 3rd.

### 9.4. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus said that the bocce team had their Senior Night. MVTV has interviewed some of the bocce team.

**9.5. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs - Mr. Andrew Snyder**

- Mr. Snyder attended the Improving Schools Conference in Pittsburgh. He learned many ideas and techniques.

**9.6. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak**

- Mr. Witiak reminded the board to return their Statement of Financial Interest form.

**9.7. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia announced that Jaime White was named Counselor of the Year.

**10. Closing**

**10.3. New Business from Board Members**

- Mr. Very attended the IU board meeting.

**10.4. Second Hearing of Visitors**

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- Mr. Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, February 12, 2024 - 6:00pm – 7:18pm for personnel and former employee investigation.

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, March 4, 2024 before the public meeting

**11. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

**Enclosures:**

1.5- January 22, 2024 Minutes

2.1- Bill List

2.2- Exonerations for Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes

- 2.5- Graham Academy Agreement
- 2.6- BSN Sports
- 4.1- Use of School Facilities Policy
- 5.1- Beach Driver's Ed
- 5.2- School Calendar

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak