

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

**Monday, December 20, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on December 20, 2021 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:06 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 (via call-in); Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer; Mr. Danny Very; Mr. Michael Talabiska, Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Absent: None

**Administration Present:**

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent, Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor (via call-in).

Absent: Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager.

**1.4 ELECT SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE:**

The motion was made by Mr. Very, seconded by Mr. O’Dell, to elect Mr. Talabiska as secretary pro tempore for the duration of this meeting per section 405 of the PA School Code.

Motion 193 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O’Dell, Mr. Very), 1 Abstain (Mr. Talabiska)

**1.5 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

**SGA Representative-Briana Boswell**

- Briana presented the MVSGA Liaison Report.

**Recognizing Years of Service for Contracted Bus/Car/Van Drivers- Kenny Decker**

- Mr. Decker recognized Larry Castorina and Linda Castorina for their years of service.

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes –December 6, 2021**

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minutes dated December 6, 2021, as presented.

Motion 194 Carried: 9 Yes

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

**1.8 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.*

**2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

**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 20, 2021 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$452,917.70, as presented.

Motion 195 Carried: 9 Yes

**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 \$3,516,786.52, as presented.

Motion 196 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. Very, 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 197 Carried: 9 Yes

**2.4 Approve SCRC Addendum**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the SCRC's addendum, which the District had identified the unimproved real estate property as unused and unnecessary, extending the contract settlement date to 4/30/2022, as presented.

Motion 198 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very), 1 No (Mrs. Stine)

### **2.5 Approve Title I Agreement with Sharon Kinney**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the Title I Services Agreement between The Mountain View School District and Sharon Kinney for services at Faith Mountain Christian Academy for the 2021-2022, as presented.

Motion 199 Carried: 9 Yes

### **2.6 Approve Letter of Agreement between SCRC and The Mountain View School District**

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve a Letter of Agreement between SCRC and The Mountain View School District regarding the future sewer plant usage, as presented.

Motion 200 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very), 1 No (Mrs. Stine)

### **2.7 Motion to Approve the Minor Subdivision Application**

The Motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Very, to approve the minor subdivision application to be submitted to the Susquehanna County Planning Commission for review of the identified unused and unnecessary 10.3-acre parcel / tract of land to be used for non-residential purposes and to authorize the President of the School Board to sign the application and facilitate submission of the application to the aid Planning Commission.

Motion 201 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Schulte, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very), 1 No (Mrs. Stine)

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

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

### **3.1 Approve Volunteers**

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

Casey Jenkins-Boys Basketball  
Corey Gesford, Junior High Basketball and Junior High Baseball  
David Jagger, JH Basketball, JH Baseball, JV Baseball  
Gary Parks, Wrestling  
Jessica Sarti, Kid Writing  
Brianna Smith, Kid Writing  
William Chichester, Baseball

Motion 202 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.2 Approve Special Leave Extension**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve an extension of special unpaid leave for Kristy Bayle from original return date of December 23, 2021 to January 17, 2022 in accordance with Section 8 of the MVESPA agreement.

Motion 203 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.3 Appoint Paraprofessional**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to appoint Stacy Decker, Clifford Township, as a paraprofessional at a starting rate \$13.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date of January 4, 2022.

Motion 204 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.4 Approve Special Unpaid Leave**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve a special unpaid leave for Susan Jones, Nicholson, PA for days in December and January, for medical reasons, as presented.

Motion 205 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.5 Accept Letter of Resignation**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to accept the letter of resignation, from Alayna Robinson, from her custodian position, effective December 17, 2021, as presented.

Motion 206 Carried: 9 Yes

### **3.6 Authorize Posting and Advertising**

The motion is made by Dr. Plonski-Sezer, second by Mr. Talabiska, to authorize posting and advertising, for a Custodial position at a rate of \$12.20 per hour and benefits per MVESPA Agreement, with a start date to be determined.

Motion 207 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

### **4.1 Second Reading (Discussion) of the Following Policies:**

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** First reading of the Following Policies:

Policy 324- Personnel Files  
Policy 330- Overtime

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

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

**5.1** Approve Memorandum of Understanding

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

Motion 208 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. Jessica Mead on Tuesday through Thursday, January 18-20, 2022, K-12 SAP Training, NEIU #19 (Registration \$350.00, Travel \$67.20, Substitute \$300.00; Total \$717.20) (Title II)

Motion 209 Carried: 9 Yes

**5.3** Approve Field Trip Requests

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

- A. Whitney Johnson and Todd Calabro, Wednesday, March 9, 2022, Science Olympiad, Wilkes-Barre, PA (Substitute \$200.00 (paid by the district), Transportation \$287.10, Registration \$240.00 (Paid by a grant); Total \$727.10)

Motion 210 Carried: 9 Yes

**5.4** Approve Updated School Calendar

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the updated 2021-2022 school year calendar, as presented.

Motion 211 Carried: 9 Yes

**5.5** Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, approve updated Health and Safety Plan for the Mountain View School District, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 212 Carried: 8 Yes (Mr. Richmond, Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mr. Talabiska, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Very, Mrs. Stine), 1 No (Mr. Schulte)

#### **5.6 Approve Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year**

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the Mountain View School District's Updated Mitigation Protocols regarding COVID protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Motion 213 Carried: 9 Yes

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

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's report

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

##### **9.2 Director of Special Services –Mrs. Erica Loftus**

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

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

##### **9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia**

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

##### **Citizen's Advisory Committee**

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

**HELD:**

- Monday, December 20, 2021 - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM for Personnel

**SCHEDULED:**

- Monday, January 13, 2022 before and after the public meeting

**10. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Mr. Talabiska, second by Mr. Very, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

**Enclosures:**

- 1.5- December 6, 2021 Minutes
- 1.6- Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1- December 2021 Bill List
- 2.2- Disbursements
- 2.3- Exonerations
- 2.4- SCRC addendum
- 2.5- Kinney Agreement
- 2.6 Letter of Agreement between SCRC and The Mountain View School District
- 3.4-Sue Jones
- 3.5-Resignation for Robinson
- 4.1- Policy 320- Freedom of Speech in Non-school Settings
  - Policy 321- Political Activities
  - Policy 322- Gifts
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  - Policy 326- Complaint Process
  - Policy 328- Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules
- 4.2- Policy 324- Personnel Files
  - Policy 330- Overtime
- 5.4- School Calendar
- 5.5- Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan
- 5.6- Approve Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year

FYI-Conference Report

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak