

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

Monday, December 16, 2019
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 16, 2019 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:19 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. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. Derek O’Dell; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska.

Absent: Mr. David Schulte.

Administration Present:

Mrs. Karen Voigt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mike Elia, Director of Curriculum; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Ms. Rachel Terry, Asst. Business Manager; VACANT, High School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

Voice of Democracy Regional Essay Contest Winner-Joel Tigie

- Joel read his Voice of Democracy Regional Essay.

Presentations:

Brian T. Kelly, CPA and Associates. - Brad Murray - Audit Presentation

- Mr. Murray presented the 2018-2019 Audit.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –December 2, 2019

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated December 2, 2019, as presented.

Motion 172 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer 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.*

- Ted Brewster asked clarifying questions about the agenda.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

Financial Reports

2.1 Approve December Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the list of bills for the December 16, 2019 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$137,012.66.

Motion 173 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve November Disbursements

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, 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 \$2,102,493.41

Motion 174 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. Very, to approve exonerations for 2019 real estate, 2019 per capita taxes and 2019 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 175 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.4 Approve Barnes-Kasson County Hospital Agreement

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the agreement with Barnes-Kasson County Hospital, as presented.

Motion 176 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.5 Approve Agreement with AVEANNA

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the agreement between AVEANNA and the Mountain View School District for the 2019-2020 School year, as presented.

Motion 177 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: Derek O'Dell, Chairperson

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte

3.1 Approve Substitute

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following substitute.

- a. Cynthia Sabine, Uniondale, PA, to the Custodian Substitute list

Motion 178 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the following volunteer:

Carol Ainey, Hop Bottom, Field Trips

Motion 179 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

4.1 Approve the Following Policy

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

Policy #916-Volunteers

Motion 180 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.2 Second Reading (discussion) of the Following Policy:

Policy #907-School Visitors

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer led the discussion on Policy #907 – School Visitors.

4.3 First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy #222-Tobacco Use

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #222 – Tobacco Use.

4.4 First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy #304- Employment of District Staff

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer read Policy #304 – Employment of District Staff.

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced the next policy committee meeting is on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 PM.

5. Education Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

5.1 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Mason Stiver, Jamie Bottger, 5 band and 4 vocal students, Saturday, December 14, 2019, District Jazz Band Re-Auditions, Montrose HS (Transportation \$58.00, Registration \$72.00; Total \$130.00)

Motion 181 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.2 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Allison Martino, Jamie White, Samantha Hayden, Carole Rainey and Diana Slick, 4 Fridays per school year, Endless Mountains Counselor Association Meeting, Green Gables, SCCTC or The Fireplace (No cost to the district)
- B. Diana Slick, Carole Rainey, Lisa Kozloski, January 21, 2019, ADHD School Based Intervention Strategies by George DuPaul, NEIU 19 (Travel \$30.16)

Motion 182 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Adopt Science Book

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Very, to adopt *Physical Science 9*, cK-12 Flexbook Next Generation Textbooks, and Published 2019, for Grade 9.

Motion 183 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

6. Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor mentioned that a wood delivery arrived today. Door installers are arriving tomorrow. The Kubota is back. Parts under warranty, but labor is not. Invoice is for 39 hours of labor at \$90 per hour.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Parent Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve Nicole Crawford, Uniondale, PA as a parent driver, effective 12/18/19 at a rate of \$1.48 per mile.

Motion 184 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

8. Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell, Kenneth Decker
MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

- Mr. Richmond announced that there was a negotiations meeting with the MVESPA earlier today from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The next meeting is on January 13 at 5:00 PM.

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake said there was a successful Dine-In on December 6 and thanked Diana Slick and Elaine Chichura. Cookies and Cocoa with Santa was a hit. Santa's Workshop sold well. Thanked Carol Rainey for organizing the Angel Tree – it helped 39 families. Thanked Adam Diaz for donating shoes to all students. Concert is Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM.

High School Principal – vacant

9.2 Director of Special Services – Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski

- Mrs. Anuszewski said that special education is quite busy. Tact 2 training is in January. The Yoga Initiative just concluded.

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction –Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia is meeting with elementary math for grades K-5 to review options. Science is meeting tomorrow. Progress reports went home last week. The program of studies will be ready earlier with parents nights planned. Ms. Davis will be visiting other elementary schools to see how their elementary computer programs are working.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak asked the board if he should meet the PDE requirements for going above the Act 1 index.

9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Mrs. Karen Voigt

- Mrs. Voigt mentioned Joe Loomis donated Trophy Cases. The ES may visit the Hoover School. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas. There is a curriculum on vaping, "Catch Your Breath," that the district will be reviewing.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Decker wants to be sure that MVSD properly thanks Mr. Diaz for his generous donation.

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- Jamie Wescott wants the gate revenue for the January 4 basketball games to be used to cover expenses for the Tom M. Koes Scholarship as well as paying for officiating, scorers, and timers. They will also get revenue from the concession stand.

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

HELD:

- Monday, December 16, 2019-6:00 PM-7:15 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, January 13, 2019 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-December 2, 2019 minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-December 2019 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 2.4-BK Agreement
- 2.5-AVEANNA Agreement
- 4.1-Policy #916-Volunteers
- 4.2-Policy #907-Visitors
- 4.3-Policy #222-Tobacco Use
- 4.4-Policy #304-Employment of District Staff
- 5.3-Textbook Approval
- FYI-Conference Reports
- FYI 2-FBLA Letter
- FYI 3-Guidance Comments on Charter School Legislation
- FYI 4-Thank you Mr. Loomis
- FYI 5-Boys Soccer Booster Club
- FYI 6-Cheerleading Booster Club
- FYI 7-Sivers Resignation

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak