

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

Monday, September 9, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on September 9, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:14 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; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. David Schulte; Mrs. Monica Miller, Mrs. Sondra Stine.

Absent: Mr. Edward Napierkowski, Second Vice President; Mr. Michael Barhite.

Administration Present:

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary 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; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

PSBA Presentation: Shane Pagnotti-Years of Service for:

Christine Plonski-Sezer-8 years

Sondra Stine-20 years

- Shane Pagnotti recognized Dr. Plonski-Sezer and Mrs. Stine.

WVIA Presentation- Kirsten Smith-Doyle- Battle of the Opioids

- Kirsten Smith-Doyle presented Battle of the Opioids. Information may be posted on MV website for parents / community to access.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –August 26, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated August 26, 2019, as presented.

Motion 70 Carried: 7 Yes, 2 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.*

- None.

1.7 School Board Member Resignation

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to accept the resignation of Edward Napierkowski from his school board director position.

Motion 71 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

1.8 Accept Letters of Interest

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to accept letters of interest for the vacant Harford / Lenox school board director.

Motion 72 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Monica Miller

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve September Bill List

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the September 9, 2019 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$175,023.45.

Motion 73 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

3. Personnel Committee: Monica Miller, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following volunteers:

Darin Bain- Soccer, Basketball, Baseball-All Levels
Stephanie McBride, Clifford Township, PA, Cross Country

Motion 74 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

3.2 Appoint Acting High School Principal

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Michael Elia as acting principal effective August 27, 2019 with an expiration date to be determined.

Motion 75 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

3.3 Motion to notify the District Superintendent

The Motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to notify the District Superintendent in accordance with 24 P.S. Section 10-1073 that the Board intends to consider another or other candidates for the office of Superintendent.

Motion 76 Carried: 6 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Very, Mr. Decker, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer), 1 No (Mr. Schulte), 1 Absent (Mr. Barhite), 1 Vacant

3.4 Approve High School Detention and Tutoring Teachers

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the following after school detention and tutoring teachers for the high school for the 2019-2020 school year:

1. Stephanie Kile- Tutoring and Detention
2. Dawn Chase- Tutoring and Detention
3. Patricia Dietrich- Tutoring and Detention
4. Diane Supancik- Tutoring only
5. Anthony Borgia- Tutoring and Detention
6. Christine Misiura-Tutoring only

Motion 77 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

3.5 Post and Advertise

The motion is made by Mrs. Miller, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to post and advertise for a para-professional position.

Motion 78 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Danny Very

4.1 Approve the Following Policy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #113.1-Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Motion 79 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

4.2 Approve the Following Policy

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the following policy, as presented.

Policy #113.4-Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

Motion 80 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

4.3 Second Reading of the Following Policies: (Discussion)

Policy #113.2-Behavior Support

Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer lead the discussion of Policy #113.2-Behavior Support and Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Edward Napierkowski, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. George Barbolish, Tuesday, September 24, 2019, Making Connections between Future Read PA Index Attendance Behavior and Climate, NEIU (No cost to the district)
- B. Marybeth Krivak, Thursday, September 19, 2019, Power Library Fall Training, IU#22, Doylestown, PA (Travel \$121.80, Substitute Teacher \$95.00; Total \$216.80) (Title II)
- C. Charleene Martens and Brion Stone, Thursday, October 10, 2019, Dennis Farm Symposium, Brooklyn, PA (No Expense to the district)

Motion 81 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

5.2 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Mrs. Aten, Mrs. Ihlefeldt, and 20 MVSGA Students, Wednesday through Saturday, November 6 through November 9, 2019, 2019 PASC State Conference, Johnstown, PA (Transportation \$305.08, Registration \$475.00(Paid by PASC/SGA); Total \$780.08)
- B. Kelly Richmond and 1 student, one day per week September 12, 2019 through May 28, 2020, Transition Activity/Volunteer Experience, Oak Leaf Farms (Transportation \$774.90)

Motion 82 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

5.3 Approve 21st Century Program

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the 21st Century Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion 83 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

5.4 Approve 21st Century Program Teachers

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the following 21st Century teachers:

Mary Ann Tranovich
Jackie Ferenczi
Jenifer Davis
Stephanie Kile
Patti Dietrich
Diane Supancik
Christine Misiura

Motion 84 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

5.5 Approve Agreement with Scranton Counseling Center

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to approve the SAP Agreement between the Mountain View School District and the Scranton Counseling Center for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Motion 85 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mrs. Voigt noted that our new swings have been erected.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Appoint Substitute Van Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to appoint Kayla Kazmierski, Clifford Township, as a substitute van driver.

Motion 86 Carried: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

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 mentioned that it was a very successful Meet The Teacher night. Thanked staff for successful start of the school year. PBIS is progressing.

High School Principal – Vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia stated that it's a great start at the HS. Thanked Mr. Barbolish for his hard work. Students are very enthusiastic. Open House is Thursday evening.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak announced that the follow-up news story on WNEP about road conditions aired today.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt thanked everyone for a great start of the school year. We bought new umbrellas for staff on outdoor duty. The 3rd Day enrollment is 940, an increase of 11 students from last year. The Family Pass of admission will still cost \$20. Individual tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, \$0 for MV students who show ID. Thanked Mr. Schulte and Philip Price for providing training on stair chairs. County emergency meetings will have discussions on I-81 potential chemical hazards due to an accident. MV will be monitored on homeless children on November 15.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte said that both presentations during inservice were great.
- Dr. Plonski-Sezer said that the intermediate string program started.
- Mr. Richmond said that Mr. Napierkowski will be missed.

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- Rob Presley congratulated Mr. Elia for assuming HS principal duties. He appreciated the motion to consider other candidates for superintendent.
- Danielle Scott asked when we remove the junk cars on the side of the HS property. She also asked when the exterior of concession stands would be repaired.

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

HELD:

- Monday, August 26, 2019 – 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM for Personnel
- Monday, September 9, 2019- 6:00 PM - 7:05 PM

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, September 9, 2019, after the public meeting
- Monday, September 23, 2019 before and after the public meeting

10 Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- August 26, 2019 Minutes
- 2.1- September 2019 Bill List
- 4.1- Policy #113.1-Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- 4.2- Policy #113.4-Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- 4.3- Policy #113.2-Behavior Support
 - Policy #113.3-Screening And Evaluations For Students With Disabilities
- 5.5-SAP Agreement
- FYI- Conference Report
- FYI-2-Booster Club
- FYI-3-VLN Cyber Article

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak