

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

Monday, November 22, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on November 22, 2021 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. Michael Barhite, Second Vice President; Mrs. Sondra Stine, Treasurer; Mr. David Schulte; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Mr. Derek O’Dell.

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; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

**Ellen Holdredge, Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees,
Susquehanna Chapter- \$250.00 Award to Jessica Mead**

- Mrs. Holdredge presented Jessica Mead with a Teacher Enrichment Grant.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –November 8, 2021

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, to approve the minutes dated November 8, 2021, as presented.

Motion 170 Carried: 9 Yes

1.6 Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report: Sondra Stine, Treasurer, reported as listed.

- Mrs. Stine 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.
- Louise Hadar feels masks are unhealthy.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

2.1 Approve November Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the November 22, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$612,734.34, as presented.

Motion 171 Carried: 9 Yes

2.2 Approve October 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 \$2,304,154.82, as presented.

Motion 172 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 2021 real estate, 2021 per capita taxes and 2021 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 173 Carried: 9 Yes

2.4 Approve Agreement with Susquehanna County & RBA Professional Data Systems

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the agreement with Susquehanna County and RBA Professional Data Systems for tax collection software, as presented.

Motion 174 Carried: 9 Yes

2.5 Approve Budget Timeline and Advertising

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to authorize the 2022-2023 budget timeline and associated mandatory advertising, as presented.

Motion 175 Carried: 9 Yes

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve Supplemental Salary Requests

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve supplemental salary requests for 2021-2022, as presented.

Motion 176 Carried: 9 Yes

3.2 Approve Special Unpaid Leave

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve a special unpaid leave for Carl Jennings, Kingsley, PA from October 25 through November 5, 2021, for medical reasons, as presented.

Motion 177 Carried: 9 Yes

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 First Reading of the Following Policy:

Policy 320- Freedom of Speech in Non-school Settings

Policy 321- Political Activities

Policy 322- Gifts

Policy 323- Tobacco and Vaping Products

Policy 325- Dress and Grooming

Policy 326- Complaint Process

Policy 328- Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules

4.2 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 808-Food Policy

Motion 178 Carried: 9 Yes

4.3 Approve the Following Masking Mandate:

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to allow the wearing of masks to be optional and at the discretion of each school employee, school visitor and/or student pending the elimination of the masking mandate issued by the Department of Health on December 4, 2021.

Motion 179 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Mr. Very, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. O'Dell), 1 No (Mr. Schulte)

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve Conference Requests

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

- A. Matthew Georgetti on Monday through Wednesday, February 7-9, 2022, Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference, Hershey, PA (Registration \$284.00, Travel \$75.60, Lodging \$468; Total \$827.60)

Motion 180 Carried: 9 Yes

5.2 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve homebound instruction for Student #30044 beginning September 15, 2021 ending December 28, 2021.

Motion 181 Carried: 9 Yes

5.3 Approve Homebound Instruction

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve homebound instruction for Student #31029 beginning October 21, 2021 ending December 02, 2021.

Motion 182 Carried: 9 Yes

5.4 Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Mason Stiver and 4 students Friday and Saturday, December 3-4, 2021, Marywood University Jr. Wind Band Celebration, Dunmore, PA (Transportation \$56.00, Registration \$280.00, Substitute \$100.00; Total 436.00)
- B. Mason Stiver, Kathy McHenry and 28 students Saturday, February 5, 2022, Sr. Wind Band Celebration, Dunmore, PA (Transportation \$168.00)
- C. Mason Stiver and 5 students Friday and Saturday, February 4-5, 2022, Sr. Wind Band Celebration, Dunmore, PA (Transportation \$156.00, Registration \$350.00, Substitute \$100.00; Total \$506.00)

Motion 183 Carried: 9 Yes

5.5 Approve Two Memorandum of Understandings

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve two Memorandum of Understandings for Emergency Sheltering and Mass Care Facilities.

Motion 184 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

- Mr. Taylor reported the siding is back on the waste treatment plant. The wood boiler is running.

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

9. Administration

9.1 Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal – Dr. Christopher Lake

- Dr. Lake stated that basketball intramurals are finished. Volleyball intramurals start in February. Progress reports go out soon.

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli announced the Children's Produce Market is tomorrow. He wished everyone a safe holiday.

9.2 Director of Special Services –Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Absent

9.3 Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs – Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf

- Mr. Womelsdorf said PSSA Home Letters will be going home soon. More ESSER money may be coming soon.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- No comment.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia said safety and education remain the top priorities of the MVSD.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Schulte thanked Mr. Womelsdorf for test scores information.

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.*

- Ted Brewster asked more clarifying questions about the agenda.
- Louise Hadar asked about vaccination clinics for students.
- Bridget Thomas asked when a clinic be held.
- Jennifer Drake asked about additional help for her child.
- Bridget Thomas asked about cleaning products.

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

HELD:

- Monday, November 22, 2021 - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, December 6, 2021 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 8:11 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5- November 8, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6- Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1- November 2021 Bill List
- 2.2- Disbursements
- 2.3- Exonerations
- 2.4- Agreement with Susquehanna County & RBA Professional Data Systems
- 2.5- Approve Budget Timeline and Advertising
- 3.1- Supplemental Salaries
- 3.2- Jennings Letter
- 4.1- Policy 320- Freedom of Speech in Non-school Settings
 - Policy 321- Political Activities
 - Policy 322- Gifts
 - Policy 323- Tobacco and Vaping Products
 - Policy 325- Dress and Grooming
 - Policy 326- Complaint Process
 - Policy 328- Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules
- 4.2- Policy 808-Food Policy
- FYI-Conference Report

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak