

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

**Monday, January 28, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on January 28, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:07 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. Edward Napierkowski, Second Vice President; Mr. Danny Very, Treasurer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mrs. Monica Miller; Mr. Michael Barhite; Mr. David Schulte.

Absent: Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

**Administration Present:**

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Robert Presley, High School Principal; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**SGA Presentation-Sydney Barhite**

- Sydney presented the MVSGA School Board Liaison Report.

**PASR Scholarship Presentation to Heather Larkin by John Manchester, Ellen Holdredge, Bob MacNamara**

- Mrs. Holdredge presented the PASR Scholarship to Mrs. Larkin.

**PTO Update-Kris Snyder, PTO President**

- Mrs. Snyder gave the PTO update regarding past and future events.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes – January 14, 2019**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated January 14, 2019, as presented.

Motion 185 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Dan Very, Treasurer, reported as listed.**

- Mr. Very presented the Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report.

**1.7 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: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve December Disbursements**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to confirm payment of the General Fund Bill List, Debt Service Bill List, Cafeteria Fund Bill List, and to ratify the payment of employee payroll, transportation contracts, fringe benefit payments, and fund transfers in the amount of \$2,772,020.44.

Motion 186 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.2 Approve January 28, 2019 Bill Lists**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the January 28, 2019 General Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$173,698.84.

Motion 187 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve exonerations for 2018 real estate, 2018 per capita taxes and 2018 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 188 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

#### **2.4 Approve Quarterly Reports**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following quarterly reports dated December 31, 2018 as presented and file for audit:

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

Motion 189 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 2.5 Adopt Opt-Out Resolution

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to not raise 2019 – 2020 real estate taxes by more than the 2019 – 2020 Act 1 Index of 2.7%.

Motion 190 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 2.6 Accept PAsmart Targeted K12 Computer Science and STEM Education Grant

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to accept PAsmart Targeted K12 Computer Science and STEM Education Grant in the amount of \$35,000.

Motion 191 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 2.7 Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund to Athletic Fund in the amount of \$10,500.

Motion 192 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

### 3.1 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Mrs. Stine, to approve the following substitute.

- a. Larry Guarnotta, Susquehanna., PA, to the cafeteria List

Motion 193 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

## 4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

## 5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

### 5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Charleene Martens and 16 students, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, K'Nex Challenge, Johnson College (Transportation \$211.48)
- B. Alisha Hudak, Georgette Wormuth and 5 students, Sunday through Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 10, 2019, FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey Lodge

- and Convention Center (Transportation \$174.00, Substitute Teacher \$285.00, Nurse Cost \$800.00; Total \$1,259.00)
- C. Marybeth Krivak, Holly James, Christine Misiura, Susan Gravine, Leslie Gossage, Rebekah Ihlefeldt and 45 students on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Reading Competition, Western Wayne High School (Transportation \$213.68, Substitute \$135.00; Total \$348.68)
  - D. Sheri Ransom, Dr. Elaine Chichura, and 5 students on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Montrose Soup Kitchen (Transportation \$29.00)
  - E. Sheri Ransom and 3 students on Monday, February 11, 2019, Near Me Café, Moosic PA (Transportation \$41.18)

Motion 194 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 5.2 Approve Conference Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following conference requests:

- A. Pamela Ealo, Katie Naegele, Catherine Sekely on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12 and 13 2019, Wilson Reading System, New York City (Travel \$156.22, Parking \$94.00, Lodging \$1,111.00, Registration \$1,347.00, Substitute \$570.00; Total \$3,278.32) (Title II-A)
- B. Rebekah Ihlefeldt, Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Getting Students to Tune in and Turn it Up! NEIU (Registration \$45.00, Substitute Teacher \$95.00; Total \$185.00) (Title II-A)
- C. Melody Haley, Friday through Sunday, March 29-31, 2019, (PASNAP) School Nursing, Elevating the Standard (Travel \$200.68, Lodging \$256.00, Registration \$350.00, Substitute \$95.00; Total \$901.68)

Motion 195 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 5.3 Approve Waiver of Expulsion

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Waiver of Expulsion for student #23147.

Motion 196 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

### 5.4 Approve Comprehensive Planning Committee

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2019.

Motion 197 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Absent.

- Mrs. Voigt relayed that 9 additional pallets of rock salt is on the way. Shillatas is currently supplying wood chips. Dunmore Roofing reviewed the roof leaks. The new boilers will be inspected soon.

**7. Transportation Committee: Kenneth Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

**7.1 Approve Car/Van Substitute Driver for the 2018/-2019 School Year**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve Thomas Meyer of Kingsley as a Substitute Car/Van Drivers for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 198 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

**8. Labor Relations Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

MVEA Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Monica Miller, 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 noted that tomorrow is the halfway point of the school year. Report Cards go out on February 5. Parent – Teacher Conferences are February 7 and 8. MV students sang at the Binghamton Rangers game. There will be a reading competition for K-2 and 3-6. Winning classrooms will earn a field trip.

**High School Principal – Mr. Rob Presley**

- Mr. Presley congratulated our SGA on their state conference bid. The Safe-To-Say reporting system was presented to HS students. The Relay For Life goal is \$48,000. The cheerleading team won a cheer competition in Elmira. The HS is a 2019 Next Generation Personal Finance Gold Standard School. One of 887 nationwide.

**9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski**

- Absent.

**9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia explained that Safe-To-Say information is listed on the school's website.

**9.4 Business Manager- Mr. Thomas Witiak**

- Mr. Witiak stated that the Nicholson branch of FNB is closing and we need to decide if we will transfer our account to another branch of FNB or switch banks.

**9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt**

- Mrs. Voigt presented the draft of the 2019-2020 school calendar. January is School Board appreciation month. Ms. Keating's class made thank you cards

for all board members. Kindergarten Class of 2031 made a poster thanking board members. There was a power outage last week. At the HS it only lasted 15 minutes, and at the ES it lasted for about 2 hours. ES students were able to use the bathrooms at the HS. Dan Anthony, Wayne Federicci, and Grace Benson helped shuttle students to the HS bathrooms. We might try to add additional bathroom lighting to the emergency generators. The PA Smart Grant will help us connect PLTW, NASA, 21<sup>st</sup> Century with coding and computer science offerings. The Colwell Award of \$1,850 through the Community Foundation will help offset the cost of the Tri-Cities Opera. Each school will have a Stop-The-Bleed kit available in the lobby by the AED machine. It was donated by Geisinger.

### **New Business from Board Members**

- Mrs. Miller and Mr. Richmond expressed their gratitude for the school board appreciation cards.
- Mr. Decker congratulated Mr. Presley for being selected to officiate the PIAA AAA wrestling playoffs.

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

#### **HELD:**

- Monday, January 14, 2019- 9:00 PM to 9:40 PM for personnel/labor relations
- Monday, January 28, 2019- 6:00 PM to 7:00for personnel

#### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, February 11, 2019 before and after the public meeting

### **10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mrs. Stine, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5- January 14, 2019 Minutes
- 1.6- Treasurer's Report & Cafeteria Report
- 2.1- Disbursements
- 2.2- Bill List
- 2.3- Exonerations
- 2.4-Quarterly Reports
- 2.5-Opt-Out Resolution
- 2.6-PASmart Together Award Notification
- 5.4-Comprehensive Planning Committee
- FYI 1- Conference Reports

FYI 2- PSBA Regional Meeting-March 4-SCCTC  
FYI 3- Wrestling Booster Club

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak