

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

**Monday, July 27, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on July 27, 2020 was held in the High School Auditorium and was called to order at 7:43 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; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Treasurer; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mrs. Sondra Stine; Mr. David Schulte; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Derek O’Dell (via call-in).

Absent: None

**Administration Present:**

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Stephanie Anuszewski, Special Education Director (via call-in);

Absent: VACANT, Director of Curriculum; VACANT, Asst. Business Manager; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

**1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**Presentation-** Elementary School Handbooks- Dr. Lake

- Dr. Lake presented the Elementary School Handbooks.

**1.5 Approval of the Minutes –July 13, 2020**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the minutes dated July 13, 2020, as amended.

Motion 14 Carried: 9 Yes

**1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report:** Michael Talabiska, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mr. Talabiska 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, Derek O'Dell

### Financial Reports

#### **2.1 Approve July Bill List**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the July 27, 2020 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$425,214.38.

Motion 15 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.2 Approve June 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 \$3,127,506.26.

Motion 16 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **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 2020 real estate, 2020 per capita taxes and 2020 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 17 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.4 Approve Establishing Student Activity**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve establishing the following student activity, Class of 2023, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 18 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **2.5 Approve Fuel Oil Bid**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve Mirabato at a fixed-rate of \$1.5135 per gallon for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion 19 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Christine Plonski-Sezer, Derek O'Dell

#### **3.1 Accept Letter of Resignation for Retirement**

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Veronica Thomas from her Paraprofessional position effective August 31, 2020.

Motion 20 Carried: 9 Yes

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

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Very, to authorize posting and advertising, if necessary, for a Paraprofessional position at a rate of \$12.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 21 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Derek O'Dell

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the next Policy Committee meeting is August 5 at 6:00.

### **5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

#### **5.1 Approve Handbooks**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to adopt the following handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented:

- a) Elementary Faculty Handbook
- b) Elementary Student Handbook
- c) Elementary Substitute Handbook

Motion 22 Carried: 9 Yes

#### **5.2 Approve Conference Requests**

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

- A. George Barbolish, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Restorative Practices Workshop, NEIU 19 (Travel 46.00, Registration \$300.00; Total \$346.00)

Motion 23 Carried: 9 Yes

### 5.3 Approve Hybrid Education Approach

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Hybrid Schedule as an alternative plan to open schools as presented.

Motion 24 Carried: 9 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Decker, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. O'Dell)

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor presented the Bio-Globe Disinfectant. It takes 3 minutes to disinfect a room and 5 minutes to dry. The track condition was assessed. It doesn't need to be resurfaced, just cleaned. There was a sidewalk added at the HS to enhance safety.

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

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

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

MVESPA Committee Members, Christine Plonski-Sezer, David Schulte, Sondra Stine

#### 8.1 Approve MOU with MVEA for Beginning of 2020-2021 School Year

The motion is made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to approve the MOU with the MVEA for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Motion 25 Carried: 9 Yes

### 9. Administration

#### 9.1 Principals' Comments

##### Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake congratulated Ronnie Thomas on her retirement.

##### High School Principal – Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli announced that Mrs. McHenry added several student videos to the website.

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

- Mrs. Anuszewski said that Ronnie Thomas will be missed. Special Services will educate via any environment.

#### 9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction – VACANT

#### 9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak mentioned that he is already reviewing ways to reduce next year's budget.

#### **9.5 Superintendent and Federal Programs – Dr. Michael Elia**

- Dr. Elia thanked Ronnie Thomas for her service to the district. He thanked the administration for their hard work this summer. He continues to focus on kids.

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

- Dr. Plonski-Sezer announced that the next Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting will be on August 5 at 7:00.
- Mr. Schulte said that Ronnie Thomas work with the visually impaired was great.

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

##### **HELD:**

- Monday, July 27, 2020-6:00 PM-7:30 PM for Personnel, Negotiations

##### **SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, August 10, 2020 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 8:37 PM.

##### **Enclosures:**

- 1.5-July 13, 2020 minutes
- 1.7-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-July 2020 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 5.1-Elementary Handbooks

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak