

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

Monday, February 28, 2022
MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on February 28, 2022 was held in the James W. Zick Board Room and was called to order at 7:20 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; Mr. Danny Very (via call-in); Mr. Michael Talabiska; Dr. Christine Plonski-Sezer.

Absent: Mr. Derek O’Dell.

Administration Present:

Dr. Mike Elia, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Witiak, Business Manager; Dr. Mark Lemoncelli, High School Principal; Mr. Douglas Womelsdorf, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Erica Loftus, Special Services Director; Attorney Joseph Gaughan, Solicitor.

Absent: Dr. Christopher Lake, Elementary School Principal.

1.4 PRIDE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

SGA Representative-Briana Boswell

- Briana presented the MVSGA liaison minutes.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes –February 14, 2022

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the minutes dated February 14, 2022, as presented.

Motion 265 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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.

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson

Committee Members: Sondra Stine, Derek O'Dell

2.1 Approve February Bill List

The motion is made by Mr. Barhite, second by Mr. Schulte, to approve the list of bills for the February 28, 2022 General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Fund bill lists in the amount of \$337,975.25, as presented.

Motion 266 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

2.2 Approve January 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 \$2,062,414.27, as presented.

Motion 267 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. Schulte, to approve exonerations for 2022, 2021, 2019 real estate taxes, 2022, 2021, 2019 per capita taxes and 2022, 2021, 2019 occupation taxes as submitted by the Susquehanna County Courthouse and tax collectors, as presented.

Motion 268 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3. Personnel Committee: David Schulte, Chairperson

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

3.1 Approve MOU for Professional Staff

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve an MOU for the professional staff to recoup up to 10 days for COVID absences, as presented.

Motion 269 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.2 Approve MOU for Support Staff

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve an MOU for the support staff to recoup up to 10 days for COVID absences, as presented.

Motion 270 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.3 Approve Job Description for Curriculum and Instruction and Information Technology Clerical Position

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the job description for Curriculum and Instruction and Information Technology Clerical Position, as presented.

Motion 271 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.4 Approve Job Description for Athletic Director Position

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve the job description for Athletic Director position, as presented.

Motion 272 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

3.5 Approve Athletic Director

The motion is made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Talabiska, to approve Alexander Pashchuk, Montrose, PA, as Athletic Director at a salary of \$38,500.00, Act 93 Agreement, effective March 1, 2022.

Motion 273 Carried: 7 Yes (Mr. Decker, Mr. Barhite, Mrs. Stine, Dr. Plonski-Sezer, Mr. Very, Mr. Schulte, Mr. Talabiska), 1 Abstain (Mr. Richmond), 1 Absent (Mr. O'Dell)

4. Policy Committee: Christine Plonski-Sezer Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Sondra Stine

4.1 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 331-Job Related Expenses

Motion 274 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.2 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 332-Working Periods

Motion 275 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.3 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 334-Sick Leave

Motion 276 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.4 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 335-Family and Medical Leaves

Motion 277 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.5 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 336-Personal Necessity Leave

Motion 278 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.6 Approve the Following Policy:

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

Policy 337-Vacation

Motion 279 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

4.7 First reading of the Following Policies:

Policy 338-Sabbatical Leave
Policy 338.1-Compensated Professional Leaves
Policy 339-Uncompensated Leave
Policy 340-Responsibility for Student Welfare
Policy 341-Benefits for Part-Time Employees
Policy 342-Jury Duty
Policy 343-Paid Holidays
Policy 347-Worker's Compensation Transitional Return-to-Work Program
Policy 351-Drug and Substance Abuse

5. Education Committee: Sondra Stine, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, David Schulte

5.1 Approve School Calendar

The motion is made by _____, second by _____ to approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar, as presented.

Motion held. No action taken.

5.2 Amend Agenda

The motion is made by Mrs. Stine, second by Mr. Schulte, to amend the agenda to include items 5.3 & 5.4.

Motion 280 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.3 Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan

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

Motion 281 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

5.4 Approve Updated Mitigation Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year

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

Motion 282 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 said the wood boiler was shut down when it was warmer. It is back up and running now. So far, 713 tons of wood chips have been burned this year. Wood usage is down compared to last year.

7. Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

7.1 Approve Substitute Van Driver

The motion is made by Mr. Decker, second by Mr. Barhite, to approve the following substitute van driver:

Kylie Jerauld, Hop Bottom, PA

Motion 283 Carried: 8 Yes, 1 Absent

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

- Absent

High School Principal –Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

- Dr. Lemoncelli thanked Mrs. Price for being part of the district for so long. The spring musical is this week. Next Monday is the first day of spring sports.

9.2 Director of Special Services –Mrs. Erica Loftus

- Mrs. Loftus is already working on ESY. Some students are learning on-the-job-skills.

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

- Mr. Womelsdorf mentioned that the PSSAs are starting in April. The SATs are March 12 at MVHS. The SATs are transitioning from pen-and-paper to electronic.

9.4 Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

- Mr. Witiak thanked Mrs. Chidester and Mrs. Maxon for their assistance with the extra duties they've performed over the past few months. He also thanked Mrs. Price for her time as athletic director and tax collector.

9.5 Superintendent– Dr. Michael Elia

- Dr. Elia declared that Mrs. Price made a lasting impact on the MVSD. The composite photos are installed in the HS auditorium.

New Business from Board Members

- Mr. Richmond thanked Mrs. Kiryluk and food service for the board appreciation dinner.
- Mr. Schulte said the ES microscopes are castoffs.

Citizen's Advisory Committee

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

HELD:

- Monday, February 28, 2022 - 6:00 PM - 7:10PM for Personnel

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, March 14, 2022 before and after the public meeting

10. Adjourn

The motion was made by Mr. Schulte, second by Mr. Decker, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Enclosures:

- 1.5-February 14, 2022 Minutes
- 1.6-Treasurer Report and Cafeteria Report
- 2.1-February 2022 Bill List
- 2.2-Disbursements
- 2.3-Exonerations
- 3.1-Professionals COVID MOU
- 3.2- MOU for Support Staff
- 3.3-Job Description for Curriculum and Instruction and Information Technology Clerical Position
- 3.4-Job Description for Athletic Director Position
- 4.1-Policy 331-Job Related Expenses
- 4.2-Policy 332-Working Periods
- 4.3-Policy 334-Sick Leave
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- 5.1-School Calendar

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Witiak